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****OAK GLEN THURSDAY MEN'S LEAGUE RULES CHARTER****

Article 1: League Overview

1.1 Purpose: The Oak Glen Thursday Men's League is established to promote friendly competition and camaraderie among its members through organized golf events.

1.2 Membership: Participation is open to any male aged 21 or older, upon payment of league fees and registration with the league organizer. Members are expected to adhere to the league's rules and maintain good sportsmanship.

Article 2: League Structure

2.1 Season Format: The Oak Glen Thursday Men's League regular season will consist of 2 halves, each lasting 9 weeks. Each half will be followed by 2 weeks of playoffs.

2.2 Playoff Qualification: A total of four teams will qualify for the playoffs. The two highest-scoring teams from each half will earn a spot in the playoff semi-finals. If there are duplicate teams from the first and second halves, the team or teams with the highest total points for the season will qualify for the playoffs.

2.3 Teams: The league will consist of 10, 4-man teams. Each team will be [individually formed/assigned]. Team rosters may be adjusted at the discretion of the league organizers.

2.4 Participation: Each team is required to have a roster of four primary golfers. Any team utilizing a substitute golfer must roster them as a substitute before the season begins.

Substitutes can be used in cases of player unavailability.

Article 3: Scoring and Season Ending Tie Break Rules

3.1 League Scoring Rules:

- Each match will consist of 4 matches, A-D golfers, worth 11 points.
 - Scoring: Head-to-head stroke play for 1 point and match play for 1 point for each match, totaling 8 available points.
 - An additional 3 points are awarded for the team with the lowest net cumulative score of all 4 golfers with handicaps.

3.2 Handicap Format and Calculations:

- Handicaps will be calculated based on the most recent 10 scores, with the highest 4 being discarded.

Number of Scores	Discard Highest	Discard Lowest
3	1	0
4	2	0
5	2	0
6	3	0
7	3	0
8	4	0
9	4	0
10	4	0

- Minimum 3 scores are required to establish a league handicap.
- The weekly handicap used for competition will be 90% of the recorded handicap, rounded to the nearest whole number.
- Weekly scores will be recorded utilizing the USGA “equitable stroke control” rules.

3.3 Tie Break Rules

In the event of a tie at the end of each half of the regular season for the 2nd awarded playoff entry, a 3-hole playoff will be conducted.

- Players will calculate to 1/3 of their league handicap for the 3-hole playoff.
- The 3-hole circuit will be determined at the time of the event based on course availability.
- The 3-hole scoring system will reflect the same methods as regular-season match scoring. Each head-to-head match will be worth 2 points, and 3 points for the team with the lowest net.
- In the event of a continued tie, there will be a single-hole sudden death utilizing the same format. This sudden death would continue hole by hole until a winning team is determined. If darkness doesn't allow continued play, the team with the lower net is determined to be the winner based on the most recent playoff or match scores.
- This inability to continue will need to be agreed upon by all parties.

Article 4: Playoff Seeding Rules

4.1 Seeding Process:

The 4 playoff teams will be seeded 1-4 based on the team's total points earned during the season.

4.2 Playoff Matchups:

Seeds 1 and 4, and 2 and 3, will face off in the playoff matchups.

Article 5: League and Course Specific Rules: Standard USGA rules apply unless specified below.

5.1 Course Tees:

Play will be from the white tees on the front nine and white tees on the back nine.

0.2 Country Club OB League Rule:

- Two club-length relief from the point of entry, no closer to the hole.
- No line of flight relief.
- No relief from the boundary fence outside of the two club lengths.

5.3 Boundary Line and Fence:

- No relief from the boundary fence for a ball in play.
- May take one stroke penalty for an unplayable lie per standard USGA rules.

5.4 Interior Boundary or Immovable Object:

- One club from the nearest point of full relief (reference scorecard).
- Examples: 3rd hole fence, 4th hole rock wall, 13th hole porta-potty, and 16th hole fence.
- Relief for Immovable Objects: Any immovable man-made object within the interior boundary is subject to relief. Deliberation within the group for consensus is required.

5.5 USGA Yellow and Red Hazard Rules:

- When you take relief from a penalty area, you get one penalty stroke.
- For yellow penalty areas, you have two relief options.
- For red penalty areas, you have three relief options (the same two relief options as for yellow, plus one additional option).
- For a yellow penalty area, you may take relief by dropping into a relief area using (1) the spot at which your last stroke was made under stroke and distance (see Rule 17.1d(1)) or (2) the back-on-the-line relief procedure (see Rule 17.1d(2)).
- For a red penalty area, you have the two options above for a yellow penalty area, plus an additional option to take lateral relief. Lateral relief allows you to drop a ball into a relief area measured from where your ball last crossed the edge of the red penalty area. From that

reference point, you are allowed to drop outside the penalty area and anywhere within two club-lengths of that spot, no nearer to the hole (see Rule 17.1d(3)).

Article 6: Code of Conduct

6.1 Sportsmanship: All members are expected to conduct themselves in a sportsmanlike manner, respecting fellow players, course staff, and the rules of golf.

6.2 Etiquette: Players should adhere to golf etiquette, including repairing divots, fixing ball marks, and maintaining the proper pace of play.

Article 7: Dispute Resolution

7.1 Disputes: Any disputes regarding rules, scoring, or conduct should be brought to the attention of the league organizers promptly for resolution.

Article 8: League Finances

8.1 Fees:

Annual league fees will be paid in full or, as an option, in two installments before each half-season, for a total of \$ 3,240 per team. Fees include all prize money payouts, green and cart fees. Subject to change based on course and league requirements.

8.2 Payout Structure:

Payouts will consist of the following (based on a 10-team league):

Weekly Payouts:

- 2 Closest to the Pin (\$25 each)
- Team Low Net \$120 (league-wide)
- Each Half Winner: \$225
- Each Half Runner-up: \$100

Final Playoff Winners:

- 1st Place: \$1500
- 2nd Place: \$1000
- 3rd Place: \$600

Article 9: Amendments

9.1 Changes: The league organizers reserve the right to amend these rules as necessary. Members will be notified of any changes in a timely manner.

Article 10: Conclusion

By participating in the Oak Glen Thursday Men's League, members acknowledge their understanding and acceptance of these rules.