

2023
Thursday Men's League
Rules Sheet

By signing your league form you agree to play by the following rules and policies. If your team has not done this by the first week of matches you may play but you will not earn any points.



Black Bear Men's League General Rules:

Both Team members League fees must be paid before you will be able to earn any points. Players are responsible for knowing what hole they start on and what their handicap is for that week. (see late start rule) 5:30 PM shotgun

- Players are allowed to have a caddie.
- Spectators, ride alongs or young children are not allowed on the course during Men's League times unless approved by the Professional.
- Music is allowed if agreed upon by both teams. Please keep it to a respectable volume as to not disturb other matches on the course.

Late Start Rule

- If your opponents are not at their starting tee box by 5:30 they have until 5:37 (official GPS time) to have one representative of their team tee off without penalty.
- If they arrive after the start of the first hole they will be able to join the match on the second hole.
- Whatever team members were not present on the first hole will be assessed a double bogey.
- If your opponents do not join you by the start of the third hole they will forfeit all points no exceptions.

Re-Scheduling Matches

- If you wish to re-schedule a match any given week with your opponents you are responsible for contacting them and setting up the time to play the match.
- If they do not agree to re-schedule your match and you cannot get subs you will forfeit all points.
- You have up to two weeks after the original date of the match to play it and turn your scores into the Pro Shop.
- You must notify the Pro Shop when you intend to re-schedule your match and have the official scorecard to play the match and earn any points.

Tee Box Policy

- You must declare what tee boxes you will be playing from (at the end of this form) and play from them all season long including the playoffs. You are NOT allowed to play from the Whites one week and the Gold another week.
- Players wishing to play from the Gold tees must have the Professionals approval.
- Player's Tee boxes will be indicated on the official scorecard each week.
- **Players playing from the Gold tees handicap will be adjusted weekly with the new USGA method to account for playing from a different set of tee boxes. They will no longer have to give up a shot from their handicap.**

Sub Policy

- You are allowed to have a sub golf for you any week of the regular season.
- To be a just a sub for Men's League a player must pay the \$15 Sub fee and \$30 Club fee.
- This will entitle them to the Men's League fee structure for the appropriate weekly golf fees.
- They must also turn in a minimum of (3) 9-hole scores to the Pro Shop before they will receive an official League Handicap.
- If you need them to sub before they can turn in any scores to the Pro Shop, they are allowed to sub but their individual net score will be a 40 for the first week.
- To have a sub in the playoffs that person must have been a sub for your team a minimum of 3 times throughout the regular season.
- You may NOT use a sub for the either of the finals match (championship or 3rd place match)
- **You must notify the Pro Shop before the match starts that you intend to have a Sub.**
- **Their name and League Handicap must be on the official card for them to receive any points for your match.**
- A list of available subs will be available at the Pro Shop counter along with their League Handicaps.
- They will also be posted on the Men's League Bulletin Board.

Men's League Handicaps

- Each player will be designated a 9 hole Black Bear Men's League Handicap.
- They will update each week.
- Maximum score per hole for handicap posting purposes only will be a double bogey.
- Your actual true score for the hole will count for your individual and team points.
- You are responsible for knowing your individual handicap before your match begins.
- They will be posted on the Men's League Bulletin board and on the official scorecard.
- If both of the teammate's handicaps are the same you must designate who is the high and who is the low handicap golfer before your match starts and let your opponent's know.

Men's League Fees

Entry Fee: \$50 per player (prize fund) \$30 per player (*Men's Club fee*) \$80.00 total per player

Men's Club fee goes towards the year end banquet, covers the cost of engraving, trophies, and allows you to sign up for a USGA Handicap free of charge (Normally \$23.00)

Proximity Fee: \$20 per player (optional)

Weekly Fees: \$20 Greens Fee \$10 Cart Fee (waived is season pass holder Golf & Cart)

Early League Golf

- For those of you who do not have a Season Pass: After 3:00 you can pay \$45.00 to come out and play early before league starts at 5:30. (this includes your regular league fees of \$30.00)
- If your match is on the front nine that night you can play on the back nine.
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Men's League Weekly Format

There are (3) points available to win each week.

Format of golf is Stroke Play minus handicap.

(there is no maximum # of strokes per hole)

Low Handicap vs. Low Handicap = 1 point winner ½ point each if tie
High Handicap vs. High Handicap = 1 point winner ½ point each if tie
Team Total vs. Team Total = 1 point winner ½ point each if tie

Playoffs

Team Total vs. Team Total determines who advances

Playoff matches must be completed by the following Thursday. (NO EXCEPTIONS)

All USGA Rules will govern play with the following local rules:

- All wooded or marsh areas that boarder holes are played as a Red Penalty Area.
Under the penalty of one stroke you may:
 1. Play from the same spot as your last shot (dropping the ball)
 2. Drop a ball within two club lengths of the point of entry where your original ball went into the hazard.
- Free drop from cart paths and sprinkler heads. Relief is your nearest point no closer to the hole.
- Free drop from all native carvings on the course if they interfere with your stance, swing or lie.
- Free drop from all flower beds. Relief is your nearest point no closer to the hole. You must find your ball in the flower bed to receive free relief.