

2017 Wednesday Night Men's League

League Rules

1. General League Rules

- a. The 2017 Golf League will start Wednesday, April 26th and conclude Wednesday, August 30th (20 weeks).
- b. Competition will be held at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on both the Front 9 and Back 9 – Half of all competitions will be played on each side every week.
- c. There will be 1 position night, the final week of competition, August 30th.
 - c.i. The top half of league will play on the front 9 and bottom half of league will play on back 9.
 - c.ii. On the final night, regular players may only use substitutes with an established league handicap.
- d. Each Team will consist of 2 regular players.
- e. ALL PLAYERS MUST CHECK IN AT FRONT DESK PRIOR TO BEGINNING PLAY.
 - e.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. The League Entry Fee MUST be paid on or before the first night of competition, April 19th.
- c. Optional Skins Games
 - c.i. Optional Skins game will be available.
 - c.ii. Players may enter either gross or net skins or both.
 - c.iii. Gross Skins - \$20/player - \$1/week.
 - c.iv. Net Skins - \$20/player - \$1/week.
 - c.v. Skins fees MUST be paid on or before the first night of competition, April 19th.
 - c.vi. Players absent and entered in skins will be refunded that night's skins money at the end of the year.
 - c.vii. Substitutes WILL NOT be eligible for skins competitions.

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 16
- 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. Match Play Points, 1 Point per hole, ½ Point going to both competitors when there is a NET tie on a hole
- b. Medal Points, 2 Points per 9 hole match, 1 point going to both competitors when there is a NET tie on the 9 hole match.
- c. The lowest handicapped player will always play the lowest handicapped competitor and the highest handicapped player will always play the highest handicapped competitor even when substitutes are introduced.

5. Forfeiture & Substitutes

- a. No team points will be awarded to absent players without a substitute.
- b. Any player that does not have a competitor will be awarded a MINIMUM of 6 points.
- c. Any player that does not have a competitor will play against A GHOST SUBSTITUTE.
 - c.i. The GHOST SUBSTITUTE will have the missing golfer's handicap and will score Par+Handicap+3 Strokes.
- d. If a player is late (arrives after 5:30pm), the group may begin play without him and he forfeits the medal points and plays only for match points on holes he plays.
- e. There will be NO PRE GOLF AND NO MAKE UP GOLF.
- f. Please remember to write the substitute's name on the scorecard!

6. 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.
- d. If less than 9 holes are used for point calculations, medal points will not be awarded and handicaps will remain the same for the following week of competition.

7. Prizes

- a. There will be 1 hole prize (longest putt, closest to pin, etc) on each nine of the golf course each night of competition.
 - a.i. Hole Prizes will pay \$5 per prize per night and will be added to year end payouts.
 - a.ii. Only REGULAR golfers are eligible to win the weekly hole prizes.
- b. The Awards Banquet will be held on Wednesday, September 6th.
 - b.i. The Awards Banquet Meal will be paid for out of the \$35 entry fee paid at the start of the season.
 - b.ii. All regular players are invited to the awards banquet meal.
 - b.iii. The final prize money will be paid out based on points won.

- b.iii.1. Once all expenses are paid, remaining money will be divided by total number of points issued to teams and points will then be assigned a dollar value
- c. Prior to the Awards Banquet Meal, there will be an OPTIONAL golf event.
 - c.i. Participation in the optional golf event is NOT REQUIRED to attend the Awards Banquet Meal.
 - c.ii. The optional golf event will be a 4-Person Scramble
 - c.iii. The optional golf event will be a SHOTGUN START at 5PM
 - c.iv. Teams will be drawn to include ABCD Players based on handicaps and total team handicaps will be as similar as possible.
 - c.v. The cost of the optional golf event will be \$10 and is due at the time of sign up on the final night of Competition, August 30th.
 - c.vi. Optional Golf Event Prizes will be awarded to the top 3 teams including 4 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 THAN #1 OR #10
- e. All players will play from the WHITE tees with only the following exceptions.
 - e.i. Players aged 70 or older may play from the YELLOW tees but are not required.
 - e.ii. Female players may play from the RED tees but are not required.
- 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 your 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)