

2021 FRIDAY NITE LEAGUE RULES

We will play by USGA rules with the following exceptions:

- Play the ball up everywhere - move ball with club within 6 to 12-inch radius no closer to the hole
 - If ball lands on or near a tree root, and the player determines that club will come into contact with the tree root during a shot, then the player can move the ball with his club without penalty to a place away from the tree root no closer to the hole
 - Lift, clean and place rule will be decided prior to matches beginning for the applicable day
- Bunkers
 - USGA rules apply to bunker play unless if bunker conditions are poor, we will opt to take a free drop out of the bunker no closer to the hole
 - Free drop option will be decided prior to matches beginning for the applicable day
 - If there is no mention of the bunker conditions or free drop option prior to play on the applicable day, then USGA rules apply
- Out of bounds
 - If shot lands out of bounds, then 1 stroke penalty and drop the ball two club lengths from OB line where flight of ball was last in play
 - No distance penalty
- Putts
 - Putts a foot or less in length are automatically good
 - Player has the option to give his opponent a putt if the length of the putt is greater than 1 foot
 - There is no COVID rule exception when the ball hits the pin on a chip or putt
 - The chipped or putt ball must go in the hole for the hole to be completed
- Handicaps
 - League Members
 - The most recent 16 (9-hole) rounds, 8 for the front and 8 for the back are averaged
 - The two sets of 9-hole averages will be taken against par 72 to determine the handicap

EXAMPLE

		Front Nine								
	HCP	6/7/19	6/21/19	6/21/19	7/5/19	7/19/19	8/9/19	8/23/19	9/6/19	AVG.
Player	10	41	40	33	40	43	40	37	41	39.38
		Back Nine								
		9/7/18	5/24/19	6/14/19	6/28/19	7/12/19	8/2/19	8/16/19	8/30/19	
		40	41	41	42	46	42	45	44	42.63
Avg score to par		82 (39.38 + 42.63 rounded to nearest hole number)								
Par		72								
Difference (handicap)		10								

- Subs
 - If a sub player has a league handicap, then that handicap is used in the match
 - If a sub player does not have a league handicap, then the field average for that day in the applicable Flight will apply

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- Field average handicap and average hole-by-hole results will be determined and matched against the absent player's opponent
 - A sub has an established league handicap after he has played 3 weeks in the league
- Blinds
 - If a player cannot play and does not obtain a sub (aka, blind) then the field average as described above will apply against the blind player's opponent
 - If both opponents do not obtain subs, then a blind draw will be made
 - Scorecards from the applicable Flight players who played that nite will be drawn randomly to represent the blind player
 - The randomly drawn scorecards would each be matched against the Field average for that Flight to determine the points total for the blind player

Match Scoring

- Points are determined by hole and by total strokes for the 9-hole match
- 2 points for winning a hole, 1 point each for a tie
- 4 points for winning the match after comparing the players' net scores, 2 points each for a tie
- The number of strokes that the lower handicap player must give his opponent is determined by the number of holes that have a handicap on the scorecard less than or equal to the difference between the two Player handicaps for the given side

EXAMPLE

Player 1 handicap = 10

Player 2 handicap = 16

Side: Front

Difference in handicaps between the 2 players = 6 strokes

	Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Gross Score	Less HCP	Net Score	Hole by Hole Points	Net Score Points	Match Points
	HCP	4	6	14	8	2	16	12	18	10						
Player 1's scores		4	5	5	5	5	3	4	3	4	38		38			
Player 1's points		1	1	0	2	0	0	2	1	1				8	2	10
Player 2's scores		5	6	4	7	5	2	5	3	4	41	-3	38			
Player 2's points		1	1	2	0	2	2	0	1	1				10	2	12

- Player 2 is awarded 1 stroke on #1, one stroke on #2 and one stroke on #5 and is awarded 3 strokes against his net score
- The most strokes a player can be awarded in a match is 9

When a sub's a handicap yields a difference between opponents greater than a stroke per hole:

- A Player - 6 hcp
- C Player - 28 hcp
 - Difference between two handicaps (22)
 - The A Player will give 1 stroke per hole for each hole, and because the difference in handicaps is larger than 18, he will give an additional stroke per hole based on the difference (22) and the highest handicap for a hole for that side.

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- Front side, each hole handicap is even numbered so the total to take against the difference of 22 is 18.
 - $22 - 18 = 4$
 - #1 is a 4 handicap hole and #5 is a 2 handicap hole.
 - C Player gets an additional stroke for those 2 holes.
 - C Player received a total of 11 strokes, so for determining winner of the 4 total match points, C Player receives 11 strokes.
- Back side, each hole handicap is odd numbered so the total to take against the difference of 22 is 17.
- $22 - 17 = 5$
- #11 is a 1 handicap hole and #18 is a 3 handicap hole and #16 is a 5 handicap hole.
- C Player gets an additional stroke for those 3 holes.
- C Player received a total of 12 strokes, so for determining the winner of the 4 total match points, C Player receives 12 strokes.

Season Round Winners, Team Points and Playoffs

- Seasons are made up of 3 (5 week) rounds
- Match points earned by players of a team are added together to determine total team points
- Team points are accumulated during the weeks within a round to determine round winners
- Round winners automatically qualify to play in the playoffs at the end of the season
- If a team wins all 3 rounds in a season, then that team is considered league champion and no playoffs are played
- If a team wins 2 out of the 3 rounds in a season, then the 2 round winners and the 2 teams with the highest year to date team points who did not win a round qualify to play in the playoffs
- If there are 3 different round winners, then the 3 round winners and the team with the highest year to date team points who did not win a round qualify to play in the playoffs
- Playoff seeding is determined by year to date team points
 - The team with the highest year to date team points plays the team with the lowest year to date team points