

**Loudon Country Club
Tuesday Night Men's League
Rules 2018**

Format: 2 Man teams playing a 9 hole match play format

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: Must be male LCC members paid in full by the first meeting. Must have a current and paid in full USGA handicap by the first meeting. The minimum age for a member of the league is 18; however a junior member of 14 and over may be eligible if he meets the following criteria.

1. He has written permission from a legal guardian.
2. He has a proven means of transportation to and from the club on league nights.
3. His partner must be at least 18 years of age or older.
4. Must have a USGA handicap trending 36 or lower from the white tees.
5. The LCC professional staff will assure that:
 - a. He has a solid understanding of the rules of golf.
 - b. He has an understanding of golf etiquette.
 - c. He has an understanding of the league rules.

When these criteria have been met the junior will be considered eligible for league play. The committee has final say on approval.

Fees: League fee of \$50.00 to be paid in full by first meeting. USGA handicap of \$37.00 due at first meeting.
Weekly games, such as closest to the pin, etc. will be determined at first meeting
Weekly games are optional, but are encouraged to all. 100% payout each week in Pro Shop credit. **THE MEETING WILL BE ON APRIL 10th AT 6:00 P.M. AND THE FIRST WEEK OF PLAY WILL BE APRIL 17TH.**

Tee Times: Tuesday evenings starting at 3:45 p.m., going until 5:30 p.m.

Starting a match on any hole other than 1 or 10 is strictly not permitted.

The banquet will be on the last day of the regular season August 14th, 2018. It will be a 4:30 p.m. shotgun with 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. No 9 hole match should ever take more than 2 ½ hours. If you are out of the hole, please pick up and move on. Please understand the importance of this section!

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.

If a player does not show up within the tee time window, he may join his group out on the course, but does not receive the ½ point.

In the playoffs, there are no points. Teams either win or lose the match.

Substitutes: Any Loudon Country Club Male Member that meets the eligibility criteria with paid in full USGA handicap is eligible to sub.

It is the player's responsibility to acquire a sub (**it is not the responsibility of the club to furnish the subs**). If a league member fails to show up and has no sub secured then this is considered an unexcused absence. **Three unexcused absences will cause a forfeit of the players league membership.**

There are no subs allowed during the playoffs. If you do not show then your partner must play alone. If both players don't show then the team forfeits the match. The only exception to the no sub rule is if a player has an unexpected, documented injury. It will be the decision of the advisory committee as to whether a sub can be used. This sub must come from a non-qualified playoff team.

Calling the Pro-Shop to announce your intended **does not** constitute trying to secure a substitute.

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. 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.”**