

OAKS MASTERS LEAGUE BY-LAWS

MISSION STATEMENT

The Oaks Masters League is comprised of golfers of all levels. Our purpose is to bring together like minded golfers for the experience of some fairly competitive golf. We play nine hole rounds of golf on tuesdays 4:30pm shotgun start. Our format is 2 Person Team Match Play with handicaps. We flight our teams based on team total handicaps ranging for lowest to highest handicaps.

MEMBERSHIP & ELIGIBILITY

An oaks membership is not a prerequisite for participation in the league, however current members have priority over non-members should there be a need to limit membership. In the event that all applicants to the league cannot be accommodated, prior league members will have a priority over new applicants.

League membership requires payment of annual dues determined by oaks management. The annual dues (league fees) include: weekly greens fees for match weeks, league prizes, league banquet and handicap. **See dues chart below.** Prospective league members must register with The Oaks at least one week prior to the start of league play.

TEAM/LEAGUE STRUCTURE

- 2 Person Teams
 - Low Handicap is the A Player
 - High Handicap is the B Player
- Sign up as a team or as a single and we will do our best pair you up
 - *If The Oaks is unable to pair up singles, they will be added to the substitute list*

The league will be divided into flights ranging from lowest team handicaps to highest team handicaps as stated above. Competition during the season will match teams within their flights. In the event a team loses a member during the season the remaining member may choose a replacement or the Oaks Management may assign a replacement if one is available. The replacement player's handicap will not affect which flight the team is positioned in.

SCORING FORMAT

Within each match there will be three possible points earned each round.

- 1 Point for A vs. A Match
- 1 Point for B vs. B Match
- 1 Point for Team vs. Team Match

The scorecards each week will reflect the handicaps of each player. The strokes during the match will be designated by dots. A **RED** dot will represent the individual matches between players A & B players. A **BLACK** dot will represent the team match.

RULES OF PLAY

Teeing ground: Men play from the White Tees. Woman play from the Green Tees. Men 70 and over may play the Green Tees if they wish. Once a tee box is chosen by the player, the must play the same set of tees throughout the league season.

All play will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf.

Preferred lies, up to 12" no nearer the hole, are permitted in the fairway of the hole being played.

THE OAKS MANAGEMENT HAS THE OPTION TO INVOKE A LOCAL RULE AT THEIR 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.

PRIZES

During the playing season there are prizes awarded for closest to the pin on all par 3's. Each week the winners will receive a \$10 pro shop credit.

The spring and summer seasons will be comprised of 8 weeks. The first place team will be the team with the most points earned during the season. Prizes will be awarded to the first place team. In the event of a tie a one shot per team member closest to the pin on a hole determined by the commissioner will win first place.

New for 2019: We will be paying out in shop credit the 1st Place Team Gross & Net Best Ball weekly for each division. \$10 Per Player is the payout.

SUBSTITUTES

Substitutes are welcome to play in your absence. If you choose a sub not known to the league the commission needs a USGA handicap card whenever possible. If that is not possible, then an accurate representation of this persons playing ability is necessary.

The player who is going to be absent or his teammate is responsible for finding a sub. If unable to find a sub that player will forfeit their head to head match point. If both players are absent and unable to find subs they will forfeit all 3 points.

If any other above applies please find the league commissioner ASAP so the necessary scorecard adjustments can be made before tee off.

INCLIMATE WEATHER / WEATHER DELAYS

As always we play rain or shine unless The Oaks deems the course unplayable or unsafe to continue the match. If called off the course (horn sounds) all players must return to the starting area ASAP. Oaks Staff will then determine if or when play will resume. All players must wait 15 minutes before leaving or they will forfeit their match. If both teams leave before the 15 minutes no points will be awarded.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE

First Half

April 30 - Opening Scramble (**\$5 per person entry to Sal or Keith for Scramble**)

May 7- Spring Season Week 1

May 14- Spring Season Week 2

May 21- Spring Season Week 3

May 28- Spring Season Week 4

June 4- Spring Season Week 5

June 11- Spring Season Week 6

June 18- Spring Season Week 7

June 25- Spring Season Week 8

Second Half

July 9- Summer Season Week 1

July 16- Summer Season Week 2

July 23- Summer Season Week 3

July 30- Summer Season Week 4

August 6- Summer Season Week 5

August 13- Summer Season Week 6

August 20 – Summer Season week 7

August 27- Summer Season Week 8

September 3 – Championship Match/Closing Scramble/League Banquet (**\$5 per person entry to Sal or Keith for Scramble**)

September 10th - League Rain Date for Championship Match/Closing Scramble/League Banquet

WE WILL NOT BE PLAYING A LEAGUE MATCH ON JULY 2, 2019. Happy 4th of July!

LEAGUE DUES & DEADLINES

Masters League Entry Fee – All Players – Due by 4/15/19- \$109

League entry fee includes weekly prizes during match weeks, end of year prizes, banquet & GHIN Activation. All players must have an active handicap. Unless you have already paid for you handicap for 2019. GHIN is included with CandiaOaks Traditional Membership (Oaks Only, Evergreen and Preferred Players not included.) *If GHIN is already paid the entry fee is then \$79.*

Evergreen Members 1st Half Greens Fees – Due by 4/15/19 - \$160.00

Evergreen Members 2nd Half Greens Fees – Due by 7/1/19 - \$160.00

Evergreen League Prepaid Cart - \$112*(save \$16)

Preferred Player 1st Half Greens Fees – Due by 4/15/19 - \$184

Preferred Player 2nd Half Greens Fees – Due by 7/1/19 - \$184

Preferred Player League Prepaid Cart - \$144*(save \$16)

*League carts are NOT required to be prepaid. Carts are available for \$8/\$10 per person per week. \$8 cart is for Evergreen and Full Members without cart passes; \$10 cart is for Preferred Players. Greens fees must be prepaid, either by the half or in full on or before the deadline(s) above.

2019 Rules of Golf

As of January 1st, 2019 there have been some changes to the rules of golf. Please see below some of the major changes and a link to a USGA Video that summarizes the changes. A new local rule that The Oaks is adopting in all league and tournament play is the new "Stroke & Distance rule" this is an additional option to the hitting from original spot: see below the diagram. Any questions, please ask The Oaks Staff.

[USGA Rules of Golf Video](#)

[Click Here](#)

GOLF'S NEW RULES: KEY CHANGES

The R&A and the USGA have released golf's new Rules, effective January 1, 2019. Here are five of the most significant changes.

How to Drop a Ball

Drop your ball from knee height into the relief area.



Time for Ball Search



Repairing Spike Marks



Leaving Flagstick in the Hole

If you make a stroke from the green, and your ball hits the flagstick in the hole, there is no penalty.



Relaxed Rules in Penalty Area

You are allowed to ground your club and move loose impediments in penalty areas, an expanded concept of water hazards that does not include bunkers.



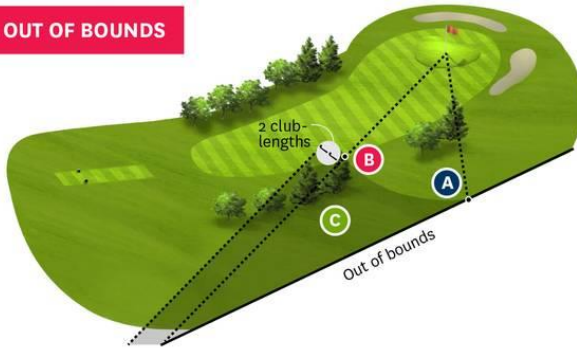
For more information on golf's new Rules, please visit usga.org or randa.org.



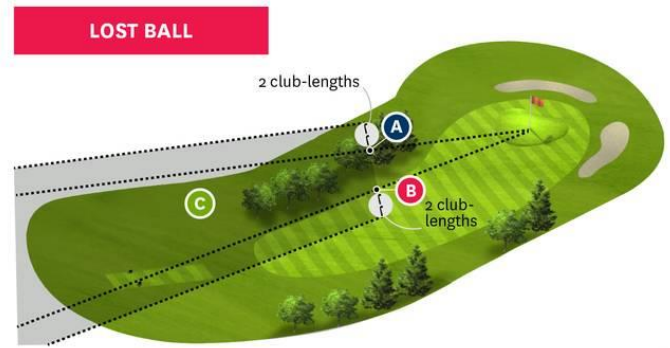
GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

A **DETERMINE SPOT** where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

B **FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE** no closer to the hole.

C **DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA** as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.



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