

2017 Tuesday Night BUFFALO Golf League

League Rules

1. General League Rules

- a. The 2017 Golf League will start Tuesday, May 2ND and conclude Tuesday, August 22ND (16 weeks).
- b. Competition will be held at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on both the Front 9 and Back 9
- c. Each Team will consist of 2 regular players.
- d. ALL PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN AT FRONT DESK PRIOR TO BEGINNING PLAY.
 - d.i. Players will be penalized points after numerous failures to check in prior to beginning play at the discretion of Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course Management.

2. Fees

- a. Entry fee will be \$35.00 per person.
- b. Optional Skins game \$16.00 Gross and \$16.00 Net skins
- c. The League Entry Fee MUST be paid on or before the first night of competition, May 2ND.

3. Handicap

- a. Handicaps will be established based ONLY ON LEAGUE ROUNDS.
 - a.i. GHIN Handicaps and other rounds will not be used to determine league handicaps, no exceptions!
- b. Maximum Handicap will be 18
- c. Handicap will be based on 96% of the best 5 out of 10 scores.
- d. Golfers' Handicaps will be carried over for the first night of competition but then be based off of 2016 scores after the first night.
- e. New golfers' handicaps will be established based on their first night of competition.

4. Scoring

- a. League will be playing your own ball each week of competition versus opposing teams A or B Player.
- b. Substitutes will be allowed but not required for a team to receive points.
 - b.i. Please remember to write the substitutes name on the scorecard.
- c. Teams with one or more absent players and no substitute present will shoot their handicap + par + 4 strokes to determine a score.

5. Weather Related Cancellations

- a. Cancellations will be determined by Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course Management
- b. Cancellations will not be made up.
- c. If a Cancellation occurs once play has commenced, the matches will be void if less than 5 holes have been completed by ALL TEAMS.

6. Prizes

- a. The Awards Banquet will be held on Tuesday, August 29th.
 - a.i. The Awards Banquet Meal will be provided by The Buffalo Tavern following “fun night”
 - a.ii. All regular players are invited to the awards banquet meal.
 - a.iii. The final prize money will be based on weekly finishing.
- b. Prior to the Awards Banquet Meal, there will be an OPTIONAL golf event.
 - b.i. Participation in the optional golf event is NOT REQUIRED to attend the Awards Banquet Meal.
 - b.ii. The optional golf event will be a 4-Person Best Shot.
 - b.ii.1. Teams will be drawn based on handicap and include an ABCD Player
 - b.ii.2. Team’s total handicaps will be as close as possible.
 - b.iii. The optional golf event will be a SHOTGUN START at 5PM.
 - b.iv. The cost of the optional golf event will be \$10 and can be paid the night of the final week of play August 22nd.
 - b.v. Optional Golf Event Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams and many hole prizes.

League Rules of Play

1. USGA Rules will govern league play, with the following exceptions.
 - a. The ball may be played up in both the fairway and rough.
 - a.i. The ball may not be moved more than 6 inches, no closer to the hole.
 - a.i.1. If you are required to move a ball more than 6 inches to play a shot, you must accept a penalty of one stroke which allows the ball to be moved up to 1 club length (unplayable lie)
 - a.ii. The ball may not change cuts of grass. (ball in rough must stay in rough)
 - b. All woods on the front nine will be played as hazards.
 - b.i. There will be a strict 5 minute limit on looking for balls in any hazard.
 - b.ii. If your ball CANNOT be found your options are.
 - b.ii.1. Re-Play the shot from the original position (incurs a 1 stroke penalty)
 - b.ii.2. Drop 2 club lengths from the point where the ball ENTERED the woods (incurs a 1 stroke penalty)
 - b.ii.3. Drawing a line from the point of entry to the hole, you may go straight backward on that line and drop at any point on that line (incurs a 1 stroke penalty) (this is not usually a viable option at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course as you are usually going deeper into the woods on this line but there are circumstances that may warrant this)
 - b.iii. If your ball is found your options are.
 - b.iii.1. Any of the above 3 options
 - b.iii.2. Play the ball as it lies with no penalty.
 - c. All out of bounds must be played as it is marked and includes.
 - c.i. Fence on 11, 12, and 13.
 - c.ii. White Stakes and Lines on 13, and 18.
 - c.iii. Balls out of bounds must be played from the original spot and incur a 1 stroke penalty.
 - d. Play may start on any hole on the nine you are assigned to play with the agreement of all competitors in a group.

d.i. PLEASE BE COURTEOUS TO ALL PLAYERS, BOTH LEAGUE AND OPEN GOLF PLAYERS WHEN
STARTING ON A HOLE OTHER THAT #1 OR #10

- e. All players will play from the RED Tees
- f. Balls lying in drainage ditches on 9, 14, 15, and 18 may be dropped 1 club length from the ditch no closer to the hole with no penalty.
- g. If you ball lies in a sand trap with water your options/requirements are.
 - g.i. If there is a place in the sand trap (even closer to the hole) that is dry for you to take a stance and place your ball, you must play from that area. (no penalty incurred)
 - g.ii. If the sand trap is so full of water that you cannot find a dry stance and ball position, you may lay out of the sand trap directly in line with the pin BEHIND the sand trap. (no penalty incurred)