

2024 Sycamore Ridge Individual Match Play

Monday Nights (May 6th – July 15th)

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

- Golf attire will be required during play. (Collared shirts, golf pants or shorts.) Please no denim or attire with holes in them during play.

Match Play Fees

- All participants will be required to pay the full **league initiation fee of \$75**. This amount is due at the time of registration. No exceptions.
- Registration will close **Monday, April 29th**.
- Players are guaranteed 6 matches, but can play up to 9 matches.
- League participants must pay a \$25 per match green fee in the golf shop before each scheduled match. (Passholders will defer to the conditions of their annual pass for this fee.)
- Rounds will be scheduled Monday evenings at 5:30pm.
- All league participants must check in with the golf shop prior to play.

Format for Match Play

- 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 signup.
- The first 5 weeks of play will be pool play. Pools will be determined by handicap.
- Matches are 9 holes unless score dictates a conclusion before the 9 holes is up.
- **Pool Play Scoring** - Each match won will result in 3 points awarded to the winner, a tie will result in 1 point, and a loss 0 points.
- **In Bracket Play** - Single Elimination. Ties will be determined by Sudden Death. (1) One Hole will be played at a time until a winner is determined.

Format for Bracket Play

- Players will be guaranteed 1 match in 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 season.
- 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 by calling or visiting the Sycamore Ridge Golf Shop, or by purchase via Central Links Golf online.
- A maximum course handicap of 18 will be allowed. If your course handicap is higher than 18, you will only be allowed to play as an 18. 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 x 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

Match Play Bracket

- The following payouts are based on a full field of 32 players.
- Weekly merchandise gift card payouts will be awarded to the winners of each match. (\$10 merchandise gift card)
- Additional merchandise gift card payouts will be awarded to golfers finishing in 1st–4th place.

2024 Schedule			
Week 1	May 6th	5:30pm	Pool Play
Week 2	May 13th	5:30pm	Pool Play
Week 3	May 20th	5:30pm	Pool Play
OFF WEEK	May 27th		(Memorial Day)
Week 4	June 3rd	5:30pm	Pool Play
Week 5	June 10th	5:30pm	Pool Play
Week 6	June 17th	5:30pm	Round of 16
Week 7	June 24th	5:30pm	Round of 8
OFF WEEK	July 1st		(Independence Day)
Week 8	July 8th	5:30pm	Round of 4
Week 9	July 15th	5:30pm	Championship, 3rd Place Match