

# Wildwinds Men's League – 2025 Format & Rules

## NEW for 2025!

Dates:

- League Season starts May 29<sup>th</sup>
- Weekly Scoring concludes September 18<sup>th</sup>
- Year-End Tournament/Banquet is September 25<sup>th</sup>

#### Fees:

- The Registration Fee is \$120 (Tax included)
- League Participants will be issued an ID card, informing Wildwinds staff that you are part of the Men's League and are entitled to discounted greens fees. Only players holding a Wildwinds card are entitled to the discounted rates.

#### Format:

- Weekly prizes will awarded as pro shop credit, which can be saved to purchase Wildwinds Gear, Food/Bev, Greens Fees, etc. Credit must be spent prior to the end of the 2025 golf season.
- In addition to weekly events, points will be tracked to determine season-long leaders, for which special prizes will be awarded.

### **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 29th, 2025 and ending September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Prizes will be awarded to weekly winners as well as the winners of the special 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 contributes to season-long standings!

## **Participation/Registration**

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

Participants may register online, by contacting the <u>League Coordinator</u> or in the pro shop. There is a \$120 registration fee, which covers weekly prizes, seasonal tournaments/events, and administrative costs to Wildwinds.

## **General Rules**

Unless otherwise stated, participants shall adhere to all USGA/CGA and Wildwinds local rules. This includes all rules for out-of-bounds, hazards, lost balls, etc. Please review the <u>Rules of Golf</u> section of the Wildwinds webpage for additional info. As a reminder: a common understanding of these rules ensures a fair competition for everyone!

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.

Unless otherwise noted, tees are played based on age:

- Players under 55 years old: BLUE Tees
- Players aged 55-79: WHITE Tees\*
- Players 80 and over: RED Tees\*

\*Players 55 and over may choose to play longer tees, if they wish.

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.

### Weekly Events

Weekly winners will be named as follows:

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> lowest net scores, considering handicap as described below.
- 2) Hole event winners (e.g., Closest to the Pin), as designated by Wildwinds Staff.
- 3) Misc. events/contests, TBD.

Ties are broken using "retrogression," where the tied players' net hole scores are compared, starting with the final hole. The person to win a hole first will be deemed the winner of the tie break.

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

### <u>Tee Times</u>

Participants have the option of playing their round any time of the day on Thursday; however, it is preferable to select a tee time after 3:00pm, 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.

## **Scoring**

To qualify for the weekly events, a completed scorecard must be turned into the pro shop on Thursday evening, after the round. Late submissions will not be accepted.

Participants should track and submit their gross score (per hole) on a Wildwinds scorecard. As a courtesy to Wildwinds staff, please:

- Write names, numbers, etc. legibly
- Include your first and last name (no nicknames, initials, etc.)
- Record the actual score made per hole (no net scores, scores to par, etc.)
- When starting on the back-9, record League scores on the back-9 section of the card (starting on hole 10)
- Triple-check your math

Illegible or otherwise unintelligible scorecards may not be counted.

#### **Handicapping**

The Wildwinds Men's Golf League leverages a basic in-house handicap system, considering a weighted average of the previous rounds played in the League. Participants do not need to have a registered USGA/CGA handicap to participate.

Starting handicaps will be based on one of the following:

- Last year's Wildwinds Men's League season-ending handicap
- USGA/CGA handicap
- A weighted average of your most recent rounds (at any course)

Players have the opportunity to provide their USGA/CGA handicap or average of recent rounds 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.

### 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 2025 season.

### <u>Prizes</u>

Prizes for weekly events will be awarded as pro shop credit, to be used on Wildwinds gear, food/bev, greens fees, etc. This credit may be spent immediately, or saved throughout the season. All shop credit must be spent prior to the end of the 2025 golf season. distributed by the Wildwinds staff. Additional prizes may be awarded, as designated by Wildwinds staff.

## Weather

Unfortunately, weather may cause delays, cancellations, or other disruptions to the weekly contests. In the event of a weather-related interruption, the League Ambassador will determine whether an official contest has occurred based on the number of completed rounds. Rounds impacted by weather will only be counted (and prizes awarded) if more than 1/3 of league participants have posted scores.

#### **Online League Portal**

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

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 ambassador at <a href="mailto:leagues@golfwildwinds.ca">leagues@golfwildwinds.ca</a>.