

MEN'S LEAGUE

League Letter | 2023

After various changes that were made to the SMGCC Men's League last season, the Men's League committee feels as though they have accomplished what was set out; increase league parity and competitiveness. This year, there were a few items brought forward by the committee members (and their golf partners) to address before the upcoming season, and minor tweaks were made to help nullify these issues. Review the document carefully to understand the rule changes that were made.

- 1. **COMMITMENT** ALL golfers must be <u>committed to the League by end of day April 23rd</u> in order to participate. This is an important date, as we will be having a LIVE draft on Wednesday, May 3rd.
- 2. **LEAGUE FEES** all Men's League fees are paid up front. NOTE:
 - 2.1. All monies to be paid, in full, by end of day May 10th.
 - 2.2. League Fees for 2022:
 - 2.2.1. Member = \$125 per player, and
 - 2.2.2. Public = \$135 per player.
 - 2.2.2.1. Note I: one-time fee only (no weekly league payments required).
 - 2.2.2.2. Note II: the fees listed above do <u>not</u> include green fees. Players must pay for golf weekly.
 - 2.2.2.3. Note III: any League payments not made by EOD May 10th will be added to the golfer's House Account.
 - 2.3. The League Fee Payment includes:
 - 2.3.1.**\$2.00** / week will be allocated to the weekly team game,
 - 2.3.2.\$1.00 / week (16 weeks) will be allocated to the regular season "Skins Game"
 - 2.3.3.\$2.00 / week (4 weeks) will be allocated to the playoffs "Skins Game", and
 - 2.3.4.**\$3.00** / week will be put towards the final banquet dinner, tournament, and prizes.
 - 2.3.4.1. Final banquet dinner will be a **PRIME RIB DINNER**!
 - 2.3.4.2. We will no longer be awarding Pro Shop Gift Cards at the end of the season. All prizes will be picked from a grand prize table, with the order based on the final ranking of your team.
 - 2.3.4.2.1. If you are unable to attend the dinner, you will receive a \$15 Pro Shop gift card.
- 3. **GREEN FEES** public (non-member) League players receive **10% OFF** regular green fee rates during Men's League play (Wednesdays) when playing with an SMGCC member.
- 4. **TEAMS** we will continue to do a live draft this year. Six (6) captains will be chosen prior to the draft on May 4th. NOTE:
 - 4.1. **Draft Format** Captains will pick their team using a **snake-draft format**.
 - 4.1.1. The order in which captains will draft will be determined by picking numbers out of a hat.
- 5. **PARTICIPATION POINTS** we will <u>no longer</u> be awarding participation points for each player that posts a score for Men's League. This is due to the fact that teams were being penalized for players that were hurt or on vacation throughout the season.



- 6. **NET SCORES** to permit increased league parity, only NET SCORES (i.e. scores based on handicaps) are counted each week.
- 7. **SKINS GAME (REVISED)** tee blocks will no longer be determined by the player's handicap. The player is able to select their preferred tee block (blue or white) at the beginning of the year, and that tee will need to be played on for the duration of the season. Note:
 - 7.1. Skin divisions will be split up between tee blocks (blue & white), and handicap ranges within the tee blocks.
 - 7.1.1. Handicap brackets within the separate tee blocks will be determined once the final number of Men's league participants has been tallied and the handicaps have been established.
 - 7.2. The Skins Game will be applicable for Wednesday rounds only.
 - 7.2.1.**EXCEPTION:** If SMGCC extends play for any reason past Wednesday, all scores submitted on those days will be eligible to win skins.
- 8. **HOLE CONTESTS (REVISED)** hole contests will no longer be played from shared tees. You will remain on the tee that you started the round on.
 - 8.1. The hole contests will be applicable for Wednesday rounds only.
 - 8.1.1. **EXCEPTION:** If SMGCC extends play for any reason past Wednesday, the Golf Shop will decide on which day(s) the hole contests will be applicable.
- 9. **REGULAR SEASON SCORING (NEW)** there will be three (3) head-to-head team matchups each week.
 - 9.1. The number of individual net scores that will contribute to the overall team score will be approx. 65% of the team with the lowest number of participants.
 - 9.1.1. For example, if the team with the lowest number of participants has 16 golfers, 10 net scores will contribute to every team score each week.
 - 9.2. Regular season points will be distributed as follows, each week:
 - 9.2.1. Win = 10 pts. | Tie = 5 pts. | Loss = 0 pts.
- 10. **PLAYOFF SCORING (NEW)** we have decreased the number of league teams to six (6), therefore we will no longer split into a championship and consolation division during playoffs. All teams will now have an equal chance at capturing the championship title.
 - 10.1. Points during the playoffs will be increased and skewed to the top 2 of the 6 teams of that specific week to allow for the sixth place team in the regular season to make a push for first place. You are never out of it!
 - 10.1.1. 1st: 40 | 2nd: 30 | 3rd: 15 | 4th: 10 | 5th: 5 | 6th: 0
 - 10.2. If there are teams tied at the end of playoffs, the champions will be the team that won the regular season head-to-head series.
 - 10.2.1. If the head-to-head series was tied, the champion will be the team that collected the most points in playoffs.
- 11. **"GIMME" RULE** Due to pace of play, gimmes will be allowed, <u>BUT only if it is within ONE FOOT of the hole</u>. Note:
 - 11.1. There will be a 1' marker on the bottom of each pin that can be used to ensure that the ball is within one foot of the hole.
 - 11.2. Be honest, and self police while on the course. Anyone caught not following this rule will have their score eliminated for the given week.



- 12. **BANKED SCORES** are permitted up to a maximum of **five (5) banked scores per year**, and please note the following:
 - 12.1. Per previous seasons, banked scores will still be entered and count towards the total score for their team.
 - 12.2. Banked scores will <u>not</u> be eligible for the skins game.
 - 12.3. If you are banking a score you MUST tell the Golf Shop that you will be banking a score before you go out on the course. You MUST also identify which week you are banking the score for.
- 13. **MEN'S LEAGUE SCHEDULE** there are a few Men's League days that conflict with private golf tournaments and therefore, these Men's Nights will be rescheduled and communicated to the league one week prior.
- 14. **FOOD & BEER SPECIALS** will be available throughout the season. NOTE:
 - 14.1. Food Specials A variety of "pub style" meals will be offered over the 20 weeks of Men's League.
 - 14.2. **Beer Specials** Triple Bogey and Steamwhistle 3-Packs are ONLY \$17.50 (tax inc.).
- 15. **FRONT 9 / BACK 9 ROTATION** the Men's league will continue to alternate between the front and back nine, each week (so long as it does not interfere with the regular scheduled golf course operations).
 - 15.1. **EXCEPTION:** Men's League will be played on the Back 9 until the hole #9 is playable.
- 16. **PROXIMITY MARKERS** (Closest to Keg, Closest to Hole, Longest Putt) will rotate weekly. Check the weekly recap email for winners and collect your prizes in the Golf Shop.
- 17. **MEN'S LEAGUE DRAFT** Book a tee-time between 3-6pm, and then join your fellow captains in the Ballroom for the LIVE draft Wednesday, May 3rd. Note:
 - 17.1.1. Draft starts @ 7pm.
 - 17.1.2. Fully serviced Social Thirty-One Food and Drink menu will be available.
- 18. **MEN'S OPENING** [Golf + Lunch] <u>Sign up is located in the Downstairs hallway</u>. Come out, enjoy a delicious lunch, and get to know the other golfers on your team. Details are as follows:
 - 18.1. Sunday, May 7th
 - 18.1.1. Scramble @ 10:00am
 - 18.1.2. Lunch @2:30pm
 - 18.1.3. Drinks/Awards @ 2:30pm
 - 18.1.4. Price: \$25 (inc. tax + 15% grat.)
- 19. **MEN'S CLOSING** [Golf + Banquet] is going to be bigger and better than ever. We will be doing a shotgun scramble with your teammates, followed by a prime rib dinner. The infamous prize table will also continue for everyone to claim their winnings from the season. Details are as follows:
 - 19.1. Sunday, September 24th
 - 19.1.1. Shotgun Scramble @ 10:30am
 - 19.1.2. Prime Rib Dinner @ 3:30pm
 - 19.1.3. Prize Table @ 4:30pm
- 20. **MEN'S LEAGUE WINNINGS** all Men's league winnings are to be deposited into the winner's Credit Books each week.



- 20.1. Credit Books are able to be used for golf shop items, green fees, cart fees, food & beverage.
- 20.2. Credit Books are <u>NOT</u> allowed to be used for league fees, tournament fees, memberships or gift certificates.
- 20.3. ALL Credit Book winnings must be used by December 31st, 2023.

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Please share your feedback with us on the League changes, by emailing: brandon@stmarysgolf.com.