



KLPC LOW GOAL LEAGUE

Regulations

8 February 2023

1. LOW GOAL LEAGUE

The LOW GOAL LEAGUE is a polo league organized and run by the Kuala Lumpur Polo Club. It shall comprise of two tournaments this season.

2. LEAGUE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The League Committee shall comprise
 - 1. Polo Captain (chair)
 - 2. Polo Sub-Committee Members
- 2.2 The Chairman shall have the power to invite further representatives from other teams that are participating in the Low Goal League to attend League Committee meetings.
- 2.3 The Polo Captain shall be in charge of the day-to-day running of the league and shall keep track and publish all results and of all league matches and tournaments played and from time to time publish league standings.

3. HANDICAPS

- 3.1 The Low Goal League shall be played within the range of -2 to 2 Goals
- 3.2 The maximum handicap of any player shall be 2 goals.

4. DATES OF TOURNAMENTS

The dates of the tournaments are as follows:

- 1. 6th to 14th May 2023
- 2. 9th to 17th September 2023

Or as adjusted by the Polo Sub-Committee.



5. ENTRIES & DECLARATIONS

- 5.1 The 2022 Low Goal League shall be limited to a maximum of ten (10) teams, and may be extended beyond this total only with the permission of the League Committee.
- 5.2 Entries shall be submitted using the official entry form, and submitted to the Kuala Lumpur Polo Club by:
- Low Goal League 1 Friday 28th April 2023
Low Goal League 2 Friday 1st September 2023
- 5.3 The entry fee structure for the tournaments will be:
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| a. One League Tournament only | RM6,800 |
| b. Both League Tournaments | RM11,000 |
- 5.4 If an Entry for the first Low Goal League 1 is confirmed by Friday 14th April, the entry fees shall be reduced to RM6,000 for a single entry, or RM10,000 for an entry into both league tournaments.
- 5.5 Entries are accepted at the discretion of the League Committee. No reasons shall be given for non-acceptance.
- 5.6 There shall be no refunds on tournament entry fees.
- 5.7 Team Declarations shall be required by the Polo Captain by the following dates:
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| Low Goal League 1 | Saturday 29 th April 2023 |
| Low Goal League 2 | Saturday 2 nd September 2023 |
- 5.8 Teams that submit their declaration late for any tournament shall be subject to a fine of RM500.
- 5.9 Teams may register a maximum of seven players for each tournament.
- 5.10 All players in a team may be changed from tournament to tournament.
- 5.11 Teams may not have more than one professional player on the field at any time.
- 5.12 A Team Captain must be nominated at the time of declaration. The Team Captain (or Team Manager), in addition to being responsible for the conduct of his team, shall be responsible for attending all meetings and briefings.



5.13 Teams whose total handicap does not reach the minimum shall seek permission from the League Committee to play in the tournament. In the event that they are allowed to play, the team shall play off the minimum handicap, with one or more players designated to “carry” the handicap difference.

5.14 A draw for playing order, if applicable, shall take place as follows:

Low Goal League 1 Saturday 29th April 2023
Low Goal League 2 Saturday 2nd September 2023

5. LEAGUE RULES

- 6.1 All leagues are to be played under current Hurlingham Polo Association Rules, except where specifically modified in these regulations.
- 6.2 Umpire(s) shall be appointed by the League Committee.
- 6.3 All games shall be played with two umpires and with a referee officiating unless agreed by the Polo Captain.
- 6.4 All players participating in the League must have passed an RMPA or KLPC Rules Test before he can be registered as eligible to play.
- 6.5 Players who are in default with KLPC may not participate in any League Tournaments till their account has been cleared in full and permission to participate has been granted by the League Committee.
- 6.6 Elbow Guards and safety eyewear are mandatory for players 23 years of age and under.
- 6.7 The Low Goal League matches shall be played over four chukkas.
- 6.8 The Low Goal League shall be played on handicap.
- 6.9 There is no maximum number of horses that can be played in League Tournaments.
- 6.10 Teams shall be responsible for their own stabling, floating and incidental costs.



6. Formats and Order of Play

- 6.12 The League Committee shall devise a format of play that will be used at League Tournaments, depending on the number of entries.
- 6.13 The League Committee shall have the discretion to change the format of play even after the tournament has started, if the tournament is affected by the weather.
- 6.14 No draws are allowed, except in final order of merit round-robin matches.
- 6.15 All qualifying league matches must be played till there is a winner. Drawn games must be played till there is a winner, first with a supplementary chukka. First goal (Golden Goal) decides the winner of the match. If there is no goal in the supplementary chukka, penalties will be taken to decide the winner of the match. The penalty shoot-out to decide the outcome of games shall be as follows:
1. Each player takes one penalty at 30 yards and 40 yards each.
 2. If scores are tied, the shoot-out goes into sudden-death at 60 yards
 3. Teams may not change the sequence of penalty takers.
 4. Teams may not substitute players during a penalty shoot-out.
 5. Players may not change horses once the penalty shoot-out has begun, unless a horse goes lame (to be decided by the umpires).
- 6.16 Matches that are abandoned because of the weather shall be considered completed if more than half of the match was played with the score recorded as final when the match was stopped.
- 6.17 Teams tied on points shall be separated by the who-beat-who rule, with the winner of their match together going above the loser in that zone and/or league.
- 6.18 In the event that the who-beat-who rule cannot be applied to define an order of merit, goal difference shall be used, and if that is tied, then goal difference will be recalculated without handicap goals.



7. League Points & Order of Merit

7.1 League Points are awarded per game on the scale as follows:

1. Three (3) points for an outright game win in regulation time.
2. Two (2) points for a win in sudden death over-time (drawn in regulation time).
3. One (1) point for a loss in sudden death over-time (drawn in regulation time).
4. No points for an outright loss in regulation time.

7.2 At each tournament teams are awarded bonus points based on the order of merit, as follows:

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| 1. Champion | 6 points |
| 2. 2 nd place | 4 points |
| 3. 3 rd place | 3 points |
| 4. 4 th place | 2 points |
| 5. 5 th place | 1 point |
| 6. 6 th place onwards | 0 points |

7.3 All points and bonus earned in matches will be counted as league points, accumulating from tournament to tournament.

7.4 League Points shall be used to determine the final league standings. The team with the most points at the season shall be declared the League winner.

7.5 In the event of a tie for points in the league standings:

7.5.1 The higher placed team shall be the team that wins the greater number of tournaments.

7.5.2 Should 7.5.1 not break the deadlock, the 'who beat who' rule shall be applied, looking at the last game played between the two teams in the league.

7.6 Teams wishing to change names from tournament to tournament shall pay a fee of RM500 per name change.

7.7 Teams may not share league points with other teams.



8. Handicap Committee & Handicapping

- 8.1 Any player participating in the The Low Goal League shall play off their current RMPA Handicap or their allocated KLPC Handicap, whichever is the higher.
- 8.2 In the event that a player coming from abroad to play in the KLPC league does not hold an RMPA or KLPC Handicap, this player shall play off the highest handicap currently allotted to him by his home country, Hurlingham Polo Association, US Polo Association or Argentine Association of Polo.
- 8.3 In the event that the player holds a higher handicap anywhere else in the world, he shall play off his home/HPA/USPA/AAP handicap on a temporary basis (T Handicap) till his handicap is reviewed by the League Committee.
- 8.4 KLPC reserves the right to re-handicap any new players on a temporary basis.

9. Sponsorships

- 9.1 KLPC reserves the right to seek sponsors for the The Low Goal League
- 9.2 KLPC reserves the right to display a League Sponsor's logo on the upper right hand side of all participating team's playing jerseys.
- 9.3 Teams may seek team sponsorships from companies that are not in competition to the main sponsor.

10. General

- 10.1 The League Committee shall have the right to make any over-riding decisions in the interest of completing their tournaments, should these rules not refer to an explicit situation, and providing the spirit of The Low Goal League rules are not compromised.
- 10.2 These regulations are set out to provide a structure for the The Low Goal League to run in accordance of H.P.A. Rules.
- 10.3 KLPC reserves the right to alter, modify or change any regulations at any time.

APPENDICES

Annex A
Entry Form and Waiver

Annex B
Team Declaration Form



LOW GOAL LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

NAME OF TEAM: _____

TEAM CAPTAIN: _____

TEAM ADDRESS: _____

Contact E-Mail Address: _____

I/we undertake to participate in the KLPC Low Goal League. By submitting this form, we confirm my/our team's participation in all the particular league tournaments this year. Our appropriate entry fee is attached in the form of cheque no: _____

I/we have read the rules and regulations pertaining to the KLPC Low Goal League and I/we undertake that I/we shall observe the rules governing the KLPC Low Goal League, and shall play in this league in good faith and good conduct and to the best of our ability.

I confirm that my team players are members/professionals in good standing.

In consideration of your acceptance of this application, I/we undertake that I/we will observe the rules governing the Low Goal League and will not hold the Kuala Lumpur Polo Club or its staff liable for any death or injury sustained by *myself/my child/my ward as a direct or indirect result of any act, omission, fault, neglect or lack of due diligence of the Kuala Lumpur Polo Club, its employees, servants or agents, arising out of or in connection with the league for which I have applied to play in and I further agree to waive any rights under common law or otherwise to bring any action, claim, suit or proceedings in respect thereof.

(*Delete as appropriate)

NAME OF TEAM CAPTAIN/MANAGER: _____

TEAM MANAGER'S SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: __/__/____



TEAM DECLARATION FORM

TOURNAMENT: Low Goal League 1

Low Goal League 2

NAME OF
TEAM: _____

		HANDICAP					
Number:	Name of Player	KLPC	RMPA	AAP	HPA	USPA	Other
1							
2							
3							
4							
Reserve:							
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Signature:

Name: _____

Date: / / 2023