

# Lakes Ryder Cup Bylaws

## Player Roster & Team Structure

- **Annual Goal:** 24 confirmed players (12 per team)
- **Current Format:** 16 players (8 per team)
- **Team Consistency:** Players remain on the same team year after year
- **Returning Players:** Must confirm participation annually.
- **Non-returning Players:** Moved to a **waiting list**
- **Open Spots:** Filled via **draft**
- **Losing team** from previous year gets **first pick**
- **Trades** between captains are allowed
- **GHIN** Handicap is required

## Payment

- **Down payment to play - \$200 Due FEB 8th, 2026 - Payment paid to team Captain**
- **Clothing - Goal is max \$200**
- **Lodging - Thursday - Sunday (Price TBD)**
- **Betting will be determined year by year. 2025 \$125 per person**

## Captains & Format Rules

- **Captains** oversee team management, draft picks, and trades
- **Tournament Format** only changes if **both captains agree**
- **Tournament Scoring:** 3 Points for every match. 1 Point for Front 9, 1 Point for Back 9, 1 Point for overall match. Any Ties are ½ a point.
- **Match Format** (default):
  - **Friday**
    - **Round 1:** 2 vs 2 match play
      - *Both scores count toward the team result*
    - **Round 2:** 1 vs 1 match play
      - *Head-to-head individual matches*
  - **Saturday**
    - **Round 3:** 2 vs 2 match play
      - *Both scores count again*
    - **Round 4:** 1 vs 1 match play
      - *Final individual matchups to close the event*
- **Round Transition Gatherings:**
- After **Rounds 1, 2, and 3**, there will be a **lunch or dinner gathering**. These gatherings include the **announcement of player assignments** for the next round.
- **Submission of Pairings:** Before each session, the team that is losing will submit their player, then the winning team will match. Then the winning team will throw out a guy then the losing team will match. Repeated snake draft until all players are picked. They do not know the opposing team's pairings until they are announced, which adds a layer of strategy to their decisions.

## Course Rotation

- **Alternating Locations:**
  - One year in the **Brainerd Lakes area**
  - Next year is an **away event**
- **Next Year's Location** is announced at the **award ceremony** following the current Lakes Ryder Cup
- **LRC will always be played the 2nd weekend in August. (Friday and Saturday).**

**2026-** Aug 7-8, 2026 - Grand View Lodge (Pines, Preserve)

**2025-** Eagle Creek, Dakotah Ridge, Redwood Valley, Dakotah Ridge

**2024-** Madden's, Craguns