



GEORGETOWN COUNTRY CLUB MEN'S GOLF LEAGUES

2018 GUIDELINES FOR PLAY

Only GTCC members may golf as a regular or substitute in this league.

Play occurs on Monday and Wednesday, beginning in mid-April.

League Fees: \$40.00 per player for one night; \$70.00 if playing on both league nights.

Each night, the first tee time will be at/around 5:30pm; the last tee time no later than 6:30pm.

Play will continue each successive Monday and Wednesday prior to "Stag Day Saturday".

The Men's League Outing (a.k.a. "Stag Day") is the last Saturday in August.

There is no scheduled play on Memorial Day or Independence Day (if it falls on a league night).

I. HANDICAP SYSTEM

A. Members who played the previous year will have handicaps computed as follows:

1. A U.S.G.A. derived average of the lowest four of the last six rounds
2. League rounds played the previous year will be used to determine initial handicaps.
3. Equitable stroke control will be applied to limit the maximum used to determine handicaps.

B. Members who did not play the previous year will have handicaps computed as follows:

1. First thru fourth rounds – handicap will be a U.S.G.A. derived average.
2. Fifth round - as indicated in Article I-A.

C. Substitute's handicaps will be computed the same as Articles I-A and I-B.

II. SUBSTITUTES

A. Substitutes must have attained age eighteen by their scheduled playing date.

B. Substitutes are eligible for "Men's League Outing" and all associated prizes but not for league awards.

C. Monday and Wednesday league members may substitute on opposite days. These substitute scores will not count in their own league handicap calculations.

III. SCORING

A. Match-play format with scoring of two points per hole and total score for the winning team and one point for each team on halved holes or total score. Maximum twenty points are at issue each round.

B. Point scoring will be accomplished as follows:

1. The higher handicap team will be awarded strokes equivalent to the difference between handicaps of the two teams.
2. Handicap strokes will be assigned to holes progressing from lowest to highest handicap on the scorecard.
3. On each hole, the team with the lower net score (total strokes minus handicap, if any) wins the hole. A net tie score halves the hole.

4. The two team points (aka 'totals') are scored using 'match play' format. Two points will be awarded to the team who wins the most holes. Hence a team earns two points for 'totals' if they win 5+ holes regardless of the number of strokes; if tied at 4 1/2 holes each, they split the points, 1 to 1).
 5. Teams without a scheduled opponent will play against the score of a team randomly drawn from that evening competition.
- C. The season shall be divided into two sessions, equal number of weeks if possible. If not possible, the 1st session shall have the extra week. Team points are zeroed out after the first session. Team points accrued during the sessions will be used to determine which teams compete for the champion of each league. League champions will be determined as follows (see Appendix B for examples):
1. The two session winners will play each other in the last week of play (Championship week) to determine the overall league champion.
 2. The two 2nd place finishers will play each other in the last week of play (Championship week) to determine 3rd place.
 3. If the same team wins both sessions, they are crowned champion and the two 2nd place finishers play for 2nd and 3rd place in the league
 4. In the event that any of the 4 spots to determine the top 3 places in the league are filled by the same team, the team with the most points from either session will fill the open spot.
- D. In the event of a tie, there shall be a sudden-death playoff utilizing holes 1, 2 and 9 with normal scoring and handicaps. If the teams remain tied after hole #9, a "closest to the hole putt-off" will be administered by league officer(s) on the putting green (coin flip determines who goes first).

IV. SCORING WITH ONE TEAM REPRESENTED BY A SINGLE MEMBER

- A. The team missing one player draws a Team # from the Butter Tub. If the lower handicap golfer is missing, use the lower handicap from the team drawn. If the higher handicap golfer is missing, use the higher handicap from the team drawn. If both players from the team drawn have the same handicap, refer to the Standings Sheet. Consider the lower handicap player as the first team member listed on the Standings Sheet and the higher handicap player as the second player listed.
- B. The teams are awarded two points for winning or one point for halving the hole. Note: A MAXIMUM of 10 points per round can be earned by the team represented by a single player. The opponent will receive the points they earned.
- C. The team missing one player "vacates" the two (2) team points (these points do NOT transfer to the opponent; the opponent still must earn those points).
- D. When BOTH teams have only one team member present, do NOT pick from the Butter Tub; determine the points based only from the scores of the two people that did play. The teams will only vie for 18 points as the 2 points for 'totals' are vacated. Also, the maximum points either team can earn is 10. Hence, if the hole-by-hole score is 16-2, the end result applied to the standings will be 10-2.

V. SCORING WITH ONE TEAM REPRESENTED BY SUBSTITUTES

- A. Substitutes may comprise a legal or partial team and score points as in Article III and IV.

VI. SCORING WITH ONE TEAM NOT REPRESENTED

- A. Team that fails to appear receives zero points.
- B. Team or partial team that appears must play the round against handicap score of a team or member, as applicable, randomly drawn from the butter tub and utilizing that evening's competition. The team or partial team is awarded two points by winning or one point by halving the hole.

VII. SCORE CARDS

- A. Each team shall attest scorecard after completion of play.

VIII. SCHEDULED PLAY

- A. All matches shall be played in accord with the posted league schedule.
- B. If a match cannot be played as scheduled, it must be played prior to the next scheduled match so handicaps can be posted. Include schedule date rather than date of play on card.

IX. FORFEIT PROVISIONS

- A. A forfeit is created when a course manager or league officer declares a rainout. No makeup is required.
- B. A match not completed by either team with delivery of attested card to a league officer before day of posting handicaps is forfeited by both teams.
- C. Unless previously arranged, Article VI applies to members more than five minutes late for their scheduled tee time. Team present may then commence play in any opening. Players arriving after their match has left the first tee may join their match and compete for points on full holes yet to be played.

X. AWARDS

- A. As of 2014, NO weekly individual prizes will be awarded
- B. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams.
- C. Names of the league winners will be added to the plaque in the GTCC Pro Shop.
- D. Prizes will be awarded at the Men's League Outing (a.k.a. "Stag Day").

XI. LEAGUE FEES AND LATE FEE

- A. League fees cover all awards, prizes and Men's League Outing (a.k.a. "Stag Day").
- B. A \$10 monthly late fee will be applied. For example, League Dues would be \$40 if paid by April 30; \$50 if paid by May 31; \$60 if paid by June 30, etc.

XII. GENERAL / LOCAL RULES

- A. U.S.G.A. rules govern play. Play ball as it lies.
- B. Out-of-bounds played as stroke and distance.
- C. Boundaries are marked by inside of white stakes, utility pylons and private resident fences.
- D. Sidewalk on #4 and roadway curb on #6 and #7 marks out-of-bounds.
- E. Free drop from guard posts (e.g. sawed off telephone poles) on #4, #6, #7.
- F. Area behind #6 tee box is out-of-bounds; the out-of-bounds line is the 'house of skank' fence line extended westward.
- G. Area behind #7 green is not out-of-bounds if ball remains on GTCC property.
- H. Free drop from fences on #8, and #9.
- I. Free drop from an unplayable lie when water resides in #1's "retention pond".

- J. All private residence fences are considered immovable obstructions. Refer to APPENDIX A regarding U.S.G.A. Rule 28 – Ball Unplayable if a player determines the fence impedes their swing or stance.
- K. When landing in a sand trap and lying in a footprint or unnatural lie due to human negligence, if the group of players all agree, the player may rake and drop to play his shot.
- L. Conflicts will be adjudicated by league officers.

APPENDIX A

All private residence fences are considered immovable obstructions. Hence, a player should follow U.S.G.A. Rule 28 – Ball Unplayable if they determine the fence impedes their swing or stance:

You may drop your ball away from an immovable obstruction if it interferes with your swing or stance. Find the nearest point not nearer the hole where the ball could be played without interference with your swing or stance. Drop the ball within one club-length of that point.

If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, under penalty of one stroke:

1. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5), or
2. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
3. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.

The ball may be lifted and cleaned when proceeding under this Rule.

In measuring club lengths for a drop, you can use any club you want. That means most of us will use the driver, the longest club in our bags; some golfers might carry long putters that are longer than drivers, and if you are one of those golfers, you may use the long putter.

APPENDIX B - Example of Championship Match

If a team finishes 1st in the early session and 2nd in later session, they compete for the championship. Their spot in the match to determine 3rd place is filled by the team with the most points from either session, such as in the following situation:

Session 1:

1st place is Talik/Muzik with 88 points

2nd place is Hamill/Montri with 84

3rd place is Turner/Waldrop with 80 points

Session 2:

1st place is Fitz/McClellan 62 points

2nd place is Talik/Muzik with 60 points

3rd place is Sturgis/Stepnitz with 56 points

Championship pairings are:

Talik/Muzik vs. Fitz/McClellan for league champion solely based on the final match results

The 3rd place match is Hamill/Montri vs. Turner/Waldrop (because they scored 80 points, which is more than Sturgis/Stepnitz's 56 points).