



## 2019 Men's Waterstone Golf League Rules and Information

**Start Week – April 29<sup>th</sup>**

**End Week—August 19<sup>th</sup>** (One rain out allowed)

*The Waterstone League will be a 5:30pm Shotgun Start this year to ensure plenty of daylight. We will allow for 1 rain out week during the season. Once that week has been used, any other rain out weeks will be returned to the public players in the form of 9 hole gift certificates. Also there will be no league nights on May 27<sup>th</sup>.*

**\$490 per player for public, \$90 per player for BPGC members**

**FORMAT:** Net Best Ball Match Play. This equates to a Best Ball team event with handicaps involved. Each hole is worth 1 point, and there is also 1 bonus point awarded to the team that wins the most holes outright. All ties equal half points. (Total of 10 points to be awarded for each match)

**RULES:** All USGA Rules will apply. The one ball rule will not be in effect during the course of the league. The Men's League will play from the Blue Tees (59 years old and younger) and the White Tees (60 years old and up).

**HANDICAPS:** We will be utilizing a handicap formula that is based upon how you play in the Waterstone Golf League only. The Handicap system we will use is very similar to the USGA version, employing all of the same principals, but it will calculate a handicap based only on 9-hole golf league scores. This method will establish a handicap sooner, and make it fair and enjoyable for everyone that is involved in the league. The first 3 weeks will be used to establish handicaps. After the first 3 weeks are completed, we will apply the created handicaps to those matches. Those first 3 week matches will then be scored accordingly. WE WILL BE DOTTING THE CARDS BASED UPON THE LOW HANDICAP PLAYER IN THE MATCH THIS SEASON.

**SCORECARDS:** Official scorecards **MUST BE COMPLETE**, signed, and turned in to the golf shop or cart staff after each round is finished. **ALL HOLES MUST HAVE A SCORE.** It really is important to finish the holes out so that we have an accurate score to develop your handicap. The highest possible score ANYONE can record will be a 10. We will be utilizing equitable stroke control in order to have the best possible representation of one's potential scoring ability. A copy of the Equitable Stroke Control Procedure is attached for everyone to read and review. This process is done automatically through the league software we use and you do not need to make these adjustments yourself.

**PRIZE FUND:** Everyone's league fees include the year end prize fund. The prize fund is in the form of golf shop credit and can be used on merchandise and equipment in the golf shop. We will pay out 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> places along with the winner and runner up of the "Best of the Rest" 2-person scramble. Each week we will have a prize for a closest to the pin contest.

**SUBS:** If you are unable to make it to league, you are more than welcome to bring a sub. Here are the stipulations for subs. You may bring anyone you like as a sub. We will calculate their handicap by taking 70% of their total number of strokes over par. This gives a decided advantage to the team that is present and accounted for, but also allows for the team with the sub a chance at picking up some points.

- For example: If your sub shoots 46, with par being 36; they will have been a 7 handicap for that night's match.
- If your team is unable to secure a sub, the present golfer will play solo against the other two players.
- If both players from one team are absent, that team will receive zero points. The absent team must have at least one sub to play in their place as a marker. The present team will play against a formula of Par + 4. The maximum points that a present team can score in this situation will be 8.

**ONLINE ACCESS:** The League stats, standings, schedule, handicaps, and other information will be posted on an online program that we will be using this season. This gives everyone an opportunity to review their scores, check the standings, and see who they play next week! Obviously everyone is human and mistakes are made from time to time, so we post these scores online in an effort to make sure that you are in fact reviewing them, and if anything is off or wrong, just let us know and we will be sure to review the situation.

League Name: Men's Waterstone League 2019

League ID: Will Be Sent to you Via Email

**REGULAR SEASON:** The Regular Season will last 14 out of the 16 weeks. During the regular season, points will accumulate as a running tab in order to determine the year-end playoff seeding. The top 4 teams will make the playoffs (**guaranteeing them prize money**), while the other remaining teams will compete in a fun 2 week, 2 person scramble known as "Best of the Rest". We will take the top two combined scramble scores to award 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place of the "Best of the Rest". These teams will receive golf shop gift certificates.

**PLAYOFFS:** The playoffs will be the top 4 teams, seeded according to the final regular season standings. Any tie breakers will come down to head-to-head record against all tied parties (team with most victories wins), and then if a tie still remains, the team who scored the most points in those head-to-head matches wins the tiebreaker. No regular season points will carry over into the playoffs. This will be a standard bracket-style tournament. If you lose in the first round, you will still be competing against the other losing team for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place.

*First Round – Match #1: #1 vs. #4*

*Match #2: #2 vs. #3*

*Championship Round –*

*Winner of Match #1 plays the winner of Match #2 for the 2019 Waterstone Championship*

*Loser of Match #1 plays the loser of Match #2 for the 3<sup>rd</sup> place match.*

## EQUITABLE STROKE™ (ESC™) FOR A NINE-HOLE HANDICAP INDEX®

### How to Adjust Your Score

Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) sets a maximum number of strokes that a player can post on any hole and is incumbent upon that player's Course Handicap™.

For handicap purposes, a player is required to adjust hole scores (actual or most likely) when they are higher than the player's maximum ESC number.

There is no limit to the number of holes on which a player can adjust hole scores and a player must adjust all scores for handicap purposes, including tournament scores.

*Example:* Player A, with a nine-hole Handicap Index 5.2N, plays from the middle tees with a Slope Rating® of 120, which converts to a Course Handicap of 6. Player A's nine-hole maximum ESC number is 7 for the middle tees. However, if Player A moves to the forward tees with a Slope Rating of 95, A's Course Handicap is 4. Player A's maximum ESC number is double bogey for the forward tees.

#### EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

Nine-Hole Course Handicap	Maximum ESC Number On Any Hole
4 or less	Double Bogey
5 through 9	7
10 through 14	8
15 through 19	9
20 or more	10

#### To Apply ESC:

- Scan the scorecard for any hole where a score (actual or most likely) is higher than the maximum ESC number.
- Reduce higher scores to the maximum ESC number for handicap posting purposes.
- Post the adjusted gross score.

Course Handicap	Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
7	Player A	3	5	4	10	x-4	5	x-9	4	3
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10	Player B	4	x-6	4	9	3	6	7	5	4
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