



MEN'S LEAGUE

League Letter | 2024

After various changes that were made to the SMGCC Men's League over the past two seasons, 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 committed to the League by end of day May 1st in order to participate. This is an important date, as we will be having our Opening Scramble on May 5th and the LIVE draft on Wednesday, May 8th.
2. **LEAGUE FEES** – all Men's League fees are paid up front.
 - 2.1. All monies to be paid, in full, by end of day May 22nd.
 - 2.2. League Fees for 2024:
 - 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 not include green fees. Players must pay for golf weekly.*
 - 2.2.2.3. *Note III: any League payments not made by EOD May 22nd 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 \$25 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).
4. **TEAMS** – we will continue to do a live draft this year.
 - 4.1. **Captains** – Six (6) captains will be chosen prior to the draft on May 8th.
 - 4.1.1. **(NEW)** The winning captain will continue to be a captain for the next year.
 - 4.1.2. Other captains will be nominated by each of the previous year's captains.
 - 4.2. **Draft Format** – Captains will pick their team using a **snake-draft format**.
 - 4.2.1. The order in which captains will draft will be determined by picking numbers out of a hat.



5. **PARTICIPATION POINTS** – we will no longer 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.
 - 6.1. Net scores will be calculated off the tee block that the participant played that week.
 - 6.1.1. **(NEW)** Participants will now have to select which tee block they played each week when submitting their score.
7. **GROSS SKINS GAME (NEW)** – Skins divisions will be determined by the player’s handicap from the WHITE tee block.
 - 7.1. Skin divisions will be split up by handicap ranges, with an attempt to make the divisions even at the start of the year.
 - 7.1.1. Handicap brackets will be determined once the final number of Men's league participants has been tallied and the handicaps have been established.
 - 7.1.2. The handicap brackets made at the start of the season will stay the same throughout the entire season.
 - 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** – 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** – 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** - 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, BUT only if it is within ONE FOOT of the hole.
 - 11.1. 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 not 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.
 - 12.4. **(NEW)** Banked scores will be recorded on a yellow scorecard given out by the golf shop. This will help differentiate between regular and banked scores.
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.
 - 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 \$20** (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).
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 8th. 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] – Sign up is located in the Downstairs hallway. Come out, enjoy a delicious lunch, and get to know the other golfers on your team. Details are as follows:
 - 18.1. Sunday, May 5th
 - 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 29th

19.1.1. Shotgun Scramble @ 10:30am

19.1.2. Prime Rib Dinner @ 3:30pm

19.1.3. Prize Table @ 4:30pm

19.1.4. **(NEW)** Complimentary green fees and carts will be provided for public Men's League participants.

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 NOT 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, 2024.

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