Wildwinds Men's Golf League – 2024 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 30, 2024 and ending mid-September. 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!

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 ONLINE, by contacting the League Coordinator or in the pro shop. There is a $100 registration fee, which covers weekly prizes, welcome gift, 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 Rules of Golf 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 year 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) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd lowest net scores, considering handicap as described below.
2) Hole event winners (e.g., Closest to the Pin), as designated by Wildwinds Staff.

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.

As an alternative or in addition to weekly net scoring events, some weeks may be designated as "special contests." Details of such events will be communicated during the week leading up to the contest.

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.

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 (as available), 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 make sure to:

- 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 Golf 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 2024 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 special events are TBD.

Weather
Unfortunately, weather may cause delays, cancellations, or other disruptions to the weekly contests. In the event of a weather-related interruption, the League Coordinator 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 Wildwinds Men's League Portal. The portal may be accessed through 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.