

# 2023 MENS LEAGUE

## RULES OF PLAY – READ ALL AS THERE ARE VARIOUS CHANGES!

- Date:** Starts Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup> with a 5:30 pm shotgun start and ends September 7<sup>th</sup> with an 18-hole tournament. **EVERY LEAGUE NIGHT WILL START AT 5:30 PM.**
- Format:** Two player teams competing a point's championship race using handicaps. There will be an "A" and "B" player on each team. The "A" player is determined by the lower handicap. Each week you will play against another team. The lowest handicap of both teams will play against each other, doesn't matter if they are a sub or not.
- Scoring:** **NEW IN 2023:** Each match that is won is worth 3 points. A tie is worth 1.5 points. A loss is worth 0 points. The maximum amount of points that can be scored in one (1) week is 6 points.
- Check-In** Players are required to check in at the pro-shop **BEFORE** play begins. Check in will start at 4:00 PM. If you check in before 4:00, you will be charged for 18 holes.
- Rules:** **All players must play the ball as it lies! No improving your lie!** The only way to have a true handicap is to play by the rules of golf. Playing the ball down will not only be fair to all players, it will make you a better player! The road on #1 & #4 is out of bounds!
- All native grass that is not marked as out of bounds will be played as a Penalty Area!** If your ball goes into the native grass (unless marked with out of bounds stakes) you are allowed to play the ball as you find it, or drop within two club lengths of the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area.
- Tees:** All men 59 years and younger will play from the **WHITE TEES**. All men 60 years and older are allowed to play from the **GOLD TEES**. If you start with the white tees you must play the entire 9 holes from the white tees and if you start from the gold tees you must play the entire 9 holes from the gold tees! No switching back in forth between tees! **If you decide to play the white tees, you must finish out the session from the white tees. You can't go back and forth each week from white to gold tees because of handicap indexes. YOU MUST LET ME KNOW WHAT TEE'S YOU ARE PLAYING IF YOU ARE NOT PLAYING FROM THE SAME TEE'S AS LAST YEAR!!!!!!**
- Pace of Play:** This league is designed for fun! Our goal is for all groups to play nine holes of golf between 2-2 ½ hours. **PLAY READY GOLF** when the green or teeing area is open, be ready to hit. Also, help watch and look for other players' golf balls when they need your assistance.

**NO SHOW POLICY:** If you are unable to make a league night, you are responsible for finding a substitute. If you can't find a substitute, you can locate the sub list on the new Men's League Portal. Once you find a sub, please call the pro-shop and inform them.

**Subs are required to pay a one-time fee of \$10 to sub in the league.**

**I KNOW IT IS NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE – BUT IF YOU KNOW WHO YOUR SUB IS, IDEALLY, I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW BEFORE 3:00 PM AT THE LATEST ON THURSDAY'S!!!**

## **NEW 2023 HANDICAP CALCULATION:**

Handicaps will be calculated and updated on a weekly basis using the Golf Genius calculation software. Scores will be posted to GHIN from Golf Genius on a week to week basis.

**YOU WILL NOT POST YOUR LEAGUE SCORES AS I NOW HAVE THE ABILITY TO DO SO WITH THE CLICK OF A BUTTON!**

To see how handicaps are calculated:

1. Go to the Men's League Portal
2. Find the 'Player Statistics' Tab
3. Click on 'Handicap Analysis'
4. Find your Name and click on it.
5. This will give you a very detailed explanation of how your handicap is generated on a week-to-week basis.
6. **You will be using your PLAYING HANDICAP (PH) for league.**
  - a. The HANDICAP INDEX (HI) is your 18-hole handicap on GHIN.

**The reasoning behind using this handicap system.**

- A) This software is more accurate than I am! As much as I love discussing handicaps on a week to week basis – this method will be a more consistent measurement for all players. This software is used by the Nebraska Golf Association as well as the Nebraska PGA Section.
- B) The ability to update handicaps is much simpler and can be done more frequently – thus allowing our league to have more accurate handicaps on a week to week basis. Handicap Indexes and Playing Handicaps will be updated every Thursday morning. The software also has a more accurate formula to calculate handicaps for different tee selections as well if you play both white & gold tee's outside of league (which is relevant for a lot of our players).
- C) You are being calculated by ALL scores that you post – not just your 9-hole league scores like before as Golf Genius connects directly with GHIN. In order to have the most accurate handicap, post your scores on GHIN whenever you play. You are allowed to post scores outside of league before league starts. **The active season to post scores in Nebraska is March 15<sup>th</sup> – November 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**You are responsible for posting scores outside of league and keeping each other accountable, as many of you play together outside of league. I have the discretion to manually change handicaps as needed and can do so at any point during the season if there is ANY reason to do so! If you want the most accurate handicap – post ALL your scores!**