

Oaks 55+ Members League

Mission Statement

The Oaks 55+ Members 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.

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 Candia Oaks 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 requires payment of league entry fee of \$100 or \$130 with GHIN activation.
- Players will be required to pay greens fees and cart fees as applicable to their membership type.
- The League has a pre-season scramble on 5/9/19. Start date for matches is 5/16/19
- Prospective league members must register with the league commissioner by 4/25/19.

Team/League Structure & Playoffs

Teams will be comprised of two players. 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 if possible. If singles cannot be paired, they will be placed on the sub list.

- **The 55+ Members League will be divided into two separate Divisions,**
 - American League Division (AL)
 - National League Division (NL).
 - The two divisions will then be divided into East and West Flights.
- Once teams are registered, we will split the divisions from lowest team handicap to highest and split them as close as possible. We will do our best to have even teams registered to avoid having a bye week.
- 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 Team Quota Matches will take place for 13 weeks.**
- **The Playoffs Seeding will be as follows:**
 - #1 seeds (four total) = Winners of AL East, AL West, NL East, NL West.
 - #2 seeds (four total) = 2 Wildcard teams will be selected in the AL Division & 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 individual point quota competition during Week 1 & 2 of Playoff Weeks.*

Week 2 of playoffs:

- Winners of AL match-ups vs. each other
- Winners of NL match-ups vs. each other
- *Teams that are eliminated from playoffs are eligible for an individual point quota competition*

Week 3 of playoffs:

- AL winners vs. NL winners
- League Participants not playing in the League Championship will compete in a 4 person scramble format.

The tie-break for playoff matches in playoff weeks 1 & 2 will be a match of cards using the USGA Recommended Method of Total Last 9, Last 6, Last 3 and finally 18th hole. This is scored Team Best Ball Net. Week 3 Finals tie break will be a sudden death playoff starting at Hole #1, Team Best Ball Net.

Scoring Format – 2 Person Point Quota Match (54 Base)

A 54 Base Quota Format will determine the scoring for the league. See the point breakdown below:

- 0 Points for Triple Bogey (PICK UP YOUR BALL)
- 1 Point for Double Bogey
- 2 Points for Bogey
- 3 Points for Par
- 5 Points for Birdie
- 8 Points for Eagle

- Your point quota is determined by your Course Handicap in the GHIN System. You take the Base Quota of 54 and subtract your handicap to produce a quota. See example below:
 - Course Handicap is a 22.
 - 54 (base) – 22 (handicap) = 32 quota points needed
- USGA Handicap Manual has a set max handicap index for Men at 36.4 and for Ladies at 40.4.
 - *There will no longer be a minimum quota with this format.*
 - Your quota will be adjusted with the GHIN Revision schedule.

Weekly Point Quota Match Points

- 3 points are available each week within a match.
- Teams will compete each week in head-to-head competition against a team within their division. Your team will attempt to equal or better your team quota score. Your opponent will do the same, and the team with the best score in relation to the starting quota will win 1 point for Front 9, 1 point for Back 9, and 1 point for the 18 Holes.
 - All ties will receive .5 points.
 - *The Singles A & B Matches have been removed.*
- Substitutes are highly encouraged and available; however, in the event that a team is missing a player, that missing player will be recorded with a -4 quota earned for calculating the team point (-2 front and -2 back).
- If both players on a team are not present for play, the opponents will receive all 3 points.

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 a forward set of tees will have handicap adjusted down based on the rating difference from the back tees. **[Click Here to see full explanation.](#)**
- All play will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf except as listed below ***(See 2019 New Rules Attached):***
 - 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 that continually play slow may be penalized 2 quota points per round. For the enjoyment of all players, please maintain a proper pace of play.

Equitable Stroke Control

- In our point quota format 0 points are awarded for Triple 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 at Triple Bogey. In the event you do pick up at Triple 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 the 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 on any hole based on handicap:

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

Prizes

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 throughout league season & at the league banquet (prizes dependent upon # of players):

- Weekly Closest to Pins awarded \$10 in shop credit
- Weekly Low Team Quota Prizes by Division (**NEW for 2019**)
 - *A low team quota game by division is played weekly in conjunction with the matches.*
- Overall League Champion
- Finals Runner-Up (2nd Place)
- Runner Up from Division Finals Week 2 Playoffs
- Runner Up from Division Playoffs (Week 1 Playoffs) (**NEW for 2019**)
- Individual Point Quota Games from Week 1 & 2 Playoffs for players not in the playoffs.
- Pre-Season Scramble and Week 3 Playoff Scramble Prizes.

Tee Times

- Tee times starting at approximately 7:00am 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 know 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.

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 or a verifiable handicap.

By-Laws

- These by-laws are in effect for the 2019 season. No changes will be made until the season concludes unless determined to be necessary by the commissioner.

Schedule

Week	Date	Day
Pre-Season Day	5/9	Thursday
1	5/16	Thursday
2	5/23	Thursday
3	5/30	Thursday
4	6/6	Thursday
5	6/13	Thursday
6	6/20	Thursday
7	6/27	Thursday
<i>No League</i>	<i>7/4</i>	<i>Happy 4th of July!</i>
8	7/11	Thursday
9	7/18	Thursday
10	7/25	Thursday
11	8/1	Thursday
12	8/8	Thursday
13	8/15	Thursday
Week 1 of Playoffs	8/22	Thursday
Week 2 of Playoffs	8/29	Thursday
Week 3 of Playoffs and Banquet	9/5	Thursday
<i>Rain Date for Playoffs & Banquet</i>	<i>9/12</i>	<i>Thursday</i>

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.



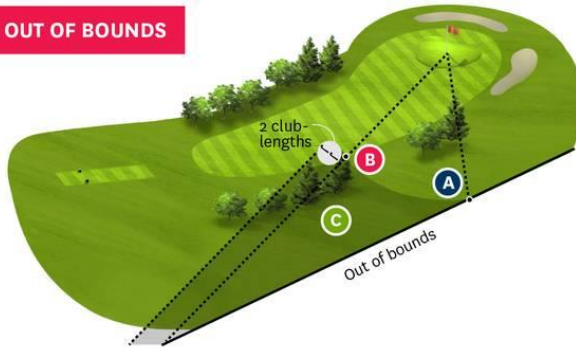
For more information on golf's new Rules, please visit usga.org or randa.org.



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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