

# **2023 Sycamore Ridge Match Play**

April 16th – August 6th

## ***League Rules and Regulations***

- Registrations will be taken as (1) single player with complete information only.
- All league participants will be required to provide a valid phone number and email address when registering. The recorded email will be used when updating league standings and notification of changes to the schedule, etc.
- A player questioning a Handicap and/or dotting of a scorecard must bring proof when questioning. This means the work must be done and written out to support your argument.

Penalties will be assessed if you fail to follow this process:

- 1st time offense – Loss of hole
- 2nd time offense – Forfeit the match
- 3rd time offense – Removal from league

## ***Match Play Fees***

- All participants will be required to pay the full league initiation fee of \$100. This amount is due at the time of registration. No exceptions.
- League participants must pay a \$30 per match green fee in the golf shop before each scheduled match. Passholders will need to pay the \$30 fee if they play outside of their membership time. Cypress members will pay a \$20 weekly fee.
- Rounds must be scheduled between players with the Golf Shop. Please contact Reed Vande Velde, ([rvandavelde@orion-mgmt.com](mailto:rvandavelde@orion-mgmt.com)), to have the match scorecard prepared in advance.
- All league participants must check in with the golf shop prior to scheduled play.

## ***Format for Match Play***

- All matches can be scheduled Monday-Thursday at any time or Friday-Sunday after 1pm.
- Each round all matches must be scheduled inside the 3 week period. If the match cannot be scheduled both players will forfeit the match.
- All play will take place from the Blue tees. Seniors (55+) have the option to play from the White tees. Seniors (55+) must designate choice of tee (whites or blues) at sign up.
- Matches are 18 holes unless score dictates a conclusion before the 18 holes is up.
- Ties will be determined by Sudden Death. (1) One Hole will be played at a time until a winner is determined.

### ***Format for Seeding***

- All players will play in an 18-hole (Net) shotgun tournament on **April 16th, starting at 10am.**
- Seeding for match play will be based on finishing position in the tournament. Each player will be seeded from 1 to 32 based on a full field.
- Players who aren't able to compete in the tournament will be seeded at the bottom of the bracket based on random draw.

### ***Format for Bracket Play***

- Players will compete under "Match Play" rules.
- In all matches, players will play off of their valid USGA Handicap index. An official scorecard will be available in the Golf Shop prior to play. Cards will be "dotted" by staff.
- Play will take place from the "Blue" tees for all men, in all matches. Seniors (age 55 and older) and any juniors (age 15 and under) will be allowed, but not required to play from the "White" tees.
- Your tee box will be determined prior to the first league match and cannot be changed during the Match Play year.
- All USGA Rules will govern play in all matches and all league play; it is each player's responsibility to know and enforce the rules at all times. Any rules disputes will be decided by the League Coordinator/Supervisor immediately following play and in conjunction with the USGA Rules of Golf. All decisions are final.

### ***League Handicapping***

- All League participants must have a valid USGA GHIN Handicap established to participate. If a participant does not have a valid GHIN Handicap they must play as scratch. USGA Handicap enrollment can be acquired for a fee of \$40 (tax included) via phone, by visiting the Golf Shop, or by purchase via Central Links Golf online.
- A maximum course handicap of 27 will be allowed. If your course handicap is higher than 27, you will only be allowed to play as a 27. Only 80% of handicaps will be used.
- Valid USGA GHIN Handicaps from other courses will be accepted.
- Players are encouraged, and obligated, to enter scores throughout the season to ensure handicap accuracy. Penalties will be assessed otherwise.

### ***How to determine Course Handicap using Handicap Index***

A Course Handicap is the number of strokes a player receives on each particular course. Determine a course handicap by multiplying the Handicap Index by the Slope Rating (from the course and tee you choose) and dividing by 113 (standard difficulty rating). Round the result to the nearest whole number.

Course Handicap = Index x (Slope Rating of Tee on Course / 113)

Example:

The following assumes an index of 12.5 and a Home course slope of 134.

Course Handicap =  $12.5 \times 134$

$/ 113 = 1,675$

$/ 113 = 14.82$

= 15

### ***Explaining handicap strokes (dots) on scorecards***

Tournaments using anything less than 100% Handicap Allowance, will display both the full Course Handicap and the Course Handicap after the allowance is applied. For instance, John Smith's full Course Handicap is 11, but after the 80% allowance is applied, he is moved to a 9. John Smith is playing a match against someone who is a zero handicap. That means John will get 9 strokes (dots) from his opponent. In a 9-hole match the strokes would be divided by two. In the case of an uneven number, John would receive 5 strokes on the harder nine and 4 strokes on the easier nine.

### ***League Payouts***

- The following payouts are based on a full field of 32 players.

#### *18 Hole Stroke Play Tournament*

- Payout for places 1st - 5th as well as individual Hole Contests.

#### *Season Long Match Play*

- Weekly merchandise gift card payouts will be awarded to the winners of each match. (\$10 merchandise gift card)
- Merchandise gift card payouts will be awarded to golfers finishing in 1st–4th place based on Bracket play.

### ***Schedule:***

April 16th - 18 Hole Stroke Play Tournament \*Net Format 10am SG (Determines Seeding)

April 24th - May 14th (Round of 32)

May 15th - June 4th (Round of 16)

June 5th - June 25th (Round of 8)

June 26th - July 16th (Round of 4)

July 17th - August 6th (Championship & 3rd Place Match)