

GOLF LEAGUE

Rules and Regulations

1. INTRODUCTION

The Golf League (hereafter referred to as the “League”) is formed to promote friendly competition, exercise, relaxation, and fun while improving the skills and understanding of the rules of golf.

2. ELIGIBILITY & FEES

The League is open to all current and former personnel (military, civilian, and contractor) of SPAWARSCEN ATLANTIC-NORFOLK (or NAVMASSO). Additionally, the League is open to anyone who has competed in at least ½ of the weekly league outings for the previous 2 years. Candidates under this requirement for membership must be approved by at least 2/3 of the voting membership. The League membership runs from February 1st through January 31st. A \$10 non-refundable initiation fee must be paid to gain membership, paid prior to participation in any League play. All members must have a handicap to participate in League Play. See Section 3, HANDICAPS.

3. HANDICAPS

The League will maintain member handicaps throughout the year. Handicaps will be calculated following USGA and VSGA Handicapping Guidelines except where modified in this document. Scorecards for **all rounds** played will be turned into the League for calculation and maintenance of handicaps. Members are responsible for determining if out-of-state rounds are being played in-season for that area. The scorecard should be complete with full name, date of play, and tees played. Members may request the return of the scorecard once the round has been registered.

Members from the previous year will carry over their last handicap from the previous year. New members (without an established League handicap) should provide as many scores as possible for their last 20 rounds (played during in-season), with a minimum of 5 scores. The rounds should include course name, gross and adjusted scores (see further in this section for calculation of adjusted scores), date played, tees played, and, if not a local course, course and slope ratings. New players (without an established handicap or scores to provide to the League) will have their handicaps calculated when five in-season scores have been submitted. The rounds should include course name, gross and adjusted scores, date played, tees played, and, if not a local course, course and slope ratings. The maximum handicap is 36. The maximum handicap for League competition is 35.

Handicaps will be calculated on the 1st and 15th of each month and will remain the same for all play. The only exception is once a new member has logged 5 scores so that an established handicap may be calculated, that individual's handicap will be calculated.

All handicaps will be calculated based upon the course and slope ratings for the tees from where the round was played.

4. LEAGUE PLAY

League season is from 1 April to 30 September. A League outing is defined as a round set up for the League's weekly play – normally on a Wednesday afternoon. In the event of inclement weather (or other circumstances that dictate an alternate day), the League outing may be scheduled for another day. Only one outing per week will be sanctioned as the League outing. All League outings are counted as League rounds. The League will employ a Low-Net Average system to determine the League Champion. All

League round scores will be maintained during the League season. The member with the lowest net average for league rounds (minimum of 10 rounds) will be designated as the League Champion.

Executive and “par 3” courses will not be used for League standings (with the exception that 1 round from the Woodlands may be used for League play). The League committee reserves the right to refuse a score if they determine it comes from a course not worthy of League play.

League rounds will be played from the tees closest to 6250 yards, but not longer than 6400 yards.

5. LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

A League Tournament will be held following the end of the League season for all members and their guests. Guests will be charged an entry fee of \$5. This fee may be waived by the Executive Committee, depending on the circumstances and anticipated costs of the tournament. The tournament will be held on the first Wednesday of October with the second and third Wednesdays of the month to be used as alternates for inclement weather. The tournament will be a 1-day, 2-round affair. All league members are eligible for the tournament championship.

The Tournament Champion will be determined by the lowest total net scores of the 2 rounds. In the event of a tie for first place, the low net score of the second round will determine the champion. If still tied, the lowest net score of the 18th hole of the second round will be used, then the 17th, and so forth until a champion is determined.

The tournament field for the first round will be seeded in accordance with the final standings of the net averages. The second round will be seeded in accordance with the net scores of the first round. Additionally,

The Executive Committee, or a committee designated by the Executive Committee, will organize the League Tournament. The League committee will determine awards.

6. RULES

Play shall be in accordance with current USGA rules, modified by local rules as shown on the scorecard and/or as follows:

Maximum strokes per hole for score card entry: For all League play and scoring for handicap submission, the maximum number of strokes allowed per hole is **6 over par**.

The USGA ruling for lost ball or out-of-bounds balls calls for a penalty of stroke-and-distance (a penalty stroke is assessed and the ball is played from where it was last struck). If the struck ball is suspected to be lost or out-of-bounds, an **announced** provisional ball may be played. If the originally struck ball is found or determined to be in-bounds, the provisional ball is picked up and play continues. However, if the originally struck ball is determined to be lost or out-of-bounds, use of the provisional ball incurs a one-stroke penalty. If the player did not elect to play a provisional ball, and later determines that his ball is lost or out-of-bounds, the player may either return to where the ball was last struck and replay the ball (1-stroke penalty), or drop a ball two club lengths from where the ball entered the area where the ball was lost, or two club lengths from where the ball entered the out-of-bounds area (2-stroke penalty).

In the event that a course restricts electric/gas carts to cart-path-only, a player may elect to pick up, clean, and replace his ball so long as the ball is positioned in the fairway of the hole he is playing.

If it is unknown if a designated “drop area” is provided on par-3’s, the member may use the shortest set of tees available on that hole as a “drop area”. If it is discovered that a “drop area” is provided, the member must pick up his previously played ball and play from the “drop area”. The player always has the option of replaying his tee shot with a one-stroke penalty.

7. HANDICAP COMMITTEE.

A Handicap Committee, consisting of 3 League members, will be elected by the membership. The committee will serve as a governing body for any and all matters of contention within the League to include overseeing handicap computations. Upon submitting membership fees during the month of January, League members will also submit 3 names to fill this committee. The 3 members receiving the most submissions will serve on the committee from February 1st through January 31st of the next year.

This year's committee is Bill G., Carl N and Ron W.

8. VOTING.

All changes to the League Rules must approved by a vote of the membership. A majority of the voting members is required for any change.

9. CLOSING.

The purpose of this League is to enjoy some exercise, relaxation, fun, and friendly competition. If we keep this in mind, we should have many enjoyable seasons. If anyone has any problems, suggestions, or complaints, please feel free to give any Handicap committee member a call.

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