



2025 Fairway Golf Club League Rules

- 1 The League will be open to all members of the Fairway Golf Club. League play will start Wednesday, May 7, 2025 for 18 weeks, ending Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at Meadowbrook at Clayton Golf Course.
 - 2 **Flights** - The League will consist of two person teams, with the teams split into **two flights**:
 - A Flight – consists of 9:30 am and 1:00 pm tee times
 - B Flight – consists of 3:00 pm and 5:00 pm tee times.
 - 3 **Fees** - Each regular player will pay \$115.00 (\$75 membership + \$40 league) or \$150 (includes skins). These monies (exception of skins) will be used to offset the cost of league prizes and all other club activities.
 - 4 **Tee times** will be in accordance with the published schedule. A team should contact their opponents if they will be late or will miss play. If there is agreement, the two teams can play at the end of their flight, or reschedule for another day. If this does not occur, the following rule will apply: Late players for their tee time will catch up with their opponents. Each hole that was missed will be circled and the opponents will win 2 points for those holes. The late players' holes will still be averaged to establish handicap. This rule applies only to a team that is late on the tee. If at least one player is available, the best ball rule is in effect for each hole missed by the absent partner. The starter will maintain tee times per the schedule.
 - 5 **Scoring a match** will consist of a total of 22 points, with 18 hole points and 4 match points. Scoring as follows: 2 points per hole for the team with the lowest combined score, including handicap; 4 match points for the team with the lowest total combined score, including handicap. If there is a dispute, do not sign scorecard, league secretary will resolve the issue.
 - 6 **A match** may be postponed by mutual agreement, but must be played by the Sunday after league play. If there is not mutual agreement, the absent team must provide a sub/subs on that Wednesday or they will forfeit the match.

Failure of one opponent or sub to show will require the remaining team player to play the match as best ball against the other players. Failure of a team to show up, and that team does not provide a sub/subs, the playing team will play the course minus their handicap. The match points (4) will be awarded to the team with both players. The league secretary will resolve all absent player disputes.
- Matches will be played as long as the course is declared "open" by the course pro. A match is declared played after the 1st hole is played and continues through at least 6 holes. In shortened matches, (course is declared "closed") the remaining hole points will be split evenly. Teams can mutually agree to postpone their match in inclement weather, but if one team wants to continue, the match is played, or the team who does not want to continue play will forfeit the match. In the event of lightning, play will be suspended immediately. The league secretary will review/correct all matches with unfinished holes.
- 7 **Handicaps** are computed using the lowest 6 scores from the last 10 rounds. Handicaps will be based upon 95% of the difference between your score and par. Maximum handicap is 13 for men, 15 for women under 70; 17 for women 70 and over.
 - 8 **Scorecards** must be placed in the Fairway League box located in the pro shop. The score for each group must be indicated on the card, and both opponents must sign the card. In the event of a dispute, do not sign score card, the league secretary will resolve the issue.

9 **League awards** (monies, etc.) will be presented to 1st through 8th place league winners. To determine final league standings, the A Flight teams will play an 18-hole match against B Flight teams of the same rank.

- A Flight 1st place and B Flight 1st place will play for League 1st and 2nd places.
- A Flight 2nd place and B Flight 2nd place will play for League 3rd and 4th places.
- A Flight 3rd place and B Flight 3rd place will play for League 5th and 6th places.
- A Flight 4th place and B Flight 4th place will play for League 7th and 8th places.

The top two teams in the bottom half of each flight (10th – 22nd place) with the highest scores will play for Midway (consolation) prize money (1st through 4th position).

- A Flight 1st Midway place and B Flight 1st Midway place will play for Midway 1st and 2nd place
- A Flight 2nd Midway place and B Flight 2nd Midway place will play for Midway 3rd and 4th place

Play-off will occur at the End of Year Tournament. League winners (#1 team) will be exempt from paying league fees for the following year (\$40).

10 The **USGA Rules** are in effect except where modified by local rules as determined by the Meadowbrook Pro Shop.

To Speed Play –

- The nature areas will be played as a lateral hazard.
- **Ball Lost – Maximum 2 minute look.**
- **Ball Out of bounds - two club lengths from where the ball has gone out.**
- **ROLL THE BALL – improve your lie not your position - EVERYWHERE EXCEPT SAND TRAPS.**
 - Ball CANNOT be rolled from the rough to the fairway;
 - Ball MUST stay in the same playing conditions;
 - Movement of ball CANNOT exceed 6 inches (2 putter heads).
- **“Gimmie” acceptable on putts that are within the length of a standard putter grip even if putting for birdie or par.**
- **Pick up after double par.**

Sand traps – If the ball is removed from the bunker placed no closer to the hole; 1 stroke penalty is assessed.

11 **Any protest** to weekly results (score, handicap, etc.) shall be made to the league secretary within **two days** from the match in dispute or the results shall stand.

12 **Substitutes** – Anyone can be a substitute; however, they will not be eligible for weekly prizes. Only substitutes who are Fairway members are allowed to participate in skins. See addendum for long term sub (long term partner). An absent team can have two subs; No substitute can qualify for weekly league prizes (closest to the pin or longest putt) because they are league financed and not club financed. You need to be a member of the league to participate. (\$40)

13 **Skins** – All skins for the league season must be paid in advance (\$35). Skins are based upon gross scores. Payouts will be given out at the end of the year. A substitute player must be a member of FGC in order to participate in skins, and they can pay on the day they substitute. Weekly skins are \$2.00. There are three skin pots.

- White tees - amateur men (age 69 and younger),
- Grey tees - senior men (age 70 and older), and
- Red tees - women

14 **Proximity Games** – Closest to the Pin and Longest Putt should be measured from the flag stick to where the golf ball lies on the green with the measuring tape provided with proximity marker.

Addendum:

When a player has to drop out because of health, educational pursuits, job, etc., the following criteria will apply: (these players will have priority over new players)

- *If the player knows that they will be returning the next year, he/she must pay Fairway Golf Club fees and submit notification in writing/email to the league secretary that they will be returning the following year, and he/she will be playing with their same partner for that next year.*
- *Any person returning from an illness, education pursuits, job, etc., must still have been a club member during their absence. If they are not financial, they will be given a spot after other members who have paid and been on the waiting list are exhausted. Persons returning from health issues must have mutual agreement to return to their team.*
- *The long term partner, selected by either the team member or the league secretary, will be put in that open slot with the knowledge that it is only for one year. The long term partner does not have to be a member. The long term partner may pay league and club fees; and therefore, the long term partner will be eligible for all league prizes. If the absent player does not submit notification and pay club fees, they will be put on the waiting list for the next year.*

Players who need/want a new partner:

- *Players who need a partner because their partner is dropping out have the right to select their own partner, but should consult with the league secretary to see if there is another player in the league who needs a partner. Players who just want a new partner (for whatever reason) must consult with the league secretary to see if there is an opening. Changing partners this way without the league secretary's knowledge could jeopardize your position in the league because there are only a specified number of teams allowed.*

New players who want to join the league:

- *Any new player wanting to join the league must pay club fees, and they will be put on a waiting list and numbered according to their entry date. If there is an opening, the league secretary will call potential members (based upon the earliest entry number) to confirm their interest in the league. Any new player will have the right to select their partner if there is a "team opening". Otherwise new players must be chosen by someone in the league who needs a new partner.*

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