

Seniors Winter League 2025/26: Rules

The Seniors Winter League encompasses 6 designated Stableford rounds running from October 2024 to March 2025. The finishing position of each entrant in a Stableford round is converted into Winter League points and the aggregate of the best 3 Winter League points scored across the 6 rounds will count. The winner will be the player with the most points from their 3 highest ranking positions after the final round in March.

Designated Winter League Rounds:

On the following dates roll ups will be assigned for the Winter League rounds only and no additional competitions will be arranged on these days.

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| Round 1 | Thursday | 16-Oct |
| Round 2 | Tuesday | 11-Nov |
| Round 3 | Thursday | 04-Dec |
| Round 4 | Tuesday | 13-Jan |
| Round 5 | Thursday | 19-Feb |
| Round 6 | Tuesday | 17-Mar |

Seniors not playing in the Winter League on these dates, may be able to seek a tee time booking if spare slots are available. Dates are subject to re-arrangement in the event of course closure or adverse weather conditions.

Format:

Each round is an individual Stableford competition played off 95% of Course Handicap for the Silver tees. All rounds will normally be “qualifiers” for handicap purposes. However, the Seniors Committee reserves the right to change the status of the competition, i.e., qualifier to non-qualifier, or utilise alternative tees (Cobalt), if there are adverse course or weather conditions.

Sign up:

Entry to the Winter League is by sign up via email to Chris Fill (chrisfillGolf@gmail.com) Participation in each of the designated 6 Stableford rounds will require sign up on Club V1 as part of the normal roll up invitation process. There will be a normal prize fund for each round.

Entry fees:

To participate in the Winter League competition a one-off payment of a £5 entry fee is to be paid prior to playing in the first round. In the event that an individual can't play in the first round, they may enter the competition prior to the second round (deadline Nov 11th) so long as they pay the £5 entry fee prior to playing.

Payment to - **Studley Wood Club Seniors Section:**

Sort Code **30-98-56**; Account Number **01469416** and using your surname and WL as a reference

Each Stableford round will attract an entry fee of £2, which will be payable via membership card for each round entered. The registration fee of £5 is reserved for the final ranking prize pot.

Winter League Points:

Winter League points will be allocated as follows:

In each round, the best Stableford score will receive 40 points, and the next best Stableford score 39 points etc.

There will be no "count back" system in allocating Winter League points. In the event more than one player scores the same Stableford scores then they will all receive the same Winter League points.

For example - the winner of the round, player A, scores 36 Stableford points and is followed by two players B and C each with 35 Stableford points followed by player D with 33 Stableford points. The Winter League points applicable are - Player A: 40 points, Players B and C: 39 points each, and player D: 37 points. This process is repeated until all the points have been exhausted. After each round a league table will be calculated showing the aggregate of each entrant's best three Winter League Points scores.

Winner:

After 6 rounds the overall winner will be the player with the highest Winter League points total for his best 3 rounds. In the event of a tie the winner will be the one scoring the highest points in the final (6th) round. If still a tie, then the 5th round points are to be considered, then the 4th round etc. If there is a tie for the last position in the prize fund, then the prize will go to the player scoring the highest score in the final round. If there is still a tie then the 5th round points scored will decide etc.

Prize distribution:

The Winter League prize distribution will depend on the number of players signed up, but normally prizes will be paid on a sliding scale to the top 12 players. The amounts payable will be determined by the Seniors Committee when the total entry fund is known and after 10% has been set aside for the Seniors' reserves. For each individual Stableford round the total prize fund will be split equally between Divisions 1 and 2. Prizes will be allocated at the discretion of the Seniors Committee with prizes normally allocated down to 5th place, where funds allow.

Round 6:

For the final round the top 12 players after round 5 will be allocated tee times in reverse order and will play off the 1st tee after other players. The leader will play in the last group.