

2024 Business League Rules of Play

Format: Two Person Scramble using stroke play format

Each team will consist of four players. The captain of each team will form (2) Two player teams. After the two teams are formed they will compete against two other teams. Each hole will have three teams playing two separate matches.

Example: Hole 1 and 2 will have three teams (Total of 12 Players); two players from each team playing on hole 1 and two players from each team playing on hole 2 for a total of six players playing in each group. Each team will have two separate matches going at once.

Club Rule: Players are allowed to use both his or his partners clubs any time during the scramble. This is not stroke play format and it is a scramble format. Therefore, the 14-club rule doesn't apply in scramble formats.

Last three weeks of the Session:

When it comes down to the last three weeks of each session, Teams are not allowed to bring in NEW PLAYERS that have not played in a match earlier in the session. This is done to prevent teams from bringing in better players to help them win their matches. However, if it comes down to the last three weeks of the session and you can't have all your normal players play, you are allowed to bring in a new player as long as the replacement player is equal (handicap wise) to the player he is replacing. All captains must inform Jay if this situation arises. Reminder, this rule is in place to make it fair to all the teams playing in the league. Subs must play TWICE to be eligible for bracket play at the end of the year.

Players: All players competing in the league must be out of high school. If you have players that don't check in and play a match, your team will forfeit the match automatically.

Scoring: Each win will be worth three points and a tie worth one point. The most possible points one team can score is 12 points.

Tees: All men 59 and younger will play from the white tees. All men 60 and older will have the option to play from the gold tees. All ladies will play from the red tees. Players must play the same tees throughout the nine holes of golf that is being played. Players cannot go back and forth from gold tees to white tees if you are over 60.

- Flag Prizes:** Every night there will be five flag prizes per nine holes. The flag prize entry money is covered in your entry fee this year.
- Check-In:** All players must check into the pro-shop before starting play. Check-in time is up to one hour in advance. Players are allowed to play a few warm up holes after check-in. However, those players checking in before the one-hour window will be charged for 18 holes.
- Tee Off:** **The league will start at 5:30 pm on May 2nd. LEAGUE WILL START AT 5:30 PM EVERY WEEK THIS YEAR!**
- Hole Assignment:** Each week the starting hole assignment for each team is posted on the front door. Your team will alternate front nine to back nine every other week.
- The Ball:** All players are allowed to improve the lie up to 12 inches anywhere on the golf course except in PENALTY AREAS and within 6 inches on the green! You are not allowed to change from rough to fairway when improving the lie. When playing a ball in a penalty area you must drop the ball and not improve the lie. All native grass is played as a lateral hazard. If your ball goes into the native grass and you can't find it or hit it you are allowed to drop outside the native grass at the point the ball entered the penalty area with a one penalty stroke.
- Specials:** Each night there will be specials offered on beverages. These specials will start one hour before the shotgun start. **Food:** Hamburgers will be cooked following play every week. If you want a hamburger, sign up in the snack bar after league is complete. It usually will take 10 minutes to grill a hamburger.
- Carts:** The league has a total of 144 players in the league. Carts are not allowed to be reserved and are sold per person (\$12.00 per person) if you want to ride.
- No Show:** Starting in 2024 league participants are granted 3 no show days.
- For Business League a no show is classified as a team having 50% or less of their players show up. If all 4 players no show this will count as 2 no shows! Only having 2 players show up counts as 1 no show. Having 3 players show up is not a no show.
You will not be able to hold your spot for next year if you have 3 no shows and you will be required to wait in line on April 1st!!!!

Sincerely,

Jay Cottam
League Coordinator
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