

2024 SCRATCH LEAGUE RULES

1. **FORMAT** - Two Man Best Ball – 10 points possible per match. 1 point for each hole won, ½ point for ties. 1 additional point will be awarded for low 9 hole total best ball score (regular season only). Teams are to record their points to league starter Milt Bunting. If teams forget to report scores the night of play, please contact the League Commissioner or Golf Shop as soon as possible to record your scores. If neither team reports before the scores are recorded for the week, both teams will receive 0 points. Once skins are paid out results are final, late scores will not be considered.
2. **TEE-TIMES** - Tuesdays from 4:40 to 5:30 pm. If unable to play at the scheduled tee-time, please try and reschedule at an agreed upon time for both teams prior to the day of the match. Late results will not be accepted without advance permission from commissioner, timely results are crucial and the league will not wait for matches to be made-up. Teams are not obligated to reschedule and can force forfeit. If a team fails to start on time, each missed hole is a loss of a point and automatic medal.
3. **ROSTERS** - 2 to 6 players and must be set by July 1st. Only players on your roster will be allowed to play in the playoffs. Any Men's Club Member may be a substitute for league during the regular season (subs must be a Men's Club Member). A partner must play at least 5 holes to count for points. A team may play a match with only one player present with no restrictions for the number of times per season, however, that one player must play the entire match, or the team will be charged with a forfeit. The team that forfeits will receive 0 points and 7 points will be awarded to their opponents.
4. **RAINOUTS/POSITION ROUNDS** – Decided by 3:00 pm by the Commissioner. Weeks 5, 10 and 15 are Rain Dates/Position Rounds. Rain Dates will take precedence over Position Rounds, every team should play each team in their division once. If play is suspended due to severe weather remaining points will be split, **only** if every match has teed off. Position rounds will be played by place in overall standings, not by division.
5. **TIEBREAKERS** –
Final Playoff Spot(s) - Decided by sudden death playoff based on course availability immediately following final night of league. If regular play cannot continue due to darkness, matches will be decided by shortened holes or chip-off at the direction of the League Commissioner or their assigned delegate. If neither team is present for playoff, winner will be determined by head-to-head results first then random draw. If only one team is present, they will be declared the winner.
Seeding in position rounds and playoff qualifying - Broken by aggregate head-to-head results then by random draw if no head-to-head results exist.
Playoff Matches – Ties in the playoffs will be decided by sudden death playoff based on course availability. If regular play cannot continue due to darkness, matches will be decided by shortened holes or chip-off at the direction of the League Commissioner or their assigned delegate. If either team feels unsafe due to inclement weather the remaining holes are halved. If tied, the higher seed of the regular season wins. If still tied it is decided by a coin flip.
6. **PLAYOFFS** – 16 team match play bracket, playoff teams will be decided immediately following the final night of league play. The top 6 teams in each division and the next 4 teams with the most points overall will qualify for postseason play. Playoff matches must only be played with eligible rostered players. Format for the postseason will be 9 hole best ball match play (no extra point for total).
7. **PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES**- Scratch league does not observe winter rules. If your ball is in a closely mown area that would typically be marked as ground under repair, your group may agree to allow relief. In poor weather or abnormal course conditions the commissioner may declare lift, clean and place for that specific day.
8. **SIDE GAMES** -
 - a. Weekly Skins (Optional - \$10/team) 100% cash payout split by divisions. If there are no skins the pot will be carried over to the next week, except for position rounds where skins will be awarded to the hole(s) with the fewest eagles/birdies.
 - b. Player's Pool (Optional - \$40/team) One for Regular Season and one for Play-Offs (1st-50%, 2nd 30%, 3rd 20% payout, ties broken by head-to-head results then random draw)
9. **PAYOUT** - 2/3 for the regular season and 1/3 for the playoffs.
10. **POSTING SCORES**- Each player is required to post their league score within 24 hours of their round. Match play posting, if picking up on a hole net double. Putts 5 feet and in 1 putt, over 5 feet 2 putt. This is the player's discretion. We are not a handicapped league, but we are asked to post our scores. The peer review handicap committee will randomly draw 10 names from the Men's Club weekly to review their league scores. Failure to post the previous week's score will result in a deduction of one point for that week. 2nd offense another point deducted. 3rd offense another point deducted and will not be allowed to play in Mens' Club events for the remainder of the season. Spring/Fall Scramble, Red/White/Blue, Men's Club Championship. Penalties go into effect June 17th.
11. **ITEMS NOT COVERED BY THE RULES** - Issues or items not addressed by the rules will be decided by the Commissioner