



GUIDELINES FOR PLAY
GEORGETOWN COUNTRY CLUB
MENS GOLF LEAGUES 2011

Play will begin Monday April 18, and Wednesday April 20, targeting 5:20 P.M. as the first tee time and 6:30 P.M. as the last tee time.

Play will continue each successive Monday and Wednesday thru August 22 and 24.

The “Men’s League Outing” (a.k.a. “Stag Day”) will be on Saturday August 27.

There is no scheduled play on Memorial Day or Independence Day.

I. HANDICAP SYSTEM

A. Members who played in 2010 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 in 2010 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 in 2010 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.

D. No new substitutes three weeks prior to the end of the regular season.

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 score card.
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. Teams without a scheduled opponent will play against the score of a team randomly drawn from that evening competition.
- C. Team points accrued during the season will determine the team champion of each league.

IV. SCORING WITH ONE TEAM REPRESENTED BY A SINGLE MEMBER

- A. The single member will fill his team by drawing a randomly selected score from individuals who have completed the round.
- B. The teams are awarded two points for winning or one point for halving the hole.

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 that evening competition and submit a score card. 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 card after completion of play and submit it to a league official.

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 official declares a rainout. No makeup is required.
- B. A match not completed by either team with delivery of attested card to a league official 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. Golf balls will be awarded as weekly individual prizes.
- B. Trophies will be awarded to league champions. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place teams.
- C. Prizes will be awarded for specified individual and team accomplishments at the "Men's League Outing".

XI. LEAGUE FEES

- A. Fee for the season is \$35.00 per player. Additional \$25.00 if the player is in both leagues. Fee covers all awards, prizes and "Men's League Outing".

XII. GENERAL

- 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. Area behind #7 green is not out-of-bounds if ball remains on GTCC property.
- E. Free drop from guard posts (e.g. sawed off telephone poles) on #4, #6, #7.
- F. Free drop from fences on #8, and #9. For further information regarding #9, refer to http://www.georgetowncc.org/Golf/Local_rule.html.
- G. Free drop from unplayable lie in water retention pond.
- H. Sidewalk on #4 and roadway curb on #6 and #7 mark out-of-bounds.
- I. 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.
- J. Conflicts will be adjudicated by league officials.

XIII. 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.