



## WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENS GOLF LEAGUE 2025 BY - LAWS

1. The league shall consist of 26 teams – consisting of two (2) players each.
2. Each team has one franchise in the league. Wednesday Night League (WNL) teams from last year will maintain that franchise for the next season, providing they declare their intent to play prior to or during the preseason organizational meeting. No new teams will be added unless there is an opening. An open franchise will first be offered to the previous year's substitutes; they will be asked based on the substitute with the highest number of rounds during the prior season. This will be done at the spring meeting. Any team that holds a franchise and wishes to split up must determine, between themselves, who is to maintain the franchise and both players must notify the league secretaries of the decision.
3. League starting night shall be determined by the course management at the league organizational meeting. If the schedule allows, the last night of scheduled league play shall be a position night: 1vs2; 3vs4; 5vs6 etc. The schedule must attempt to have each team play one another first before a position night may be scheduled.
4. The league handicap shall be 100% of each player's average. League members and subs with an established WNL average from last year will use that average for their first match this year. New WNL members that played on any "own ball" leagues last year can use their lowest league average. New members of 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 for match play. **The 75% average calculated will be entered as the starting average. To find this, the following formula will be used: SCORE – 36 = HDCP x 75% = ADJ. HDCP + 36 = STARTING AVERAGE.** No points will be awarded on first night of play for average unless a score of par or better is shot.
5. Handicaps will be calculated by straight averaging. Any fraction less than 0.5 will convert to the lower whole number. Any fraction 0.5 or above will convert to the higher whole number. Beginning the 3<sup>rd</sup> night of play the highest score will be dropped and the remaining three (3) scores will be averaged. After four (4) weeks of play and thereafter the highest and lowest score of the most current five (5) week period will be dropped, and the remaining three (3) scores will be used to compute the average. Handicap strokes are to be used, one per hole, starting with the most difficult holes identified per nine (9) holes as marked on the score card. Any player with a handicap over nine (9) will receive a maximum of two (2) strokes on a hole, starting with the most difficult hole. No average of less than par will be assigned.

6. If both players on the same team have identical averages, they must declare who is the “A” player prior to tee off.
7. League scoring shall be done on a match play format. Each player (A&B) may get two points per hole, which means 18 possible points between the “A” players and 18 possible points between the “B” players for nine (9) holes. For example, if the “A” player’s tie on a hole, each player will get one (1) point. Each player getting his average or better will be awarded four (4) points for the nine (9) holes. A total of 52 points is possible for one match ( $18+18+4+4+4+4 = 52$ ). The maximum points any team can win per match is 44 ( $18+18+4+4$ ). ***RAIN OUT OR POSITION NIGHT: point values will be doubled (Both team points and average) if schedule allows.***
8. If a team, or one member of a team, does not show up to play, a blind draw is to be made by the team without an opponent to determine the team or player that team is to play against. The 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. For example, if the “A” player did not show up the “A” player on the team drawn would be the opponent. If an entire team did not show, the entire team drawn would be the opponent. If only one team member is present from each team, they would play against each other, and no blind draw would be made.
9. The Rain Out Committee shall consist of course management. Rain outs will be determined by safety, course conditions, darkness, etc. All decisions will be made by management.
10. Substitutes must be from the regular list of subs and can be used by any team. Two subs may be used to constitute a match, except for the last five weeks of play – one player from the team must be present to constitute a match. If a substitute is to be used during the last four (4) nights of league play, he must have played at least four (4) times prior to the last four (4) nights of regular league play. Substitute averages will be determined by straight averaging. Any fraction less than 0.5 will convert to the lower whole number. Any fraction 0.5 or above will convert to the higher whole number. Beginning with the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) score the highest score will be dropped and the remaining three (3) scores will be averaged. After five (5) scores are posted and thereafter the highest and lowest score of the most current five (5) will be dropped and the remaining three (3) scores will be used to compute the average. Any sub or new player with an average on Tuesday or Thursday night league play will be allowed to use that average in Wednesday night league play. Any new sub can establish an average by substituting or just playing along with a team to establish an average.
11. Matches will be played on league nights only with tee times between 4:00 and 5:30 pm. Forfeit time is considered to be 5:30 pm.

12. There will be no party holes this year.
13. Each team will be responsible for paying the following: \$120 sponsor & player fees. These are due on or before 1<sup>st</sup> night of league play, or no points will be awarded. It is the responsibility of the players to collect the Sponsor Fee.
14. Non-Country Club members are required to pay green fees each league night, even if absent. The only exception will be rain out as rule by the committee.
15. Substitutes must pay a \$20.00 fee for the party night the first Wednesday in which they sub. If not paid, they will be removed from the Substitute List.
16. USGA Rules shall govern play except where by-laws take precedence. Course boundaries and local rules are as defined by course management. Any interpretation will be made by the course management and the league secretaries. All out of bounds will be played as a lateral boundary. (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.)
17. Due to the early start of league, there are times when ground conditions are soft enough to allow the ball to bury or become lost in the fairway. Should this happen, it is recommended the player be provided a free drop no closer to the hole without penalty. The player must agree with his opponent as to where to drop the ball before dropping.
18. The team responsible for next year's books will be established by a drawing on party night. Secretaries' names for the last (10) years will be removed from the drawing. If a team splits, the person holding the original franchise will be exempt. A second team will be drawn as an alternate in case neither of the team members return for the new season.
19. In order to allow for adequate time for bookkeeping, the league secretaries and their opponents will be allowed to tee off immediately when both teams are present.
20. In case of darkness or rain, course management will determine that play can not be finished, and the following shall apply:
  - a. If your average is 44 or lower, you are considered to have played the remaining holes is par.
  - b. If your average is 45 or higher, you are considered to have played the remaining holes in bogey.
21. 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 8 will be used to complete scorecards for any player(s) not having opponents.

22. Only WNL members, established subs playing for a league member, and subs establishing an average are permitted to play in the leagues on any night.
23. Any WNL member may choose to play from any tees if he so desires. ***He must declare his intent on the first night of league play and must use that set of tees for the entire season.***
24. 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 will be Team #3, etc.