



AMERICAN LEGION GOLF LEAGUE

2025 RULES

Garrett Country Club
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1. The league shall consist of twenty-four (24) teams – two (2) players each.
2. Each team has one franchise in the league. Previous season teams will maintain that franchise for the next season providing they declare intent prior to or during the spring organizational meeting. Any team that holds a franchise and wishes to split up will have to determine between themselves who is to maintain the franchise and both players notify the league secretary of the decision.
3. Course management at the spring meeting will determine the league's starting night, the possibility for making up rainout(s) and the date for party night.
4. The first night of league play will use your average from the end of the season last year (2023 OWN BALL FORMAT). New players to the league that played on any "own ball" leagues last year can use their lowest league average. New members to the league may also use their GHIN handicap OR if they don't have a GCC league-established average, 75% of their first night score will be used to calculate HDCP & match play points. To find this, the following formula will be used: $SCORE - 36 = HDCP \times 75\% - ADJ.$ $HDCP + 36 = STARTING AVERAGE.$ This score will be entered in as the starting average. The 6 points for average will not be awarded unless the player has a score of par or better on the first night. From there on rule 5 will apply.
5. Handicaps will be 100%. Averages for the second and third matches this year will be established by using last year's average, if available, and league scores shot so far this season. After the player's third night the highest score will be dropped and the remaining three scores will be used to determine your average. After the fourth night, and for the remainder of the season, the highest and lowest scores of your last five rounds will be dropped and your average will be based on the

remaining three rounds. A score of sixty (60) is the maximum allowed average. **DOUBLE PAR is the most anyone can take per hole. Par 3 = 6, Par 4 = 8, Par 5 = 10.**

6. Any time both players on the same team have identical averages, they must declare who is the "A" player prior to teeing off.
7. The rain out committee consists of the course management. All rain outs will be determined by safety, playability of the course, darkness, etc. Course management will make all decisions.
8. Substitutes with an established average will be listed on a team-listing sheet which will be posted in the pro shop. Subs will play their average from last year and then rule five (5) applying after that. Any team can use the posted list of substitutes. If a substitute is used during the last three (3) nights of regular league play, the substitute must have played three (3) rounds during the regular season. Two substitutes may be allowed to play for a given team.
9. Course management will determine if play can or cannot be finished. If a team or player does not complete play, points will only be awarded for holes completed and points are not awarded for that player(s) average. Rule 24 will be used to complete scorecard for any player(s) not having opponents.
10. In case of darkness or rain, when course management has decided that play cannot be finished, the following rule applies:
 - a. If your handicap is 44 or less, you take par on all unfinished holes.
 - b. If your handicap is 45 or above, you take a bogey on all unfinished holes.
11. Forfeit time is 5:30 pm. Your team must be ready to play by the designated time or you forfeit the match.
12. The league secretaries for the next year will be determined by a blind draw on the banquet night. Previous secretaries will be ineligible for the next fifteen (15) years. Secretaries do not owe league dues.
13. There will be no party holes this year.

14. League dues are \$60.00 per man (current league secretaries are exempt). All dues must be paid by the third night of league play or no points will be allowed. Dues for subs are \$25.00 and must be paid prior to their first round as a substitute.
15. During the spring wet season, there are times when ground conditions are soft enough to allow the ball to plug or even become lost in the fairway. If this happens, it is recommended that the player be allowed a free drop, without penalty at the spot where you think the ball landed. You must have the approval of your opponent prior to executing the free drop.
16. U.S.G.A. rules shall govern play except where the by-laws take precedent or local rules apply. They are posted on the bulletin board. Course management will make any interpretation. (EX – Drive on #4 goes OB: Two club lengths from point where ball crossed margin of OB, add one penalty stroke, continue from there hitting 3 from that location) Course boundaries are defined by course management.
17. Regular league players who are not members of Garrett Country Club will owe green fees if they are absent and do not get a sub.
18. Substitutes who are non-members of Garrett Country Club must pay green fees when they sub. All substitutes must notify the pro shop who they are subbing for prior to teeing off.
19. American Legion or Sons of the American Legion membership dues must be paid prior to the first night of league play.
20. Any person missing seven or more nights without a substitute will be ineligible for the league the following year.
21. Reserved tee off times for the league are 4:00-5:30pm.
22. In order to allow adequate time for bookwork, league secretaries and opponents will be allowed to tee off immediately when both teams are present.

23. Any open franchise will be offered first to the substitutes. They will be asked in the order of the number of rounds played. This will be done at the spring meeting.
24. Secretaries will be exempt from keeping the scorecard in their match on league night.
25. Application of Handicaps
 - a. The handicap is the difference between your opponent's average and your average and is applied to the player's score with the higher average, starting with the toughest holes first. If the difference between you and your opponent's average is 10 strokes or more, then the player with the higher average will receive additional strokes handicap on some or possibly all of the holes, starting with the toughest holes first.
 - b. A maximum of 2 shots per hole may be given, 18 HDCP difference between players would be the most possible.
26. If a team, or one member of a team, does not show up to play, a blind draw is to be made after playing by drawing a numbered card representing the number of the team they are to play against that night. The pro shop has a tin with all team numbers & must be used for the draw.
27. All players and subs must be 18 years of age or older.
28. All players must declare their intent on their first night of league play the set of tees they will be playing from for the entire season. All tees (gold, red, white, blue or black) are available no matter what your age or physical ability. If moving to a new set of tees, you must begin with a new average.
29. Team numbers for the current year will be determined by the finishing order last year. First place will be Team #1, second place will be Team #2, third place will be Team #3, etc.
30. New for 2025: a mid-season position night with all points will be doubled.