

UDRI Golf League Rules and Regulations

1. League Overview

- a. First and foremost, the philosophy of this league is one of friendly, recreational competition.
- b. The league consists of 20 players divided into 10 teams of 2 partners.
- c. Each team will compete for points each night. The team with the most points at the end of the season will be crown league champions.
- d. Format of competition will be specified by the League Commissioner each season.
- e. Partners are assigned randomly at the beginning of the season with the constraint that one cannot have the same partner as in any of the previous 4 seasons.
- f. League play will be conducted on Tuesday night at Community Golf Course on the Dales Course starting with a 5:00 tee time. Nine holes of golf will be played.
- g. League fee is \$30 per person.
- h. Each player is responsible for his/her own greens fees and cart fees.

2. Rain

- a. A rainout will be declared if the course is closed or if the League Commissioner determines that the course is not playable.
- b. Rainouts will be rescheduled near the end of the season, as determined by the League Commissioner.
- c. If one group is rained out, the whole league is rained out.

3. Handicaps

- a. Handicaps are maintained by the League Commissioner for the league. Only league play is considered for handicap calculation.
- b. Handicap is determined by taking 90% of the total strokes over par for the previous 5 rounds and dividing by 5. The number is rounded to a whole number.
- c. New player handicaps are determined as follows:
 - i. 1st night – handicap is 90% of the current night's strokes over par (rounded).
 - ii. 2nd night – handicap is 90% of the total strokes over par for the 1st night and the current night divided by 2 (rounded).
 - iii. 3rd night – handicap is 90% of the total strokes over par for the 1st and 2nd night and the current night divided by 3 (rounded).
 - iv. 4th night – handicap is the same as the 3rd night.
 - v. 5th night – handicap is 90% of the total strokes over par for the first 4 nights divided by 4 (rounded).
- d. Players should always endeavor to play well. Padding of handicap is considered poor sportsmanship

4. Substitutes

- a. For nights when a player cannot play, he/she is responsible for arranging for a substitute player.

- b. The League Commissioner may provide assistance for finding a substitute, but he/she is NOT responsible for arranging for a substitute.
- c. The league player is responsible for paying for the green's fee for the substitute.
- d. The league player is NOT responsible for paying for a substitute's other costs (cart, range balls, beverages, etc.).

5. No-shows

- a. Not showing up for league night and not arranging for a substitute is highly discouraged. At the discretion of the league commissioner, multiple no-shows may result in a player not being invited back to play in the league the following year.
- b. In the event of one or more no-shows in a foursome, scoring schemes will be modified by procedures set forth in the Format Rules.

6. Rules of Play

- a. In general, the spirit of USGA rules will be followed except for the following enumerated league specific rules.
 - i. Out-of-bounds – Player takes a 1 stroke penalty. He/she then takes a drop. The drop can be taken either near where the ball went OB such that there is an unobstructed swing OR anywhere along the path of the errant shot. The ball should not be dropped nearer to the hole than where the ball went OB.
 - ii. Putts – Putts of any length can be conceded by one member of the opposition.
 - iii. Fluffing – For balls not in a hazard, players may improve their lie with the club head (not by hand). Rule of thumb is the ball can be moved approximately 6". Ball cannot be moved from fairway to green or from rough to fairway.
 - iv. Sand – Balls in sand can be picked up, the sand raked and the ball placed back down. A ball in a bunker that has standing water may be dropped outside the bunker without penalty. Drop should be made directly away from the hole.
 - v. Miscellaneous – For any unusual situations, the opposing team will be deemed as referees to resolve the situation in the spirit of friendly, recreational play (eg lost balls in the fairway, stolen balls, strange obstructions, etc).
- b. Men under the age of 65 will play the Blue tees. All others may choose to play the White tees. The decision to play the Blues or Whites will be made prior to teeing off for the first hole and will be binding for the entire season. As an exception, anyone who has a handicap of 25 or more will allowed to (and encouraged to) move up one tee (Blue to White or White to Red).
- c. Players must play all of their shots – there are no pickups. If a player does pickup, the League Commissioner will determine how the round is scored.
- d. Any disputes will be adjudicated by the League Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner.