



## MONDAY NIGHT LADIES LEAGUE 2026 BY-LAWS

1. The league shall consist of up to 26 teams – two (2) players each.
2. Each team has one franchise in the league. Previous season league teams will maintain that franchise for the next season providing they declare their intent prior to or during the pre-league 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. League start night shall be determined by the management at the spring meeting.
4. The league is a handicap league. Handicaps will be 80% of each team's average. League teams with an established average from last year will use that average for their first match this year. Any new team to the league during the season will use 75% of their score for the first night they play to figure match play points. The 75% score will be entered as the starting average. No points will be awarded for average unless a score of par or better.
5. Averages will be established by straight averaging x 80%. After the third round of play, the highest score will be dropped, and team average will be determined from the three remaining scores. After the fourth round of play and the remainder of the season, the highest and lowest scores of the last five rounds will be dropped and team average will be based on the three remaining scores.
6. League scoring shall be done in a match play format. Each team may get two points per hole, which means 18 possible points for nine (9) holes. For example, if the teams tie on a hole, each team will get one (1) point. Each team getting their average or better will be awarded six (6) points for the nine (9) holes. A total of 30 points is possible for one match ( $18+6+6 = 30$ ). The maximum points any team can win per match is 24 ( $18+6$ ).
  - a. **The maximum amount of strokes a team may take is double par.** Once this number is reached, please pick up to keep pace of play moving. You are still allowed to obtain your average for the night. However, you forfeit the two points for any hole picked up.
  - b. To create fairness in handicapping, the league adopted the following guidelines: **Maximum strokes given in a match will be 16 (Par 5s – 3, Par 4s – 2, Par 3s – 0)**

7. Substitutes must be from the regular list of subs and can be used by any team. All efforts must be made to acquire a sub. Please try and find a sub as close as possible to your team's missing player. The pro shop will adjust your team's average based on the sub's ability. Only when one may not be obtained, a decision will be made by the opponent & course management to allow a player two shots. Two substitutes may be allowed to play for a given team.
8. If 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 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.
9. Course management will determine rainouts. Rainouts will be determined by safety, course conditions, darkness, etc. 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 team(s) average. Rule 8 will be used to complete scoring for any team(s) not having opponents. Darkness/Rainout - if over half the teams are in before rain or darkness, the following rule shall apply:
  - a. If the team average is \_\_\_\_\_ or lower, you are considered to have played the remaining holes in bogey.
  - b. If the team average is \_\_\_\_\_ or higher, you are considered to have played the remaining holes in double bogey.
10. Teams may post their arrival time on the clubhouse bulletin board. The starting times for the league are from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.
11. All members must call the clubhouse by 3:30 - 4:00 if unable to play. Forfeit time on league night is 6:00 pm. If you are not here by that time and have not called, you are considered not going to play. Clubhouse phone is 260-357-5165.
12. **Ladies must wait at the men's tee area until the group has teed off before proceeding to ladies' tee.** League secretaries tee off at will.
13. Green fee players are required to pay green fees weekly even if absent (excluding rainout). A player who drops out will be held responsible for drop out green fees or must obtain a replacement. Non-member subs pay green fees. Golfers – regular or sub – pay green fees; if both are absent, team pays green fees.
14. League dues will be \$50.00. They are due on or before the first night of league play. \$10.00 will go toward the 2 weekly events. \$2.00 per member will be for the league secretary. The remaining dues will be for the prize money and dinner for party night. Sub dues will be \$30.00, and \$5.00 will go toward the weekly games. The

balance will go toward party night. Subs pay for the party holes not parred. Two subs can constitute a team.

15. USGA rules shall govern play except where by-laws take exception. Course boundaries are as defined by the course management. Any interpretation will be made by the management. All OB will be played as a penalty area. (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.)
16. Due to the early start of league there are times when ground conditions are soft enough to allow the ball to bury or even to lose the ball in the fairway. If this happens, it is recommended that the player be provided a free drop, no nearer the hole without a penalty. You must have the agreement of your opponent prior to the free drop.
17. League rules will change only on vote of the members at the spring meeting. League secretary for the following season will be chosen on the party night.
18. Avoid partners playing alone. Foursomes are preferred, threesome or five-some is preferred over a twosome.
19. Volunteers will be accepted for league secretary. If there are no volunteers, there will be a blind draw made on party night. Current secretaries will have a 5-year exemption. There will be alternate secretaries drawn as well.
  - a. The team drawn for secretary must play the following season. If either team member fails to play and maintain the books as secretary that season, they may not play or sub in league for one year after that.
20. Regular scramble rules shall apply for league play:
  - a. Ball may not change lie of cut. (EX – Ball in rough must stay in rough, fairway must stay in fairway, penalty area must stay in penalty area etc.)
  - b. One club from original position.
  - c. One putter head length when on greens.
21. Players may choose to play from either the red or yellow tees. Ladies age 70+ only may play from the new #2 tees **(color TBD)**. However, once the choice is made, you must play from that tee for the entire season.
22. **BUNKERS** – “Ground Under Repair” (those still under construction) Teams are allowed to drop nearest point of relief with no penalty. All bunkers that are completed with new sand shall be played out of.

## **GENERAL LEAGUE RULES**

**\*Out of Bounds will all be played as a lateral boundary.**

**\*Casual water - free drop**

**\*Ground under repair or seeded area on the course - free drop.**

**\*Small or new trees - free drop.**

**\*Natural area will be played as penalty area.**

**\*Players are allowed to give putts to their opponents at their own discretion. League rules do not allow for automatic gimmes.**