

2025 GOLeaF Expanded Rules

How to Join

- Visit the league website (thegoleaf.com) to register or click [HERE](#) for a direct link to the registration form.
- Registration closes April 15th!
- Anyone can join this league, so please invite your friends!
 - In 2025 we are restricting the league to the Denver metro area.
- Remember this is a FOR FUN league, with a little competition, and an opportunity to grow the passion for golf with our friends.

Regular Season Play

- League play will last from May to August, followed by a league tournament in September
 - Six rounds of golf will need to be played from May to August.
 - Six courses have been predetermined based on geographical locations and similar course ratings for the entire season and can be played whenever.
 - The six courses for the 2025 Season are:
 1. **Northwest: Legacy Ridge**
 2. **North: Thorncreek**
 3. **Northeast: Riverdale Dunes**
 4. **Southwest: The Meadows**
 5. **South: Highlands Ranch GC**
 6. **Southeast: SaddleRock**
 - You may play all six rounds at the same course, or you can play any combination that you choose.
 - If course conflicts arise this year, they will be noted and adjusted for the 2026 season.
 - Additionally, since this year we are testing schedule and course flexibility the league has the right to remove this feature in the 2026 season and revert back to a specific course(s) each month (what was used in 2024).
- Everyone must play with at least one other person in the league for a round to count each month.
 - No one is allowed to play by themselves.
 - Everyone **MUST** “attest” each other’s score in The Grint after the round has been played. But only for the people you play with each round.
- You **MUST** let the Secretary know when you are playing a round that will count for the league **PRIOR** to playing the round. The importance of the round’s stakes must be known before teeing off.
- If a round is cancelled or delayed due to weather players must notify the Secretary of the rescheduled round or status of the delay.
- League rules will mirror USGA rules, expect those rules specifically mentioned in this document.

Beginning and End-of-Season Play

- In May the league will host an *OPTIONAL* gathering for all league members to meet each other and have fun.
 - Currently looking to have the event on May 4th (Weather Permitting)

- Once the league size and participants are finalized, the course and times will be announced.
- September will be our end of year tournament; **Currently considering 9/5-9/7**
 - The format will be one round dedicated to the league (points will be 1.5x compared to the normal season), one closing round in a Ryder Cup format and an optional round for fun.
 - Day one will be an optional round on Friday. It will be a scramble for those wanting to practice the course before playing on Saturday.
 - Day two will be the final day of the league's season and used to figure out the winner(s) for the 2025 GOLeaf season.
 - Point values are 1.5x on Saturday (ie. 10 = 15 for winning)
 - At the conclusion of the round, we will have a lunch/dinner to finalize results and present awards.
 - If you are unable to make the end of season tournament, you must play your final round prior to the first round of the yearly tournament.
 - This requires league approval and you will also be assessed a 5 point penalty since you are unable to attend the tournament.
 - You will still be given the 1.5x multiplier for your final round of golf.
 - Day three will be used for a fun round using a Ryder Cup format or weather makeups based on day two conditions.
 - The Top two players will be team Captains and players will alternate in snake format based on final rankings.
 - Additional price/pot money can be considered for this round.

Scoring

- We will use a single point system each month to determine people's place.
 - Example: 10 people in a league = 10 points for first place down to 1 point for last place.
 - Points will be added bi-weekly to figure out placement throughout the season.
 - Example: 8 points first round, 5 points the next rounds means you have 13 points so far in the season.
- If someone is unable to get in all six rounds during the regular season of play, they will forfeit that round for the season or have points deducted.
 - You will receive 0 points for the first forfeiture and -4 point will be deducted from your season total points for each additional forfeiture.
 - Example: You miss three rounds; you will have -8 points removed from your yearly score/standings. If you have 18 points on the season, you will finish with 10.
- The Grint will automatically apply your handicap against the golf course's handicap each round, and then it will figure out your score at the end of your round.
 - This enables us to figure out member's score and standings throughout the season.
 - Net Score (Handicap Index), Net Score (Course Handicap), Gross Score.
 - This means if you shoot a 95, and your handicap for the course is a 17, 95-17 will give you a final score of 78 for the round.
- Gross Score will be what is used for positioning, but we will also keep track of everyone's Stableford Score as well.
 - Stableford Scoring: 6 points (four strokes under par), 5 points (three strokes under par), 4 points (two strokes under par), 3 points (one stroke under par), 2 points (even par), 1 point (one stroke over par), 0 points (two or more strokes over par).
 - Example: If you end your round with 1 birdie (3 points), 2 pars (2 points each), and 4 bogies (1 point each) you will finish with a Stableford Score of 11 for that round.
- Ties will be broken by comparing how many putts people had each round. Fewest putts are the tie breaker.
 - If players are still tied, Stableford scoring will be the tie breaker.
 - If a tie still exists, whoever has the fewest penalty shots (lost balls) will win.
- There will be no cheating.

- First time caught cheating; 5 points will be removed from that round's standing score.
- Second time caught cheating, removal from the league will be up for vote, or else a penalty will be assessed.
 - Penalty could be paying for everyone's round of golf, washing everyone's clubs etc.
- No breakfast balls, mulligans, or gimmie's at any point of the season.
- We will follow USGA golf rules during our play.
 - Please download the app if you anticipate any issues throughout the season.
- If any unforeseen issues arise during the season, bring this to the attention of the President and in season changes might have to be made and new rules applied.

Compensation and Fees

- *If 20 players or less*
 - The yearly fee will be \$150 and \$50 a month June to August (\$300 per person to be paid upfront or \$150 due May 15th and \$150 due July 15th).
- *If over 20 players*
 - The yearly fee will be \$150 and \$50 a month June to August (\$300 per person to be paid upfront or \$150 due May 15th and \$150 due July 15th).
 - The pots will be determined on the size of each Tier, with 10 being the maximum amount of players in Tier A.
- The President will put in \$100 to the Hole-In-One Pot at the beginning of each season.
 - \$25 from everyone's total yearly dues will be added to the H-I-O Pot.
 - The money from the H-I-O Pot will carry over each year until it is won by a player
 - If the entire league agrees, the H-I-O Pot can also be added to the pot for the end of the year or the Ryder Cup winners.
- All money will be paid to the Treasurer, and the Treasurer will keep track of the money and pay all winnings at the end of the season.
- If a Tiered system is used, the money won will decrease in amount from 1st and 2nd place in Tier Aspen, 1st-5th in Tier Evergreen.
 - If we do not have a tiered system due to league size, the top 5 players will receive a payout.
 - **Non-Tiered Example:** 20 players, \$300 each, H-I-O pot \$500 (\$600 with President's donation) \$5,500 to be divided for Top 5 players
 - Payouts - \$2,000, \$1,250, \$1,000, \$750, \$500
 - **Tiered Example:** 30 Players, H-I-O pot \$750 (\$850 with President's donation)
 - Tier Aspen: \$2,750 Pot to be divided for Top 2 players: \$2,000 and \$750
 - Tier Evergreen: \$5,500 to be divided for Top 5 players: \$2,000, \$1,250, \$1,000, \$750, \$500
- Payouts will be finalized before May 1st.
- If people wish to do side betting during their rounds with the people that they are playing with, that is approved but will not go into the pot for the whole year.
 - People must agree to the side bet with the people they are playing with.
 - One putt poker or whatever side bet game you want to use is approved.
 - Payments will be made when the round is over, and money to be played for is between the people doing the side bet.

Additional League Information

- Players can play with anyone they wish during their round's play, even if they aren't in the same Tier.
 - Your score will go against the other people in your Tier.
- When playing your round, it is your own personal choice to walk or ride.

- If you choose to walk, understand that everyone else might decide to ride and that is then on you and your own game.
- If we have 20 or less players
 - We will have all players in the same pool for play and payouts will take place at the end of the year for the top 5 players.
- If we have over 20 players, the league will play on a tiered system and placement in each tier will be based on people's handicaps.
 - Tier A will be named Aspen and Tier B will be named Evergreen.
 - Tier Aspen will have the top 10 players with lower handicaps.
 - Tier Evergreen will have the higher handicap players.
 - This will enable everyone to stay competitive, level the playing field and payout opportunities.
- At the end of the year, the bottom two players from Tier Aspen will be relegated to Tier Evergreen, and the top two players in Tier Evergreen will be promoted to Tier Aspen for the upcoming year.
 - Similar to what is used in English football.

League Requirements

- Everyone must have an account on The Grint, found in the app store on iOS and Android.
- Everyone must upload all scores onto The Grint and keep an official USGA Handicap.
 - Minimum of 10 scores uploaded to have an accurate handicap.
 - If you are unable to recall your Handicap, please upload courses you've played and your estimated score.
 - You can purchase an official USGA Handicap with The Grint.
 - Colorado Handicap Season is from March 15th until November 15th.
- Each round submitted on The Grint will be recorded into the league spreadsheet to calculate points and overall standings.
 - Adding each other as friends on The Grint will allow you to see each other's scores etc. throughout the season.
- **Players must keep track of your strokes, putts, and penalty shots. These are used for tie breakers.**
- Standings will be posted bi-weekly on the group chat and website.
- Each member is recommended to have WhatsApp to allow for a streamlined communication channel.
- You MUST let the Secretary know when you are playing a round that will count for the league PRIOR to playing the round. The importance of the round's stakes must be known before teeing off.
 - Letting the Secretary know will also allow them to keep track of your scores for the season.
- You may play with someone else in the league for one of their six rounds, even after you have finished all six of your rounds, but you will NOT be able to replace rounds you have already played.
- There will be no improving of your scores once a round has been played.
- With The Grint, one person can keep track of everyone's score during a round, or each person can upload their own score with their own app. Again, attesting the scores after the round is critical to league integrity.
 - Tip: The app provides features for you to keep track of the direction you miss tee shots, when you hit into fairway or greenside bunkers, or when you must drop a ball due to a penalty stroke or for hitting into a hazard. All are helpful for the league and for your own growth as a golfer.

League Officers

- Three positions: President, Secretary, and Treasurer
 - Elections for positions will be in January prior to the upcoming season.
 - Positions will be held for two years unless a position must be changed.
- President: Responsible for the entire league's rules, voting, and members experience.
- Secretary: Responsible for tracking scheduling rounds, scoring, and total standings.
- Treasurer: Responsible for collecting and distributing yearly dues and winnings.
 - In the event of an absence of a League Officer, the remaining officers may conduct the duties of the absent officer until that officer returns or is replaced.
- A Committee of three members for course selection will be used if courses need to be changed in the future.