

2012 N.Y.S.A.T.E. GOLF LEAGUE

TIME & PLACE: Thursday between 3:30 & 4:22 PM @ Rio Vista G.C., Fort Erie, Canada

PRESIDENT: Jeff Odrobina

SECRETARY: Scott M. Johnson

TREASURER: Otto Wieand

RULES COMMITTEE: Fred Huber, Jeff Odrobina, Jim Henesey

HANDICAPS: 96% of lowest 5 of 10 differentials (Course Rating = 34.5). The course rating is adjusted due to playing hole #3 from the red tee. New league members will be assigned a handicap based on their scores on other courses. To eliminate dramatic changes in handicaps, new league members will be given five scores which equate to their handicap at the start of the season. As they play rounds, those five 'starter' scores will be replaced with their actual scores.

RULES: USGA & LOCAL RULES govern all play. See reverse of scorecard.

- Dress code – shirts with collars MUST be worn at all times.
- White stakes and fence lines denotes out of bounds.
- Yellow stakes denote water hazards, and red stakes denote lateral water hazards.
- Free drop - one club length no closer to the hole.
 - Trees under 6 feet in height or staked trees interfering with stance or swing.
 - Obstructions – paths, flower beds, sheds, fences, etc.
 - French drains interfering with stance or swing.
- **Concession of non birdie/par putts is allowed.**
- The staked area around the creek on holes 1, 2, 3, & 9 defined by the yellow hazard markers is no longer declared "Environmentally Sensitive", and golfers are permitted to enter this area and play their ball as defined in the rule for water hazards.
- The areas with tall fescue grass on the course have been deemed lateral water hazards, and may be played as outlined in USGA rule 26.
- A preferred lie in your own fairway is allowed. Lift, clean and place your ball within 6 inches of the original spot, no closer to the hole.
- Rake and replace allowed in sand traps.
- 150 yard marker. Line of sight relief. Free drop - one club length no closer to the hole.
- Main drainage ditch on holes 8 & 9. Free drop - one club length no closer to the hole.
- Ball on bridge or roadway, but not in the water hazard. Free drop - one club length no closer to the hole.
- A ball along the fence on hole 9. Free drop – one club length no closer to the hole.

TEAM MATCH: Two (2) teams compete for eight (8) match points. Each player plays his flight opponent for two (2) points. The most holes won per net score will win the points; for a tie, each golfer gets one point. Stroke holes are computed by taking the difference of the opponent's handicaps and putting those strokes, if any, on each hole beginning with the most difficult handicap hole.

MEDAL PLAY: There will also be four (4) points awarded in each flight to the four (4) lowest net scores. Ties will be broken by a match of cards going back to the most difficult hole and proceeding through the rest of the holes i.e. 6, 4, 1, 2, 5, 3, 7, 9 & 8. The hole handicapping matches the course rating with the exception of an adjustment for hole #3 based on playing the red tee. Any tie that is not broken with this method will result in the splitting of the remaining points rounded up to the next 0.5 point. Individuals on a team with no match (bye) will only be competing for individual medal points.

TEAM POINTS: Match play - combined points of all four (4) players with a maximum of nine (9) points per team per week.

TIE BREAKERS: The following method will be used to break any team ties for position weeks or at the end of official league play:

1. Total MATCH points head to head with teams involved in the tie, not including any position rounds. If still tied, then ...
2. Total MATCH points of the teams involved for the entire season counting all weeks including position weeks. If still tied, then ...
3. Match of cards for the final week of the regular season. The net scores of the four (4) players on each team involved will be added together on a particular hole and compared to each other. The order of holes will be the same as for medal play. The first team with the lowest total net score on one of these holes will be pronounced the winning team and appear higher in the standings for the contended position.

FORFEITS: If you cannot play your match, please let your opponent know so he doesn't wait for you. Your opponent must play at the specified tee time, and finish, to win the two (2) points by forfeit. The only exception to this rule is if the golfer is injured during play on that day and can not finish for that reason, they will then win the two (2) match points based on showing up and completing at least one hole.

SUBSTITUTES: No substitutions will be allowed for team points, however the league officers reserve the right to replace any player who quits, or will be absent for an extended period, with a substitute that can win team points.

SCORES: No individual can record a season low net score until after they have completed six (6) nine-hole rounds of league play, including the previous year.

- There will only be eighteen (18) strokes handicap allowed per nine (9) hole round in the Huber club championship. The Huber club championship consists of the two (2) best net scores recorded before final round and the net score of the final round. Golfers without handicap from a previous year will be required to complete six (6) rounds nine-hole rounds of league play before scores count towards the Huber club championship.
- Maximum thirty-six (36) strokes for the Nehrbass final tournament.

FLIGHTS: Realignment of players within a team will be done each week based on handicap. Players tied, to the decimal, will remain in their respective flights from the previous week.

CANCELLATIONS: If more than half of the league members present at the course vote to cancel golf due to inclement weather conditions that week's scheduled golf is cancelled and no rounds will count towards the league standings.

When course management closes the course due to hazardous weather conditions, if more than half of the golfers who began their round of golf DO complete their rounds and the course closure prevents the remainder of the league from finishing their rounds, those with incomplete holes will be given a score on those holes of par plus their applicable handicap stroke(s) and the outcome of the matches and team standings will then be determined.

TEES: All players will use the blue tee on hole #1, the red tee on hole #3 (women use the gold tee) and the white tees on holes 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9.

ASSESSMENT: Amount of \$110.00 by check payable to Otto Wieand no later than the second Thursday in June. The fee includes prizes for the league, the cookout and the final outing. Depending on costs, adjustments could be required. The league secretary will not be charged an assessment in lieu of payment for duties.

REFUNDS: There will be no refund if you miss the cookout, therefore you may send someone in your place. There will be a partial refund if you cannot attend the final banquet. Jeff Odrobina must be notified as soon as possible to allow for adequate time to notify the course/restaurant.

RAIN OUTS: If a special event is canceled, the special event will not be rescheduled. If a match is canceled, the match will be rescheduled if possible. If the Huber club championship/cookout is cancelled, the cookout may be rescheduled to the following week, depending on the availability of the cookout site; the following week's matches (position week) will be played as scheduled and the net scores from position week will be used for the final round of the Huber club championship.

COOKOUT: Volunteers organized by the league secretary will run the steak cookout held on the week of the Huber club championship.