



Wildwinds Men's Golf League – 2023 Rules

General Format

The Wildwinds Men's Golf League (the "League") is a weekly (Thursday) semi-competitive golf league. The goal of the League is to promote the game of golf and comradery of friends and peers with similar interests.

League participants will play one 9-hole round each Thursday beginning May 25, 2023 and ending mid-September. Prizes will be awarded to weekly winners as well as the winners of the season-long team events.

Golfers are not required to play each week, and no advance notice is required for players who are not available. However, weekly participation is encouraged, and absent golfers may impact team event scoring.

Participation/Registration

The League is open to Wildwinds members and non-members alike. You do not have to be a member of Wildwinds Golf Club to participate.

Participants may register in the pro-shop or by contacting Jon Jeffries (jonjeffries@golfwildwinds.ca). There is a \$100 registration fee, which covers prizes, welcome gift, seasonal tournaments/events, and administrative costs to the course.

General Rules

Unless otherwise stated, participants shall adhere to all USGA/CGA and Wildwinds Golf Club rules. This includes all rules for out-of-bounds, hazards, lost balls, etc.

League play will be either from the front- and back-9, alternating on a weekly basis. This will be posted in the pro shop on Thursdays, near the check-in desk.

Players aged 55-and-over will play from the White tees; all others will play from the Blue tees.

All players will play individual stroke play, using their own ball (i.e., no Best Ball, Scramble, etc. unless explicitly designated for a given week).

Tee Times

Participants have the option of playing their round any time of the day on Thursday; however, it is preferable to select a tee time during the 3:00pm – 6:00pm block, which is generally set aside for the League. Participants/groups should book their desired tee times each week (up to 7 days' in advance). You may do this online, in-person, or over the phone.

Handicapping

The Wildwinds Men's Golf League leverages a basic in-house handicap system, considering the previous rounds played in the League. Participants do not need to have a registered USGA/CGA handicap to participate. If you do have a USGA/CGA handicap, this will be considered upon entry into the league.

If you do not have a USGA/CGA handicap, starting handicaps will be based on the 3 most recent rounds played (at any course). If this is unavailable, the initial handicap will be calculated by weighting the most recent round by a factor of 3. Players have the opportunity to provide this average upon registration for the league.

For those registrants that have not had the opportunity to play recently, the initial handicap will be established over the first three league rounds.

For the remainder of the season, handicaps will be updated based on the average of your League rounds. You may continue to post your future scores to the USGA/CGA handicapping system; however, these will not be considered for League play.

Weekly Events

Weekly winners will be identified in the following two formats:

- 1) Overall net score, considering handicap as described above.
- 2) Hole event winners (e.g., Closest to the Pin), as designated by Wildwinds Staff.

The winners of each week's events will be communicated to all participants via email and the Online League Portal prior to the following week's rounds.

Team Scoring

Participants will split into teams based on handicap. Posted rounds will contribute to an overall team score, which will help accumulate points for each team. The teams accumulating the most points during the first half and second half will be awarded prizes, and the team accumulating the most points throughout the entire season will be named the WWML Team Champion.

Team scores are calculated on a weekly basis by averaging the net score of all the teams' participants. The team with the lowest average net score will receive 3 points. The 2nd place team will receive 2 points, and the 3rd place team will receive 1 point. Teams must meet a minimum participation requirement each week to qualify for points. As such, teams who do not field the minimum number of players will receive 0 points for the week. The number of required players is determined after registration and subsequent creation of the teams.

Seasonal Events

Throughout the season, Wildwinds will host special league events. The dates and times of these events are TBD as of the start of the 2023 season.

Prizes

Prizes for weekly events will be distributed by the Wildwinds staff. Players qualifying for these prizes should claim them at the pro shop. These prizes may include sleeves of golf balls, misc. golf gear, and/or apparel. Prizes for the team and special events are TBD.

Online League Portal

League scores, announcements, and misc. information will be posted to the Wildwinds Men's League Portal. The portal may be accessed at the Wildwinds website, www.golfwildwinds.ca.

Separate instructions for accessing the portal will be provided prior to the start of the league season.

Contact Info

If you have any questions comments or recommendations, please feel free to contact the league coordinator at leagues@golfwildwinds.ca.