

# Thursday Night Senior League Rules

Approved at captains meeting April 2019

## Commissioners Note:

Rule #1: This a fun league and while it is a competition, let us not forget that golf is a gentlemen's game and we should play our matches in that spirit.

## Official Men's Club League

This is a Nemadji Men's Golf Club (NMGC) sponsored league and as such, all regular\* competitors are expected to purchase a club membership card. The league commissioner is an agent of the NMGC board and rules on all grievances. Commissioner rulings can be appealed to the NMGC board of directors who have the final say.

\* **regular competitors are defined as having played in 3 or more matches for any team.**

## Teams and Fees

Teams from the previous year will have first priority for participation in the league during the next year provided they have paid their team fees prior to the captains meeting call to order. New teams will be approved for participation by a majority vote of the captains.

The fee for each team is \$50.00. As an NMGC sponsored league, 100% of team fees will be distributed as Nemadji Gift Certificates back to the league commissioner for award at the end of the season unless the golf course administration choses to pay back in cash. The commissioner receives a stipend from the NMGC general fund to run the league.

## Team Fee Distribution

Each year league captains or their designee who attend the first captains meeting vote to use team fees to fund a year end banquet. Payback of available fees will be as follows:

### Example: 16 teams with no banquet - total purse \$800)

1 <sup>st</sup>	40%	(\$320.00)	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	25%	(\$200.00)	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	15%	(\$120.00)	
4 <sup>th</sup>	10%	(\$80.00)	
5 <sup>th</sup>	5%	(\$40.00)	
6 <sup>th</sup>	5%	(\$40.00)	
	Total		(\$800)

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## Match Schedule

The league plays on Thursdays after 3pm. The league start date and tee times will be voted on at the captains meeting. The golf course administration will accommodate our request for tee times but has the right to adjust the tee times as needed however, typically tee times begin at 4:00 pm and run consecutively for all matches.

Teams may play earlier than their scheduled tee time with full agreement between captains or may switch tee times with other teams per similar agreements. All matches for a given week must be completed by Thursday of the week in which they were scheduled to allow handicaps and standings to be calculated.

## Match Cancellations

Matches may be cancelled for any of the following reasons:

- The golf course determines the need to cancel either before or during scheduled matches or,
- The commissioner cancels all matches for reasons not covered or,
- 50% of team captains or their designee contact the commissioner before 3pm to request that matches be cancelled or,
- When 50% or more matches result in the splitting of all or some points (note that all matches are considered cancelled even if some teams have completed some or all of their round)

Matches will be made up if provided for in the approved league schedule in the order of the first date of cancellation.

**Note:** Teams that do not play matches by their own decision are considered to be “no-shows” and will be assessed penalty points as defined in the rules. Please don't put the league in that position.

## Players and Tees

Players must have turned 40 years old on or before the first scheduled match for the season to be eligible. Play will be from the white tee markers. Players who are 70 years old or older on or before the first match of the season are eligible to play from the gold tee markers but they must declare which tee they will play on their team's roster and will be required to play those tees for the remainder of their participation in the league.

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## Scoring

Using designated handicaps, 9 match play points and 3 medal play points of a total of 12 points per match.

## Penalty Points

The League Commissioner will rule on circumstances not covered. Defined penalty circumstances are as follows:

Penalty Circumstance	Penalty
Team No Show	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Offending team's opponent receives 30 points.</li><li>• The absent team is assessed an 18 point deduction.</li></ul> Note: Opponent players may go out and play, but their scores will not be used for handicap purposes.
1 Player shows up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The lone player plays a double match against two of their opponents. In that match, the single player will forfeit medal points in one of the matches (to be determined before the match begins).</li><li>• In the other match, the offending teams opponents receives 15 points and the offending team is assessed a 9 point deduction</li></ul> Note: Opponent players may go out and play, but their scores will not be used for handicap purposes.
2 Players show up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Each player plays a double match against two of their opponents. The single players forfeit medal points in one of the matches (to be determined before the match begins).</li></ul>
3 Players show up	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The single player plays a double match forfeiting medal points in one of the matches (to be determined before the match begins).</li></ul>
Leave Early/Arrive Late	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• If a player needs to leave a match early, they forfeit medal points and the remaining match points.</li><li>• Players arriving after the match has started can only join a double match and can compete for remaining match points but forfeits medal points. Match points generated prior to the arrival are forfeited.</li><li>• In both cases, player's scores for that round will not be used for handicap purposes.</li></ul>

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## Handicap Calculations

- Players scores from the previous year carry over to the new year
- There is no maximum number of strokes that a player may take on any given hole. Concessions are allowed via mutual agreement of opponents.
- Handicaps will be based on the last 5 rounds played where the highest score is excluded and remaining 4 scores are averaged rounding up. Prior to 5 scores, all scores will be averaged to determine handicap.
- Establishing a handicap: An initial handicap is established by adding the total score and comparing it to par for the course played. A two stroke adjustment is assessed for only the first match.

**Example:** Player shoots 46 on a par 36 course. His handicap for the first match would be calculated as an 8 - (10 over par minus 2 adjustment strokes). The handicap for his next match will be restored to a 10.

## Handicap Errors

It is each player's responsibility to verify the calculated handicap prior to the start of the match. If an error is discovered and the opponents can't agree on the appropriated handicap for the match, a note should be attached to the score sheet along with a legible score card and the commissioner will decide the action and notify the captains of each team.

## Rules

The league abides by USGA and local course rules including the winter rules provision. The league has established a "Sand" rule that allows for a ball lying in footprints, animal track other man-made depressions in a sand trap to be lifted, raked and placed in the same spot with no penalty.