



## **MEN'S CHRISTIAN GOLF LEAGUE 2025**

⇒ **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, fairway bunker or staked out of bounds, the ball can be returned laterally no closer to the hole from where it went into the hazard or out of bounds, with 2 club lengths relief or line of flight as far back as he wishes. 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. Greenside bunkers may be dopped two club lengths behind the bunker keeping sand between you and the green.
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 or ground under repair 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 and standing water or damage. 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 TIMEKEEPERS. 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. SEE RULE 19 – SHAGGING/COLLECTING GOLF BALLS**
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. 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 your cards 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 possible points awarded to a handicap card is (8) but it could be less depending on how his opponent does. The player that showed up will receive no less than (10) points but can earn up to the maximum (18) points. Please remember that Equitable Stroke is still going to be used for handicaps even on the handicap card less the 3 penalty strokes added on the card.
- c. We are playing match play golf. Gimme putts 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 change, 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. We will try to update this on league night by 2PM as possible to reflect current conditions. <https://www.rayressler.com/mcgl/2019/05/02/playing-conditions/>



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

**WHEN YOU MISS A LEAGUE NIGHT, YOU HAVE (2) OPTIONS: (1) GET A SUB, (2) TAKE A HANDICAP SCORE CARD FOR THE ROUND!!**

9. SEE also Rule #13 for additional details:

a. If you choose to get a sub you will receive the points earned by the sub. 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-2023/>

b. You do not have to get a sub if you so elect, but we will use a handicap scorecard with the three stroke penalty added into your scorecard to figure out your score and points for the round. 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 missing players handicap. The player present will earn those points he has won but will receive no less than 10 points playing against the handicap card. **ANY CARDS TURNED IN WITHOUT BEING FILLED OUT MAY BE SUBJECT TO LOSING POINTS IN THE MATCH!!**

c. WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ALLOWED A SHOTGUN START THIS YEAR. WE WILL DESIGNATE TEE SLOTS FOR EACH GROUP AND POST THE SCHEDULE ONLINE [HTTP://WWW.RAYRESSLER.COM/MCGL](http://www.rayressler.com/mcgl). **OUR PRAYER CIRCLE WILL BEGIN AT 4:45PM, THE 1<sup>ST</sup> GROUP WILL TEE OFF AT 5:00PM.** GROUPS SHOULD BE READY TO GO **BEFORE** YOUR TEE TIME JUST INCASE YOU CAN TEE OFF EARLY. IF YOUR GROUP IS NOT COMPLETE WHEN IT'S YOUR TURN TO GO YOU MUST ALLOW THE NEXT COMPLETE GROUP TO TEE OFF IN YOUR PLACE. YOU WILL CONTINUE TO ALLOW COMPLETE GROUPS TO TEE OFF UNTIL EITHER YOUR MISSING PLAYER(S) JOIN YOU ON THE TEE BOX OR YOU ARE THE LAST GROUP READY TO TEE OFF.

IF YOUR LATE PLAYER(S) DO NOT JOIN YOU BY THE TIME YOU TEE OFF THEY MUST BE WITH THEIR GROUP READY TO TEE OFF BY THE FOURTH HOLE. IF HE OR THEY DO NOT MAKE IT BY THEN, THE PLAYER(S) ARRIVING LATE WILL BE TREATED AS ABSENT AND A HANDICAP SCORECARD WILL BE COMPILED FOR THEM. THE LATE PLAYER(S) WILL BE PERMITTED TO PACE WITH THEIR GROUP BUT A THREE STROKE PENALTY WILL BE ADDED TO THEIR SCORECARD ON THE THREE EASIEST HANDICAP HOLES ON THE SIDE WE ARE PLAYING.

IF YOU ARE LATE BUT JOIN YOUR GROUP **BEFORE** YOUR GROUP TEES OFF ON THE FOURTH HOLE, A PENALTY STROKE WILL BE ADDED TO YOUR CARD ON THE EASIEST HANDICAP HOLE THAT YOU DID NOT PLAY ON THE SIDE WE ARE PLAYING. WE WILL USE THE HANDICAP SCORE CARD SYSTEM TO CALCULATE THE SCORE FOR THE HOLE(S) YOU MISSED.

A password protected player list is available on our website: <https://www.rayressler.com/mcgl/player-list-for-2023/>

### 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.

THE PAR 4- HOLE #14. Drop zone is located in front of the ladies tee marker.

THE PAR 4- HOLE #17. If you're in the manmade ditch on the left side of the cart path (not the creek that runs the length of the hole) take a one stroke penalty and you can either take line of flight back as far as you want or drop 2 club lengths behind the ditch and two club lengths to the right of the cart path in the rough.



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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 are 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 re-hit 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 in any adjacent holes. They will be played as they lie. If a ball is inside a tower area or the tower is directly in your line of sight you may drop laterally left or right, so you have clear line of site to the green. No closer to the hole.

### 12— LEAGUE FEES FOR THE 2025 SEASON

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- a. The cost of the season is \$460.00 of which \$230.00 is due by April 17th at the league meeting, but no later than the first night of golf on May 1<sup>st</sup>. The balance of \$230.00 is due by the 26<sup>th</sup> of June.
- 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! 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

13. For those that cannot make a league night, you are still liable for the nightly fees at Golden Hawk. Unfortunately, Golden Hawk management has decided that missed round vouchers are no longer going to be issued. 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.

### 14— BALL IDENTIFICATION DURING LEAGUE PLAY

14. 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.**



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### 15A — FLUFF RULE DEFINED    15B — COURSE CONDITIONS

15.

- a. Since we are not designating flights this year, all players will be allowed to use the fluff rule. You may use your club to fluff up the ball in the rough. Please do not pick up your ball and place it unless lift, clean and place has been invoked. Also, you may not better your lie or line of sight to the green using the fluff rule from behind any obstacles.
- b. 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.

### 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 or Bill) before playing the round. The player retaining a sub should advise his sub about the \$10.00 fee.

### 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 (**except for the par 3's. They will be played from the white tees for the entire league**). 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.

### 19— SHAGGING BALLS DURING LEAGUE PLAY

#### 19. SHAGGING/COLLECTING GOLF BALLS

SHAGGING/COLLECTING GOLF BALLS IS NOT PERMITTED DURING LEAGUE PLAY. ANY PLAYER FOUND SHAGGING/COLLECTING GOLF BALLS DURING LEAGUE PLAY WILL BE PENALIZED ONE STROKE FOR EACH OCCURRENCE. THIS IS NOT TO SAY YOU CANNOT PICKUP A BALL OR TWO WHILE LOOKING FOR YOUR BALL. THE INTENT OF THIS RULE IS TO STOP DELAY OF GAME THAT RESULTS FROM THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY.



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### **20— AVERAGES AND HANDICAPS**

20. 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 (3) week average will be maintained throughout the season. We will drop a round off each week after the first (4) rounds have been played to maintain your handicap. The players will use their established handicap from last year for the first (3) weeks. Then in week (4) we will calculate handicaps with the new scores added in. All new subs without an established league handicap are subjected to an 80% calculation on their first round, then 90% for all rounds played after that.

- 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.
- c. All returning players will start out the season using last years final handicap as well as all the subs. Those players that were in the league last year and are now on the sub list will use their last years existing handicaps as well.