



## MEN'S CHRISTIAN GOLF LEAGUE 2022

⇒ THIS LEAGUE WILL ADHERE TO RULES OF THE USGA IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE LOCAL RULES OF THE GOLF ESTABLISHMENTS THAT WE PLAY AT ~ ALONG WITH THE FOLLOWING LEAGUE RULES THAT HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BELOW. ⇪

1. We will play winter rules the entire season. A ball anywhere in your fairway only may be moved a maximum of [6"] with the club only, left, right or back. It may not be moved closer to the hole. If a ball lands in a water hazard or staked out of bounds, the ball can be returned laterally from where it went into the hazard or out of bounds, with 2 club lengths relief. At no time can the ball be placed or propped unless after two drops the ball continues to enter the hazard or land out of bounds. Then it may be placed.
2. Out-of-bounds will be treated as a [1] stroke penalty. The ball will be dropped from the point of entry (two-club length relief) but not closer to the hole or line of flight as far back as he wishes. The opponent will be the spotter and determine the point of relief. Again, the ball must be dropped and not placed. Unless as noted in #1.
3. Balls that come to rest inbounds near a man-made obstacle preventing a normal stance or swing may be moved without Penalty. This includes cart paths, stakes or posts designating distance to the hole and fences designating out of bounds. The ball may be dropped (not placed) 2-club lengths away from the obstacle, but no closer to the hole.
4. Any player(s) failing to complete his round will only receive those points that he has earned up to his departure. His opponent will earn the balance of the points against a handicap card for the holes missed. If the withdrawal is due to an emergency or injury, the Rules Committee may elect to allow the player(s) to finish the round from the hole that he left on. This must be done within a reasonable time frame and with one of the opponents that he was playing.
5. **PLEASE KEEP IN MIND THAT SLOW PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. OTHERS WANT TO FINISH BEFORE DARK. THIS IS A FACTOR AT THE START OF THE LEAGUE AND AT THE END OF THE SEASON. 5 MINS IS THE MAXIMUM TIME ALLOWED TO SEARCH FOR YOUR BALL WHEN YOU LEAVE THE TEE BOX. THE TEAM CAPTAINS WILL BE THE TIME KEEPERS. PLEASE PLAY READY GOLF. DROP OFF YOUR PARTNER AT HIS BALL AND GO TO YOUR BALL. HE SHOULD HIT IF NOBODY IS IN HIS WAY. EVERYONE WANTS TO FINISH WHILE THERE IS DAYLIGHT, SO PLEASE SPEED UP PLAY.**
6. Standard golf etiquette must be displayed at all times. We are a Christian Golf League and bear witness to our Lord, **Jesus Christ**. We respectfully request that all golfers refrain from using profane language. We prefer to be a Non-alcohol and drug free league. You are also encouraged to join us on the practice green prior to league play to listen to the Weekly announcements, a word of wisdom from the Scriptures followed by short prayer addressing all the needs and praise reports from league members and subs.

### **7A— SCORING SYSTEM, 7B— HANDICAP SCORECARD, 7C— MATCH PLAY**

#### **7. SCORING SYSTEM**

- a. Scoring has been revised to a maximum (2) points possible on each hole played. The most a player can earn is (18) points if he wins every hole. All holes tied will split the points. One team member from each team must initial both scorecards after the match is completed. Please review you card and fill them out completely with scores and points before turning them in.
- b. Under no circumstance can a handicap scorecard take more points than a player that showed up and played. The maximum points awarded to a handicap card is (9). The player that showed up will receive no less than (9) points but could earn up to the maximum (18) points.
- c. We are playing match play golf. Gimme puts are not automatic at any distance. It's up to your opponent to give you any putt(s) if they elect to do so.

### **8— RAIN AND INCLEMENT WEATHER CONDITIONS**

8. It will be left up to Golden Hawk management to rule on the suitability for play at the course due to inclement weather or course conditions. If the weather conditions are questionable, it is the players responsibility to contact the golf course for an update on play for the evening. The phone number for the course is listed below. League officers will co-ordinate with the Pro Shop personnel to stay updated on course conditions for the evening. The league members will meet at the course unless it has been cancelled. If conditions changed, the Golf Course Management & league officers will make the final judgment on play for the evening. If the round is cancelled, then it will be added to the end of the season if possible. Walter has added a page to our website with course conditions. This will be updated on league night at 2PM to reflect current conditions.

<https://www.rayressler.com/mcgl/2019/05/02/playing-conditions/>

**GOLDEN HAWK PHONE # 586-727-4681**



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### **9A—SUBS, 9B—ABSENT WITHOUT SUB, 9C—LATE TO THE ROUND**

**WHEN YOU MISS A LEAGUE NIGHT YOU HAVE TWO OPTIONS. GET A SUB OR DO NOT GET A SUB!!**

9. SEE Rule #13 for details on vouchers for missed rounds.
  - a. If you choose to get a sub you will receive the points earned by the sub. You will be ineligible to receive a voucher for the round you did not play. You may nominate a sub of your own or ask a sub listed on the official sub list. Please text Ray no later than the day before if possible so he can update the scorecard with the sub info. "New" subs can be added at any time during the season. The sub list is available on our website. <https://www.rayressler.com/mcgl/player-list-for-2022/>
  - b. You do not have to get a sub. If you wish to get a voucher for your missed round we will use a handicap scorecard to figure out your score for the week. If only one a player on a team is absent without a sub, then it will be the responsibility of the player's partner to fill out the handicap scorecard. If the whole team is missing then the opponents are required to fill out the handicap scorecards. The calculation chart for the handicap scorecard with a three-stroke penalty will be next to the player check-in sheet in the pro shop. (It is also online at the bottom of the player list linked above.) The cards must be filled out for the nights match. The handicap scorecard is still subject to giving or receiving strokes according to the players handicap. The opposing player will earn those points he has won based on the three-stroke penalty sheet. ANY CARDS TURNED IN WITHOUT BEING FILLED OUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO LOSING POINTS IN THE MATCH!!
  - c. Since we are going to shotgun this year, each foursome will be delegated a starting hole assignment each week. **If you are going to be late, please contact your opponents or your partner to let them know.** The group will wait for you until 5:30PM. If you have not arrived at the tee box by 5:30PM, they have the right to tee off without you. Anyone waiting for a player that has not contacted them, should attempt to make contact with the missing player(s) AT 5PM. If you cannot get in contact with the missing player(s), then you may begin your round. When you arrive late, please go directly to where your group is on the course. If your group has already left the tee box, **DO NOT TEE OFF**, you have already missed the hole. Meet your group on the course and begin playing the next hole. All holes missed will be scored with the handicap scorecard that is located in the pro shop. If you do not contact your opponent or your partner that you will be late, your group will tee off at 5:00PM without you. **Your contact information will be shared with the league members.** It is suggested that you add everyone in your phone so that you can have ready access to everyone. A password protected list will be posted on the website for those that do not wish to add members into their devices. We can provide a paper list to anyone that needs it. Please resist the temptation to contact Ray or anyone not in your group looking for help contacting missing members of your group. If you cannot contact the missing player(s), you may begin your round at 5:00PM. If you miss the entire round and had no sub, then your entire card will be calculated at your handicap with a three-stroke penalty added to the easiest handicap holes on the side we are playing.

A password protected player list is available on our website: <https://www.rayressler.com/mcgl/player-list-for-2022/>

### **10—DROP ZONES**

10. It has been established that we have designated drop zones on the following holes:

(3) holes at Golden Hawk Golf Course as listed below.

THE PAR 3 -HOLE #4. Drop on the other side of the water-anywhere in front of the ladies tee marker.

THE PAR 4- HOLE #6. Drop on the other side of the water-anywhere in front of the ladies tee marker.

THE PAR 3- HOLE #7. On the east side (Facing the clubhouse) of the cart path in front of the ladies tee marker.



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### **11— DESIGNATED OUT OF BOUNDS AREA ON THE COURSE**

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- All balls hit inside the tree line on hole #3 are considered out of bounds and normal drop rules will be enforced. The area past the maintenance road toward the green on #3 up to the tree line left of the cart path will be in play. Anything outside the large tree by the maintenance road is playable as long as it is not inside the tree line on the left towards the green.
- All balls hit on the left side of the cart path along hole #5 is considered playable on the grass area only. Once you are past the tower down the left side toward the green, skirting hole #3, is still in play and not considered out of bounds, but must be played as it lies.
- It has been established that the following areas on the holes #15, #17 & #18 are out of bounds and normal drop rules are observed. #15—woods down the left side. #17—woods down the left side. #18—woods down the left side.
- There are (2) areas located on hole #15 with man-made drainage ditches  
If you land in either of these ditches, then you are permitted a free drop, 2 club-lengths from where your ball comes to rest in the ditch. You can move it laterally, but not closer to the hole. Your opponent becomes the spotter if there are any questions.
- Power lines and towers come into play on the course on several holes. You will be permitted a rehit without any penalty if you hit a wire on the hole you are playing. There are several holes that may be affected by the overhead wires. This does not mean any overhead wires or towers in any adjacent holes. They will be played as they lie. If a ball is inside a tower area, you may drop behind the tower, no closer to the hole and without trying to better your lie.

### **12— LEAGUE FEES FOR THE 2022 SEASON**

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- a. The cost of the season is \$390.00 of which \$195.00 is due by April 27<sup>th</sup> at the league meeting, but no later than the first night of golf on May 12<sup>th</sup>. The balance of \$195.00 is due by the 7<sup>th</sup> of July.
- b. Also, for those that come out to play the pre-nine round, you must be at the prayer circle by 4:45PM. The cost remains at \$10.00 on league nights only! You can elect to use your voucher (rain check) for the pre-round, but it is used in its entirety. There are no credits. Please do not go out and play without first paying for the round in the pro shop. "See rule #17 in conjunction with this rule."

### **13— LEAGUE COMMITMENT – VOUCHERS FOR MISSED ROUNDS\***

13. For those that cannot make a league night, you are still liable for the nightly fees at Golden Hawk. We are bound by the league contract with Golden Hawk for the number of players submitted to them at the beginning of the golf season. For those that could not find a sub to take their place, they will be eligible for a voucher issued by Golden Hawk to the administrators of the league with the following stipulations

- They can be used Monday thru Friday by League Members only as availability permits.
- Each player must make a tee time with the pro shop at Golden Hawk to use them.
- They can be used for payment in the pre-nine round if the player so elects to use them.
- They cannot and will not be accepted on Saturday or Sunday and there is no cash value for them.



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### **14A & 14B — FLUFF RULE DEFINED FOR FLIGHTS 14C— COURSE CONDITIONS**

**14.** If you begin the season as a 'A' player, you will remain a 'A' flight player the entire season. If you begin the season as a 'B' player, you will remain a 'B' flight player the entire season.

**a.** The committee has ruled that we will not use the fluff rule for those playing in the 'A' flight (9 handicap or less). You must play the ball as it lies in the rough. In the fairways you can still have the right to move it 6", left, right or back.

**b.** If you are playing in the 'B' flight (10 handicap or higher), you can still fluff up the shot in the rough with the club only. Please do not pick up the ball and place it, nor move it from behind obstacles that are in the way. You can only fluff it up, maintaining your position without trying to better your lie.

**c.** The rules committee will make a judgement call at the start of each round as to the playable conditions on the course. Lift, clean and place shall be invoked as needed based on course conditions that evening. The committee has also decided that the sand traps will not be in play **unless the course maintains them in a playable condition**. It is your responsibility to check with your playing partner or someone who knows the playing conditions for the night, as outlined at the prayer circle.

### **15— BALL IDENTIFICATION DURING LEAGUE PLAY**

**15.** Also, it is mandatory that you make it a point to mark some type of identification on your ball to eliminate any confusion, especially if two or more players are using the same identical ball during league play. If you fail to mark your ball for any hole played; you will forfeit that hole.

### **16— DESIGNATING TEAM CAPTAINS**

**16.** The lowest handicap team member will be the designated captain. He will be responsible for any rules discrepancies, Decision on drops or on out of bounds situations, or for any other issue that may arise during the match. It is recommended that either you or your partner keep a copy of the rules in your bag to address any situation that comes up. You can access the rules on our website: <https://www.rayressler.com/mcgl/category/rules/>. Any issue that cannot be resolved during play can be brought into the clubhouse after the round and the rules committee will discuss it and decide that night, if possible, but within a week at the latest. If the score is affected, it will be corrected.

### **17— CHECKING IN AT THE PRO SHOP FOR EACH ROUND PLAYED**

**17.** Each member of the league **Must Check in** on the MCGL check in sheet located in the pro shop that night. If you are asked to sub, there is a \$10.00 sub fee for 9 holes with a cart. If you sub, you are also eligible to participate in the pre-nine round for an additional \$10.00. The sub is responsible to pay Ray or one of the league committee members (Andre, Wayne, or Walter) before playing the round.

### **18— SENIOR PLAY RULES FOR THOSE 70+**

**18.** If you are 70 years or older you are eligible to tee off from the senior tees (Gold) at Golden Hawk. If you begin on the gold for the round, then you must finish on the gold that round. If you begin on the white for the round, you must finish on the white that round.



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### **19— AVERAGES AND HANDICAPS**

19. We will use a system known as Equitable Stroke Control. This does not affect points won or lost in any match played. This is only used for the computation of the handicaps on a weekly basis using the Equitable Stroke System. We will use a 90% multiplier for all league players to calculate weekly handicaps. A (5) week average will be maintained throughout the season. We will drop a round off each week after (5) rounds have been played to maintain your handicap. The players will use their established handicap from last year for the first (5) weeks. Then in week (6) we will calculate handicaps with the new scores added in.

a. All cards must be filled out completely in order to receive your points. There are no exceptions to this rule. If you do not know how to keep score, see anyone that has played last year for an explanation on how to keep score.

b. We have adopted that the maximum allowable strokes will be (16) per round for 9 holes. The number of strokes received will be calculated on the difference between the handicaps of the two opposing players. The player receiving strokes will get no more than (2) strokes maximum on par 5's and par 4's. They will only get (1) stroke on par 3's.



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**THESE RULES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED AND APPROVED BY THE MEN'S CHRISTIAN GOLF  
LEAGUE RULES COMMITTEE FOR THE 2022 SEASON AND WILL BE ADHERED TO 100%**

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### **THIS IS THE PRAYER WARRIOR TEAM 2022:**

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