

**OAKS GOLF CLUB**  
**TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES LEAGUE**  
**2020 LEAGUE RULES**

**\*\*These rules are effective the entire season. Please bring up any issues at the fall banquet, when decisions for next season will be made.**

- 1) All matches must be played at the Oaks Golf Club.
- 2) USGA rules apply except where modified by the league rules.
- 3) League will be held on Tuesday nights. Starting time will be promptly at 6:00 pm unless otherwise specified. The last night will be used for playoffs, if needed, or a draw night if weather cooperated throughout the season.
  - a) YOU WILL BE CONTACTED IF START TIME IS DIFFERENT THAN 6:00 PM
  - b) Due to daylight, the beginning and ending nights may have 5:30 start times.
- 4) Teams will consist of 2 person teams. Team captains will be responsible for printing the names of the 2 players who played in the match on the scorecard before turning in the card. The team captains are to sign the card before turning it in. There can be a sub list for A and B flights and for C and D flights. Flights A and B can interchange subs and flights C and D can interchange subs.
  - a) NO SUBSTITUTES ON POSITION NIGHT
  - b) 3 person teams will be allowed with only 2 members playing each match. 3 person teams will pay the normal dues for 2 people plus \$20. This will cover administrative costs and banquet cost. If pays skins, all must pay skins. The 3<sup>rd</sup> member of the team may NOT sub for other teams. Any 2 of the 3 may play on position night. All 3 qualify for "field events" (per vote at 4/21/2015 meeting).
- 5) Subs are not allowed to participate in the "field events" on league nights.
- 6) League format will be matches played head to head, using 2-person best shot.
  - a) If you do not have a partner or a sub on the night of your scheduled match, you can play alone and hit 2 balls on the fairway only. No 2 strokes on the green. This option is only allowed 3 times per year per team (playing alone on position night would use 1 of these 3 times). After those 3 times you have 3 options:
    - i) Forfeit
    - ii) Get a sub
    - iii) Play alone with 1 ball (NO MULLIGANS) – this score will NOT count for your average.
  - b) If your partner is going to be late, you can start by the above rule of playing only 1 ball and your partner can still play IF she arrives before you start the 3rd hole. If

your partner comes before a hole is completed, she needs to wait until the next hole begins to start playing.

- c) Teams that arrive late for a match will be assessed the higher score between bogey or a score of 1 higher than the team they are playing that night. The match is forfeited if the other team has begun the 3rd hole of the match.
  - d) Everyone must have their own set of clubs. There is NO sharing of clubs. There is a maximum of 14 clubs in each bag.
- 7) Teams unable to play on Tuesday night will forfeit the point to their opponent for that night. Scores shot against a forfeit do NOT count towards handicap. If you golfed alone, put 'GOLFED ALONE' on the scorecard and whether you played 1 ball or 2 balls. There will be NO make-up games.
- 8) In case of rain:
- a) If play is postponed after golf has started, each player must stay for 30 minutes in case play can continue that night.
  - b) All postponed or rained out matches will be made up on another night. The process for rain outs is as follows:
    - i) First rain out of the season will be played on the first designated rain out date.
    - ii) Second rain out will be played on the second designated rainout date. Any remaining rain outs will be played with the first position night after the rain out, by counting the score concurrently with the match that is also being played.
    - iii) If a match has started and then called because of rain, the same 2 people MUST complete the match. If the same 2 people cannot complete the match, 1 team member may complete the match by herself, using only 1 ball. This match will be made up on the earliest rain date. It doesn't matter how many holes teams get in before the rain out; 9 holes will be a complete match.
    - iv) If a match has started and then called because of rain but some teams have completed the 9 holes, the decision will be made by the League Executive Committee on a case-by-case basis.
- 9) Each match won will be worth 1 point. Matches that tie will be worth ½ point. A lost match is worth 0 points. Scores are compared to each other at Net. The 2 competing scores are compared after the handicap is used. A team receives handicap strokes only for the smallest full shot difference in their respective handicaps.
- a) Last year's average for returning teams is carried forward and will be used for the first night. After the first match, your first night's score plus last year's average will equate your handicap for your next match. After your 2<sup>nd</sup> match your first two weeks' score plus last year's average will equate your handicap for your 3<sup>rd</sup> match. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> match all scores from this year will be added together to compute your average.

- i) Example: Team A has a scoring average of 35.2 and Team B has a scoring average of 36.5. Team B receives 1 handicap strokes that night.
  - b) Flights A&B will have a handicap limit of 3 strokes. Flights C&D will have a handicap limit of 4 strokes.
- 10) League Best Ball rules apply as follows:
  - a) Winter rules apply for every shot within a club length.
  - b) All balls must be played from the same cut of grass as the original balls position, no closer to the hole.
  - c) A “whiff” is counted as a stroke for all flights.
  - d) Find both balls before picking up a ball.
- 11) Slow play will not be allowed. A maximum of 5 minutes (USGA=3 minutes) will be allowed to look for a lost ball. If playing from the wrong fairway, the group playing from the correct fairway will have the right of way.
- 12) **READY GOLF** is encouraged to deter slow play!
- 13) All beverages consumed on the course must be purchased at the clubhouse. This is STATE LAW.
- 14) Each team will be allowed to take a maximum of 10 strokes per hole. Please pick up your balls after 10 strokes.
- 15) Two position nights will be played. One played halfway through the schedule and the second at the end of the schedule. **NO SUBS ON POSITION NIGHT**. A player can play 2 balls on position night but this will count for 1 of the 3 times this rule is allowed. See #6.
- 16) The league fees are \$120 per two person team and \$145 per three person team. Team skins are an optional \$5 per team member. All team members must contribute to qualify for skins. Skins will be paid out at the banquet. There is also an optional \$1 for hole-in-one insurance.
  - a) All teams **MUST** be paid by week 2 of the league or forfeit all points earned that season. Further action may be taken by the League Executive Committee if teams are not paying.
  - b) Oaks Golf Club members do not have to pay green fees. However, they must have dues paid in full by week 2 or they will be charged green fees. Non members will be responsible to pay green fees and cart rental, when necessary. All fees must be paid before playing your round. Payment must be paid in the golf shop. **If anyone has NOT paid their green fees prior to playing it will be an automatic forfeit for that week.**
  - c) Hole-In-One Insurance: If you want to take a chance, you can contribute \$1. This is a one time charge per year. You need to re-enter every year to participate.

- i) If there is a hole-in-one, ALL monies will be paid out to those individual(s) the same night. At that time, participants can contribute another \$1 to start the pot over again for the remainder of that year. The Ladies League will add \$200 to start the pot.

17) The league fees are spent as follows:

- a) Members from each team will receive a paid dinner at the banquet. No refund if you cannot attend the banquet.
- b) Subs are welcome to join the banquet with a normal charge for the dinner.
- c) We pay out for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places.
  - i) \$175 for 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ii) \$125 for 2<sup>nd</sup>
  - iii) \$75 for 3<sup>rd</sup>
  - iv) The money will be split evenly if there are ties for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.
- d) \$5 from each team goes toward low average.
- e) \$10 from each team goes towards "closest to the pin".
  - i) There are 4 par 3s on the course (#3, #6, #14, #16). 2 holes will have markers for A&B flights and 2 holes will have markers for C&D flights.
- f) Various donations are often made towards flowers, Heritage Tournament, Viking Pride Tournament, or anything else that may be voted upon.

18) There is an optional skins game as mentioned above. No team may enter the skins after they have played their first match. ALL TEAM MEMBERS MUST PAY FOR SKINS TO QUALIFY FOR SKINS MONIES.

19) As a courtesy, call your opponent or the Pro-Shop by 5:00 pm and inform them if you are unable to come.

20) In case of inclement weather, the Oaks will decide by 5:00 pm if league is cancelled. PLEASE DO NOT CALL BEFORE 5:00 PM.

21) No player may be under the age of 16 years old at the time of play.

22) The League Executive Committee consists of:

- a) League President: Missy Bowman
- b) League Secretary/Treasurer: Jolene Schimek
- c) Rules Committee: Jan Nordland, Deb Schuck, Jennifer Hodgman, and Kelly Caspers