

2017 Thursday Morning Senior Golf League

League Rules

1. General League Rules

- a. The 2017 Golf League will start Thursday, May 4th and conclude Thursday August 17th (16 weeks).
- b. Competition will be held at Sheaffer Memorial Golf Course on both the Front 9 and Back 9
- c. There will be 1 position night, the final week of competition, August 17th.
- d. Each Team will consist of 4 regular players.
 - d.i. Teams will be drawn at the drawing meeting on Thursday, April 20th, 9AM.
- 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 \$21.00 per person.
- b. The League Entry Fee MUST be paid on or before the first morning of competition, May 4th.
- c. Optional Skins Games
 - c.i. Optional Skins game will be available.
 - c.ii. Net Skins - \$32/player - \$2/week.
 - c.iii. Skins fees MUST be paid on or before the first morning of competition, May 4th.
 - c.iv. Players absent and entered in skins will be refunded that night's skins money at the end of the year.

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 27
- 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.

5. Forfeiture & Substitutes

- a. A maximum of 5 team points will be awarded to absent players.
- 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 9:00AM), the group may begin play without him and he forfeits the medal points and plays only for match points on holes he plays.
- e. Pre golf and make up golf will not be allowed at any time.

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.

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 MALE players will play from the Yellow Tees
- f. All FEMALE players will play from the Red Tees
- g. 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.
- h. If you ball lies in a sand trap with water your options/requirements are.
 - h.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)
 - h.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)