



# RSPC LEAGUE

## Regulations

1 January 2018

### 1. RSPC LEAGUE

The RSPC League is a polo league organized and run by the Royal Selangor Polo Club. It shall comprise of three or more tournaments in a season.

### 2. RSPC LEAGUE COMMITTEE

- 2.1 The RSPC League Committee shall comprise
  1. Polo Captain of RSPC (chair)
  2. RSPC's Polo Sub-Committee Members
  3. RMPA's League Coordinator
- 2.2 The Chairman shall have the power to invite further representatives from other teams that are participating in the RSPC League to attend League Committee meetings.
- 2.3 The President of the RSPC shall be invited to attend all league meetings, and if he chooses to attend, shall take the chair.
- 2.4 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. LEAGUE DIVISIONS

- 3.1 There shall be one RSPC Polo League in 2018:
  1. RSPC League -2 to +2 goals
- 3.2 Any changes in handicaps for RSPC League Tournaments shall be notified to teams not less than four weeks before the start of each tournament.



#### **4. ENTRIES & AFFILIATIONS**

- 4.1 Entry Fees are payable on a per tournament basis.
- 4.2 There is no requirement to enter all league tournaments.
- 4.3 Each team shall pay a tournament entry fee of Malaysian Ringgit Six Thousand to RSPC upon entry to a tournament.
- 4.4 Entries shall be made to RSPC 30 days before the start of each tournament.
- 4.5 Entries must be accompanied by payment of the entry fee.
- 4.6 Late entries are accepted at the discretion of the League Committee and may be subject to a Late Entry Penalty of RM500.00.
- 4.7 There shall be no refunds on tournament entry fees.
- 4.8 Entries are accepted at the discretion of the League Committee. No reasons shall be given for non-acceptance.
- 4.9 Each 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. LEAGUE RULES**

- 5.1 All leagues are to be played under current Hurlingham Polo Association Rules except where specifically modified in these regulations.
- 5.2 All umpires must be approved and appointed by the League Committee.
- 5.3 All RMPA League games shall be played with two umpires and with a referee officiating unless agreed by the Polo Captain.
- 5.4 All players participating in the League must have passed an RMPA Rules Test before he can be registered as eligible to play. Players who have passed a valid HPA Umpires C Grade Test or higher are exempt from taking the RMPA Rules Test.
- 5.5 Players who are in default with RSPC or RMPA 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.



- 5.6 Elbow Guards and safety eyewear are mandatory for players 23 years of age and under.
- 5.7 A Team Captain must be nominated at the time of entry. 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.
- 5.8 Team handicaps shall be between a handicap range of -2 to 2 goals.
- 5.9 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.
- 5.10 League matches shall be played over four chukkas.
- 5.11 Tournaments shall be played on handicap.
- 5.12 All players in a team may be changed from tournament to tournament.
- 5.13 Teams may register a maximum of six players for each tournament.
- 5.14 Teams must register their players with the League Committee at least seven (7) days before the start of the tournament.
- 5.15 A draw for playing order, if applicable, shall take place approximately fourteen (14) days before the start of each International League Tournament. All team captains or team managers shall be invited to attend the draw.
- 5.16 There is no maximum number of horses that can be played in League Tournaments.
- 5.17 Teams shall be responsible for their own stabling costs.
- 5.18 There shall be no cross-over of horses between teams at each tournament unless approval is given by the League Chairman.



## **6. Formats and Order of Play**

- 6.1 The League Committee shall devise a format of play that will be used at League Tournaments.
- 6.2 The League Committee shall have the discretion to change the format of play if the tournament is affected by the weather.
- 6.3 All matches must be played till there is a winner. No draws are allowed, except in final order of merit round-robin matches.
- 6.4 In all matches, 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).
- 6.5 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.

## **7. Order of Merit in Qualifying Games**

- 7.1 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.
- 7.2 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.



## **8. League Points & Order of Merit**

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

3 points for an outright game win in regulation time.

2 points for a win in sudden death over-time (drawn in regulation time).

1 point for a loss in sudden death over-time (drawn in regulation time).

No points for an outright loss in regulation time.

8.2 At each tournament teams are awarded bonus points based on the order of merit:

- i. Champion = Number of teams +1
- ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> place = Number of teams -1
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> place = Number of teams -2
- iv. And so on.

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

8.4 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.

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

8.5.1 The higher placed team shall be the team that won the most number of tournaments.

8.5.2 Should 8.4.1 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.

## **9. Handicap Committee & Handicapping**

9.1 Any player participating in the RMPA Polo Leagues shall play off their current RMPA Handicap as decided by the RMPA Handicap Committee.



- 9.2 In the event that a player coming from abroad does not hold an RMPA 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.
- 9.3 In the event that he 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.
- 9.4 RSPC reserves the right to re-handicap a new player on a temporary basis.

## **10. Sponsorships**

- 10.1 RSPC reserves the right to seek sponsors for the RSPC League.
- 10.2 RSPC reserves the right to display a League Sponsor's logo on the upper right hand side of all participating team's playing jerseys.

## **11. General**

- 11.1 Tournament Committees 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 these RSPC League rules are not compromised.
- 11.2 These regulations are set out to provide a structure for the RSPC League to run in accordance of H.P.A. Rules.
- 11.3 RSPC 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



## RSPC LEAGUE ENTRY FORM

NAME OF TEAM: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM CAPTAIN: \_\_\_\_\_

TEAM ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Contact E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I/we undertake to participate in the RSPC 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 RSPC League and I/we undertake that I/we shall observe the rules governing the RSPC 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 RSPC League and will not hold the Royal Selangor 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 Royal Selangor 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 CAPTAIN'S SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_/\_\_/2018



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## TEAM DECLARATION FORM

Tournament: \_\_\_\_\_

Team: \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Name of Player	HANDICAP				
		RMPA	AAP	HPA	USPA	Other
1						
2						
3						
4						
Reserve						
5						

Signature: .....

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:            /    / 2018