

Oaks Golf Club Tuesday Night Ladies League 2025 League Rules

These rules are effective the entire season. Please bring up any rule issues at the fall banquet when decisions for the 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 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 end nights may have 5:30 PM start times.
4. Teams will consist of two person teams. Team captains will be responsible for printing the names of the two 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&B flights and for C&D flights. Flights A&B can interchange Subs and flights C&D can interchange Subs.
 - a. **TWO SUBS CANNOT PLAY TOGETHER, NO SUBS ON POSITION NIGHT.**
 - b. Three person teams will be allowed with only two members playing each match. Three person teams will pay the normal dues for two people plus \$20. This will cover administrative costs and banquet costs. If one person pays skins, all must pay skins. The third member of the team may not sub for other teams. Any two of three may play on position night. All three qualify for field events per vote at the April 21st, 2015 meeting.
5. Subs are not allowed to participate in field events on league nights.
6. League format will be matches played head-to-head, using two-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 **two balls** on the **fairway only**. You may not take two strokes on the green. This option is only **allowed three times per year per team** playing alone on position night would use one of these three times. After those three times you have three options.
 1. Forfeit
 2. Get a sub
 3. Play alone with one 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 one 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 arrived 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 are **no sharing 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 play one ball or two balls. There will be no makeup 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 rainout matches will be made-up on another night. The process for rainouts is as follows:
 - 1. First rainout of the season will be played on the first designated rainout date.
 - 2. Second rainout will be played on the second designated rainout date. Any remaining rainout dates will be played with the first position night after the rainout, by counting the score concurrently with the match that is also being played.
 - 3. If a match has started and then called because of rain, the same two must complete the match. If the same two people cannot complete the match, one team member may complete the match by herself, using only one ball. This match will be made-up on the earliest rain date. It does not matter how many holes teams get completed before the rainout; Nine holes will be a complete match.
 - 4. If a match has started and then called because of rain with some teams having completed the nine holes, the decision will be made by the league executive committee on a case-by-case basis.
9. Each match won will be worth one point. Matches that tie will be worth 1/2 point. A lost match is worth 0 points. Scores are compared to each other at net. The two competing scores are compared after the handicap is used. A team receives handicapped 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 second match your first two week score plus last year's average will equate your handicap for your third match. After the third match all scores from this year will be added together to compute your average.
 - 1. Example: team A has a scoring average of 35.2 and team B has a scoring average of 36.5. Team B receives one handicap stroke that night.
 - b. Flights A&B will have a handicapped limit of three strokes, flights C&D will have a handicapped limit of four strokes.

10. League Best Ball rules apply as follows:

- a. **Winter Rules** apply to every shot in the fairway. (Winter Rules allows you to lift, clean and place your ball within one club length of where the ball has come to rest, no closer to the pin and equal).
- b. All balls must be played from the same cut of grass as the original ball 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 five minutes (USGA allows 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 always 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 the Minnesota 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, this will count for one of three times this rule is allowed. See #6 rule.

16. The league fees are \$120 per two-person team and \$145 per three-person team. Team skins are optional \$5 per team member. All team members must contribute to qualify for skins. Skins will be paid out at the banquet in the fall. There is also an option \$1 per person for hole-in-one insurance. If you receive a hole-in-one the winnings will be paid out at the fall banquet. Multiple hole-in-ones will be split.

- 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 greens fees. However, they must have dues paid in full by week two or they will be charged green fees. Non-members will be responsible to pay greens 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 greens fees prior to playing it will be an automatic forfeit for the week.
- c. Hole-in-one insurance: if you want to take a chance, you can contribute \$1.00. This is a one-time charge per year. You need to re-enter every year to participate.
- d. If there is a hole in one, all monies will be paid out to those individuals at the banquet in the fall. Multiple holes in ones will be split. 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. Ladies league pays out for first, second and third places as follows:

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1. First Place \$200
 2. Second Place \$150
 3. Third Place \$100
 4. The money will be split evenly if there are ties for first, second and third places.
 - d. \$5 from each team goes toward low average.
 - e. \$10 from each team goes towards closest to the pin.
 1. There are four par threes on the course #3, #6, #14, and #16. Two holes will have markers for A&B flights and two holes will have markers for C&D flights.
 - f. August 30, 2022, voted to cap hole-in-on pot to \$500 and the excess to be used for field events. (April 15, 2025 current total \$500)
 - g. Various donations are made towards Mike Hasley/League recording, flowers fund, Heritage Golf Tournament, Viking Pride Golf Tournament, or anything else that may be voted upon.
 18. There is an additional 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, please call your opponent or the pro shop by 5:00 PM to inform them if you are unable to golf on League Night.
 20. In case of inclement weather, the Oaks Golf Club will decide by 5:00 PM if league is cancelled. Please do not call before 5:00 PM. **Please check your e-mails from the President or Secretary/Treasurer on inclement days.**
 21. No player may be under the age of 16 years old at the time of play. A change was made on April 26, 2021: You may have a high school/lady aged 13 or older sub.
 22. The league executive committee consists of:
 - a. League President: Missy Bowman
 - b. League Secretary/Treasurer: Colleen Reese
 - c. Rules Committee: Jan Nordland, Deb Schuck, Jennifer Hodgman and Kelly Caspers.
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