

Oaks Senior Golf League By-Laws for 2018

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1. Mission Statement

- The Oaks Senior League is comprised of golfers age 55 and older. Our purpose is to bring together like-minded seniors for the enjoyment of some light-hearted competition. We hope to bring golfers together at all levels of skill for camaraderie and fellowship. We play an 18-hole round on Thursday mornings at The Oaks Golf Course.

2. Membership

- League membership is open to all golfers that meet the age limitation. League members must also be a member in good standing as a CandiaOaks Traditional, Oaks Only Traditional or Evergreen Member. Also, in the event that all applicants to the league cannot be accommodated, prior year league members will have priority over new applicants.
- League membership requires payment of annual dues determined by the League Commissioner.
- Members will be required to pay greens fees and cart fees as determined by the League Commissioner.
- The League has a pre-season scramble on 5/17/18. Start date is 5/24/18
- Prospective league members must register with the league commissioner NLT 5/3/18.

3. Team/League Structure

- Teams will be comprised of two players. Team members will assume the A and B position within their team with the A player having the higher quota of the two. If quotas are equal, then the players will be positioned alphabetically by last name. Teams will be formed either by two potential members submitting their names as a team, or by a single player submitting his/her name. The league commissioner will pair singles with another player whenever possible.
- The 55+ Senior league will be divided into two separate Divisions, the American League Division (AL), and the National League Division (NL). The two divisions will be divided into East and West Flights.
- After all teams are registered, and the commissioner has established starting handicap indexes, teams will be listed, lowest to highest, by their total team index. The league will be split in half, as evenly as possible. The top tier teams will go into the AL, and the bottom tier teams will go into the NL. The Leagues must end up with an even number of teams. Example: If the total number of teams is 34, the split would not work at 17 teams per League. The split would have to be 18 AL, 16 NL or vice versa. The total number of teams in each League must be an even number to allow for weekly scheduling.
- Competition during the regular season will match teams within their divisions.
- In the event a team loses a member during the season, the remaining member may choose a replacement, or the commissioner may assign a replacement. The replacement player's quota will not affect which division the team is positioned in. That team will remain in the division they began the season in.
- The regular season will end after 13 weeks of competition. Competition for low gross, and most points won individually will also be determined at this time. Should there be a tie for either of these awards, the tie-break will be carried over to the playoff round where we would look for a clear winner. If none, then match cards after that round for a low gross score winner starting at the first hole played that round.
- The playoffs seeding will be selected as follows:
 - #1 seeds (four total) = Winners of AL East, AL West, NL East, NL West.
 - #2 seeds (four total) = Two Wildcard teams will be selected from the AL Division and two from the NL Division. The Wildcard seeds will be awarded to teams with the highest point totals within their respective divisions.
- Week 1 of playoffs:

AL East vs AL Wildcard, AL West vs AL Wildcard, NL East vs NL Wildcard, NL West vs NL Wildcard. Note: The week 1 Wildcard match-ups are selected via blind draw. Teams that are eliminated from playoffs are eligible for a quota competition the following weeks.

- Week 2 of playoffs:
Winners of AL match-ups vs. each other
Winners of NL match-ups vs. each other
- Week 3 of playoffs:
AL winners vs. NL winners
- While the playoff teams are playing their matches, the remaining players will compete for the best quota record over the first two playoff weeks. This is an aggregate score of the two weeks.
- In week 3 of the playoffs, those teams not vying for the League Championship will compete in a scramble format, or other format as chosen by the Commissioner.
- The tie-break for any ties between teams during the playoffs will be low team best ball starting at handicap hole #1, and continuing to each successive hole until there is a clear winner.
- The player with the most points accumulated throughout the course of the league will qualify for the Bud Light League shootout.

4. Scoring Format

- Quota points are earned during the round by scoring:
0 points for Double Bogey (pick up your ball)
1 point for Bogey
2 points for Par
4 points for Birdie
8 points for Eagle
- Your initial quota is set by the commissioner. He or She will determine your USGA handicap index and set a quota score for you after calculating your course handicap based on your chosen tee. Once established, your course handicap will be subtracted from 36 to establish your quota score. Example: Your course handicap equals 22. Subtract 22 from 36 and you end up with a 14 quota score. Your starting quota for the season is set at 14. The minimum quota for men is 4, and for ladies it's 4 regardless of course handicap. Players must select their preference for white or green tees on or before (5/17/18). Thereafter, they will play from their initial tee selected.
- After your initial quota score is established, your quota score will be adjusted on the 1st and 15th of each month after your GHIN handicap index has been updated.
- **NEW for 2018** - 9 points are available each week within a match.
- Players/teams will be competing each week in head-to-head competition against a player/team within their division. You, individually, will attempt to equal or better your quota score. Your opponent will do the same, and the player with the best score in relation to the starting quota will win 1 point for the Front 9, 1 point for the Back 9, and 1 point for the 18 Holes. All ties will receive .5 points.
- This scoring system allows you and your partner to win up to 3 points each. There is another 3 points available for the team and that occurs when comparing the total team quota earned against the opposing team's total quota earned for the Front 9, Back 9, and 18 Holes.
- Whenever a team is short a player, that missing player will be recorded with a -4 quota earned for calculating the team point. The unopposed player will receive the match points.
- Whenever both players on a team are not present for play, the opponents will receive 9 points for the match after completing their rounds.

5. Rules of Play

- Teeing Ground: Men will select the tee they wish to play (White or Green) prior to the opening match of the season. **Once they make their choice, they will play from that tee for the entire season.** Ladies will play from the gold tees.
- USGA Handicap Rule 3-5 is in effect for players competing from different sets of tees.
 - Players playing from forward set of tees will have handicap adjusted down based on the rating difference from back tees. **[Click Here to see full explanation.](#)**
- All play will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf except as listed below:
- Preferred lies, up to 12" no nearer the hole are permitted in the fairway of the hole being played.
- All wooded areas are considered hazards and any ball lost in those areas will be played as a ball in a hazard IAW USGA Rule 26b. A new ball will be dropped on the edge of the woods, and play will resume from there.
- The Commissioner has the option to invoke a local rule at his/her discretion
- Disputes arising on the course should be resolved before teeing off on the next hole whenever possible. If necessary, a second ball could be played and both scores recorded until an official ruling can be made.
- Golfers/Groups who continually play slow golf may be penalized 2 quota points per round. For the enjoyment of all players, please maintain a proper pace of play.

6. Equitable Stroke Control

- The league is a quota league. The course staff will post all scores, for each hole, to the GHIN system. Once your initial quota has been set, adjustments will be made on the 1st and 15th of each month in relation to changes in your GHIN index and your computed course handicap.
- In our point quota format 0 points are awarded for Double Bogey or higher, therefore for the enjoyment of all players and to keep a good pace of play, players will be required to pick up after Double Bogey. In the event you do pick up after Double Bogey, proceed under Section 4-1 of the Handicap Manual for unfinished holes, place an X with your most likely score, cannot put more than your ESC. **[Click Here to see full explanation.](#)**
- ESC sets a limit to the number of strokes a player can take on a hole depending on Course Handicap. Apply ESC to all scores, including tournament scores.
Below is the maximum number a player can take:

<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9

7. Prizes

- During the playing season, there are prizes awarded for closest to the pin on all par 3s. Each week the winners will receive a \$25 pro-shop credit.
- Your initial dues paid will go toward paying for weekly prizes, end of year prizes, and also the banquet. The following achievements will be rewarded at the banquet in amounts decided by the League Commissioner:
 - Overall winner of the League Finals, AL Division Vs. NL Division
 - Runner-up in the League finals, AL Division Vs. NL Division
 - Runner-ups in the Division Finals (2 teams from week 2 of the playoffs)
 - High Quota winner from the playoff rounds.
 - Playoffs-Week 3 scramble winners.
 - Low gross score for the year during the regular season.

Most individual points earned in each of the 4 Flights during the regular season. The player with the most points accumulated throughout the course of the league will qualify for the Bud Light League shootout.

8. Tee Times

- Our league plays 18 holes each week with tee times starting at approximately 7:00 am and concluding after all matches are on the course. Groups go out every nine minutes.
- Tee times are set at the beginning of the year for the entire season. This gives you the ability to see the entire season's times in advance. If you see a time that may create a scheduling conflict, please let the Commissioner now so that your time can be adjusted. Special tee time requests can be accommodated given enough lead time. Please try to work out any conflicts as soon as you can.
- Special tee time requests for the entire season should be brought to the Commissioner during registration.

9. Substitutes

- Substitutes are welcome to play in your absence. A list of known substitute golfers is maintained on the website. If you choose a sub not known to the league the Commissioner needs a GHIN handicap card whenever possible. If that's not possible, then an accurate representation of this persons playing abilities is necessary.

10. By-Laws

- These by-laws are in effect for the 2018 season. No changes will be made until the season concludes unless determined to be necessary by the commissioner.

11. Schedule

Week	Date	Day
Pre-Season Day	5/17	Thursday
1	5/24	Thursday
2	5/31	Thursday
3	6/7	Thursday
4	6/14	Thursday
5	6/21	Thursday
6	6/28	Thursday
7	7/5	Thursday
8	7/12	Thursday
9	7/19	Thursday
10	7/26	Thursday
11	8/2	Thursday
12	8/9	Thursday
13	8/16	Thursday
Week 1 of Playoffs	8/23	Thursday
Week 2 of Playoffs	8/30	Thursday
Week 3 of Playoffs and Banquet	9/6	Thursday