

Loudon Country Club
Thursday Night Business League
Rules 2018

Format: The team will consist of two men. Play will be match play, 9 holes.

League Representative –

The function of the League Representative is to coordinate the needs of the league and other matters related to the **league rules**. The League Representative can issue rulings with respect to issues that arise concerning these league rules only. If the issue goes outside of these rules or cannot be resolved then a special meeting with the golf committee must be called to resolve the issue.

In match play the decisions concerning rules of golf must be made on the course by the participants at the time of play. Any questions concerning the rules of golf after play can be brought to the pro shop; however the decision cannot be changed after the hole has been completed. Be sure to read the local rules posted in the pro shop before playing. The league representative is not involved in any decisions concerning the rules of golf.

Eligibility: Male LCC members paid in full by the first meeting. Any male non LCC member with an established USGA handicap. All League Members must have a current and paid in full USGA handicap by the first meeting. The minimum age of the league is 18.

Fees: League fee of \$50.00 to be paid in full by first meeting. The fee for the USGA handicap of \$37.00 is also due at the first meeting. Greens fees for non LCC members will be \$19.00 and an additional \$13.00 for carts. **THE MEETING IS AT 6:00 PM ON APRIL 12th AND THE FIRST WEEK OF PLAY IS ON APRIL 19th.**

Weekly Games: There will be a weekly game, such as closest to the pin, etc., with a \$2.00 entry fee. The person in charge of the games will be determined by the first meeting. Weekly games are optional, but are encouraged to all. There will be a 100% payout each week in Loudon Country Club credit. The first teams out will set the recorder in place and the last teams out will pick it up.

Tee Times: Tee times will be based on the first to have the entire foursome present will be the first to go off. When your foursome has arrived, place your ball in the ball rack. However you cannot put your ball in the rack until your entire foursome is present. If you put your ball in the rack prematurely you will be assigned the last tee time. The first tee time is 3:45 PM and continues until 5:30 PM. Starting a match on any hole other than 1 or 10 is strictly not permitted.

The banquet will be on the first day of the Playoffs (August 23rd), with a 4:30 shotgun and dinner after play.

Pace of Play: Please remember to keep up with the group in front of you! Don't worry about where the group behind you is. The first group out should finish in no more than two hours and 15 minutes (15 minutes per hole). If you are out of the hole, pick up and move on. Please understand the importance of this section! This year the committee has decided to take a stronger stance on this subject. The ranger will be instructed to time the first group and track the groups behind. Warnings will be given and if not followed, the committee has the right to assess a two point penalty to those who are offenders.

Scoring: Total points available for each regular season match are 11.

1. Each hole is worth 1 point
2. Each team member gets ½ point for showing up on time, including subs.
3. Halved holes are worth ½ point per team.
4. You **MUST** have scorecards signed and attested. If they are not then whatever it says on the card becomes official, whether right or wrong.
5. You have one week to dispute your points if the course made a mistake in entering points, but again once you sign it's official!!!

Substitutes: A list of “non member subs” will be available in the Pro-Shop to all league members. Any Loudon Country Club Male Member, 18 years of age, with a current USGA handicap is eligible to sub. If you are aware of any non member that would like to sub, please submit his name to the Pro Shop.

Subs are not allowed during the playoffs.

It is the player's responsibility to acquire a sub.

Cancellations Due to Weather:

Club officials will make a decision as to whether or not the course is open for play. Players are responsible for contacting the Pro Shop to confirm if the course is open. If the course is open and play starts, but is then suspended and the course is reopened it shall be the league representative or his designee who will decide whether or not league play shall resume.

If, for any reason, the matches are cancelled then there will be no make-ups. You just simply go to the next match on the schedule.

If matches are cancelled during the round prior to the completion of all matches, then the following will apply:

- If half the matches have been completed, those scores will stand and the incomplete matches will halve the remaining holes to determine the final point total.
- If less than half the matches have been completed, it is considered a cancellation and you simply go to the next week's match

Rules: The league plays under the rules of the USGA with the addition of local rules, where applicable. Local rules will be posted in the Pro-Shop and is the sole responsibility of the player to be aware of them. Please remember that players cannot agree to waive the rules of golf, even within their own match.

The league has an advisory board/committee. The function of this committee is to coordinate with the club officials in regards to local rules and to answer or research any questions regarding the rules of golf. The committee also makes rulings on situations that arise during the league season. They also take into consideration with the Commissioner when additional input is needed.

For 2016 the Golf Committee has voted and approved that if your age + handicap are equal to or greater than 90 you have the option of playing from the gold tees. Once choosing to play from the gold tees you must play the entire season from the gold tees assuming your handicap + age hasn't dropped below 90.

Handicaps: The Pro-Shop will keep handicaps using the NHGA/USGA system. It is the responsibility of each team to see that the point totals and scores are correct prior to signing and attesting the scorecards each week. For those players choosing to play from the gold tees please be aware that we are using USGA rule 3-5 for proper handicapping.

The equitable stroke control (ESC) should be done by the player, and the Pro-Shop will check for accuracy. The Pro-Shop will post the adjusted scores each week in the computer.

The ESC chart is presented below for ease of reference:

Handicap	ESC Score
0-9	Double Bogey or less
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40	10

A league match is based on $\frac{3}{4}$ of the difference between your USGA Home Course Handicap and the low handicap player in the foursome. You must use the scorecards prepared by the Pro-Shop for official scoring.

When playing against the course, the players get 100% of Handicap.

Remember that the format is match play. There will be unfinished holes and conceded strokes. If a player starts, but does not complete the hole then he shall record for handicap purposes, the score **“that he would most likely have made or the ESC score, whichever is lower.”**