

GLACIER GREENS MEN'S LEAGUE - 2022 GUIDE

Welcome to all men considering participating in the 2022 season of the Glacier Greens Men's League. The following information provides guidelines for how the league will operate in the coming year. They have been developed from previous procedures, incorporate some of the suggestions from the members survey conducted in October 2021, and have been updated following a thorough review by a working group consisting of seven members chaired by Doug McArthur of the Executive Committee.

SCHEDULE

Saturday mornings. We will return to a schedule which includes a reverse shotgun start for most participants. The reverse shotgun will commence as close as possible to 1.5 hours after the first tee time of the day. Only those who play in, or prior to, the reverse shotgun start will be eligible to participate in the days event.

The league will run every weekend beginning the first Saturday in March and ending the last Saturday in October. There will be no league play when other men's tournaments are scheduled for Saturday such as the Shootout and Club Championships.

ELIGIBILITY

This league is for men only and is open to the following participants:

- All Regular, Ordinary and Associate members.
- All Introductory, Players Club and Afternoon members also paying a \$20.00 green fee.
- Adult male guests of members who may wish to play and have paid the regular guest green fee.

All participants must have a current RCGA handicap index, or they will be given a handicap of zero for the purpose of league play.

BOOKING PROCEDURES

Anyone playing ahead of the shotgun will book their tee times using the current online booking procedures and will pay their entry Saturday morning before play.

Those playing in the shotgun will register (up to a foursome) and pay their individual entry fee Saturday morning at least a half hour prior to play. Holes will be assigned on a first come first served basis.

ENTRY FEE

\$15.00 per player, **CASH ONLY**. There will be no category exceptions this year. All players are required to pay the full amount. This is being done to facilitate ease in scoring, payment, and prize amounts. \$5.00 per player will be allotted to prize distribution in the following categories:

- **Scoring.** Net and gross prizes awarded per flight in Glacier Greens gift certificates.
- **Snips.** Paid per flight in cash amounts based on gross scores.
- **Participation Draws.** Awarded per flight in Glacier Greens gift certificates.

NOTE: Gift certificates will be redeemable in the pro-shop or restaurant. They may be used like cash for green fees, cart rentals, driving range tokens, merchandise, golf lessons, food, or beverages. They will not expire. They may not be used as payment towards league and tournament entry fees, annual membership fees, cart leases or range memberships.

For a full explanation of prize amounts see **Prize Distribution** further on in the guide.

COMPETITION FORMAT

REGULAR- Everyone will play from the white tees and will play a standard round of competition golf under RCGA and local rules, including the requirement to hole out on every hole. We will move to green tees when the Club Captain declares that rules for lift clean and place, through the green, are in effect.

We will play under the Regular format a **minimum** of three Saturdays per month (with the exception being when the Shootout takes up two or three Saturdays in one month).

VARIETY- The survey results showed most respondents would like to see some occasional variety to the normal format either in type of game or in scoring. We will therefore attempt to include one variety event per month.

There are several options which **may** be tried such as:

- Blind draw twosomes or foursomes with a cumulative net score format. Everyone would register and play their game under the Regular format, but a blind draw conducted during the event would determine groupings. Scoring prizes would be total net with no flighting. Snips and participation draws would still be flighted.
- Blue Flight- White Flight. Anyone of any handicap level would declare when registering which flight and therefore which tee box they will play. There will only be the two flights. Rules of play for a Regular event would apply. No gross prizes but the number of net prizes may be increased depending on the number of entrants in each flight. Snips and participation prizes will be per flight.

- Random team scramble. This game will require advance notice and entry. Teams will be drawn from different handicap pods and will play together. Scoring prizes would be for gross team scores only. No snips but there will be team participation draws.
- A Modified Stableford game. Points based on net scores per hole. Scoring and participation draw prizes only.
- End of the year Iron Man event played under the Regular format.

FLIGHT DETERMINATION

We will require a minimum of twenty entrants to proceed with play on any given Saturday.

The following parameters will be used to determine flight assignment on all days where there is a split based on course handicaps:

- Twenty to twenty-nine players – one flight
- Thirty to forty-four players – two flights
- Forty- five players or more -- three flights

Multiple flights will be as close to equal in numbers as possible. When there are multiple players with the same course handicap at the split line it is intended that they will all be assigned to the same flight unless it drastically unbalances flight numbers.

Note: Not all Variety formats will be flighted.

PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Given the wide range of handicaps in each flight we have revised the distribution of the scoring prizes to make it possible for more players to win a net prize. Similarly, we have replaced the pot of gold and the ball sweep with two categories of participation draws so that winnings are spread around more equitably. We also did not want any money carried over week to week. Following are the general rules and an example of how it works:

REGULAR EVENT

For each flight there will be Low Gross, 1st Net, 2nd Net, 3rd Net, and 4th Net. There will also be Snips and Participation Draws.

Ties will be decided by countback. Countbacks for Regular events will be decided by the lowest total score on the back nine. If still tied then total front nine, then last six total, last three total, first six total. **In all cases gross scores will be used.**

EXAMPLE OF PRIZE DISTRIBUTION FOR A FLIGHT WITH 15 PLAYERS, Pot =\$225

Scoring amount total = \$75.00. Prizes in Glacier Greens gift certificates.

- Low Gross = \$20.00
- 1st Net = \$20.00
- 2nd Net = \$15.00
- 3rd Net = \$10.00
- 4th Net = \$10.00

For each extra player in the flight the prize amount for each category will increase by \$5.00, in order, beginning with Low Gross through to 4th Net. In this case it would take five extra players to increase all prizes by \$5.00.

Note: If we do not reach the flighting threshold for two flights, and we have more than 22 players in the one flight we will add an additional net prize at 23, 26 and 29 players.

Snips amount total = \$75.00. Prizes in cash.

Will be split equally between each snip in each flight. Snips will be based on gross scores. Since prizes will be in cash, they will be rounded to the closest \$0.25.

Participation Draw amount total = \$75.00. Prizes in Glacier Greens gift certificates.

We have established two types of draws:

Golden Draw - \$2.00 per player per flight will constitute the Golden Draw. All players in the flight will be eligible to win. In this example the draw will be for \$30.00. The pro shop will make the draw while play is ongoing and the winners name in each flight will be posted on the patio snip board prior to completion of play.

I Never Win Anything Draws - \$3.00 per player per flight will constitute the I Never Win Anything pool. Only players who did not win any other prize will be eligible for the draw. The number of prizes and the amount of each prize will be determined by the number of players in the flight.

In all cases the amounts will be no more than equal to, or less than, the amount for 4th Net. In this example there would be \$45.00 to split into four \$10.00 prizes and one \$5.00 prize. The organizing committee will draw the winners after scoring and snips have been confirmed. Those names will be posted along with the results.

VARIETY EVENT

Prize distribution will vary based on the type of event and will to some degree depend on the number of entrants. Some events will have no snip prizes, some may have no gross prizes, and a Stableford game will have scoring prizes under a points system.

In any case there will be participation prizes for all events. Similar parameters as Regular events will apply to ensure I Never Win Anything prizes are not larger than the smallest scoring prize.

Note: Entry fees for certain events may be changed for random team games or a Stableford however the organizers will attempt to keep all events around the \$15.00 per player price.

RESULTS AND PRIZES

The committee will make every effort to have the results of competition and the prize amounts delivered to the General Manager and the pro-shop as soon as possible and no later than the Tuesday following the event.

Gift certificates and cash for snips will be available at the pro-shop beginning Wednesday at 12pm.

SCORE KEEPING

The Men's League committee requests that everyone do their part to lower the workload for the organizers and help speed the release of weekly results. The following practices are to be employed by all participants when filling out and submitting their scorecard:

- Only submit the scores of those who are participating in the days event. If you are playing with others who are not participating keep a separate scorecard.
- Be sure to include each player's first and last name.
- Be sure the scorecard is filled out neatly and legibly. If you are playing other games, ticks, matches, bingo bango bongo, etc. keep them on a separate scorecard. You may circle birdies and double circle eagles if you like but it is not necessary.
- Total your gross scores but do not include a handicap or net score. The pro-shop will be checking and assigning handicaps on the day of play, and it will be applied to the master scoring sheet.
- Date and sign the scorecard including having someone attest the scoring.
- Return the scorecards to the box outside the pro-shop **immediately** after completing your round. Be sure to put the card in the correct slot. The committee will be retrieving cards shortly after completion of the round.
- Since we are returning to a reverse shotgun start those wishing to use the snip board located on the patio to enter their birdies or eagles may do so. The Pro-Shop will have the flights determined and posted on the board by the end of play. The snip board posting is totally unofficial, and the committee will determine results.

HANDICAPS

Each player is responsible to enter their score with Golf Canada the same day the round is played to keep their handicap current. It is especially important to the committee that Men's League scores are entered.

Since a greater portion of scoring money will now be awarded to Net prizes, proper maintenance of handicaps is bound to be an issue at some point during the year. New rules from the RCGA for establishing an index make it harder to sandbag if everyone enters all their scores.

The committee in conjunction with the Club Captain and per The Rules of Handicapping, reserve the authority to assign a handicap for league play to anyone found abusing their obligation to enter their scores accurately and for each round they play.

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

It shall be the responsibility of the Men's League Coordinator and his committee to:

- Plan and coordinate all weekly league events.
- Coordinate all communication with club membership.
- Inform the Pro-Shop of all requirements each week.
- Collect all scorecards and confirm scores, compile master score sheets, determine scoring and snip prize winners. Draw I Never Win Anything Prizewinners.
- Compile results sheet and transmit to General Manager and Pro-Shop.
- Deal with any questions or disputes regarding scoring or rules of the event.
- Answer any questions regarding the League and its decisions.

PRO-SHOP RESPONSIBILITIES

- Register all participants for each Saturday event.
- Collect entry fees for each event.
- Confirm current handicaps of participants upon entry cutoff and include them on a master scoring spreadsheet.
- Determine flight size upon entry cutoff and separate players by flight designation on master scoring spreadsheet.
- Draw for "Golden Draw" prize winners during Saturday event play.
- Post flight parameters and Golden Draw winners in each flight on the patio snip board before end of play.
- Handle any "Rules of Golf" decisions which may arise during play.
- Distribute all prizes as directed from the committees' weekly results sheet.