

# 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 \$135 with GHIN activation.
- Players will be required to pay greens fees and cart fees as applicable to their membership type.
- Start date for matches is 5/21/20

## 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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.
  - $54 (\text{base}) - 22 (\text{handicap}) = 32$  quota points needed
- USGA Handicap Manual has a set max handicap index of 54.0.
  - *There is no 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.

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 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.

# **Handicapping in 2020 – New World Handicap System Things To Know**

**1. Your Handicap Index *may* change.** But that's ok! Finally, players around the world will have an apples-to-apples handicap. Your new Handicap Index will be more responsive to good scores by averaging your eight best scores out of your most recent 20 (it used to be 10 out of 20 with a .96 multiplier). In short, your Handicap Index will be determined by your demonstrated ability and consistency of scores. In most cases for golfers in the U.S., it will change less than one stroke.

**2. You need to know your Course Handicap.** In the new system, your Course Handicap will be the number of strokes needed to play to par. This will result in greater variance in that number and presents a change, as historically it has represented the number of strokes needed to play to the Course Rating. This is a good thing, as par is an easy number to remember. Target score for the day? Par plus Course Handicap. The Course Rating will now be inherent within the calculation to be more intuitive and account for competing from different tees.

**3. Net Double Bogey.** The maximum hole score for each player will be limited to a Net Double Bogey. This adjustment is more consistent from hole to hole than the Equitable Stroke Control procedure. Net Double Bogey is already used in many other parts of the world and the calculation is simple: Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you receive.

**4. Your Handicap Index will be revised daily.** One way that handicapping is being modernized is a player's Handicap Index will update daily (which will provide a fairer indication of a player's ability in the moment), if the player submitted a score the day before. On days where the player does not submit a score, no update will take place.

**5. Safeguards in the new system.** The new system will limit extreme upward movement of a Handicap Index, automatically and immediately reduce a Handicap Index when an exceptional score of at least 7 strokes better is posted, and account for abnormal course or weather conditions to ensure that scores reflect when a course plays significantly different than its established Course Rating and Slope Rating.

These safeguards help maintain accuracy of a Handicap Index, greater integrity within the system and promote fun and fair play for golfers of all abilities.

## **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
  - *A low team quota game by division is played weekly in conjunction with the matches.*
- Overall League Champion
- Finals Runner-Up (2<sup>nd</sup> Place)
- Runner Up from Division Finals Week 2 Playoffs
- Runner Up from Division Playoffs (Week 1 Playoffs)
- 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 2020 season. No changes will be made until the season concludes unless determined to be necessary by the commissioner.

## **Schedule**

<b>Week</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Day</b>
1	5/21	Thursday
2	5/28	Thursday
3	6/4	Thursday
4	6/11	Thursday
5	6/18	Thursday
6	6/25	Thursday
7	7/2	Thursday
8	7/9	Thursday
9	7/16	Thursday
10	7/23	Thursday
11	7/30	Thursday
12	8/6	Thursday
13	8/13	Thursday
Reg Season Match Rain Date	8/20	Thursday
Week 1 of Playoffs	8/27	Thursday
Week 2 of Playoffs	9/3	Thursday
Week 3 of Playoffs and Banquet	9/12	Thursday
<i>Rain Date for Playoffs &amp; Banquet</i>	<i>9/17</i>	<i>Thursday</i>