

# **NEW RICHMOND MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE**

## **RULES / BY LAWS FOR 2017**

### **1. Purpose of League**

The New Richmond Men's Golf League exists specifically to provide enjoyment, recreation, and friendly competition for members and guests of the New Richmond Golf Course.

### **2. Officers**

Officers of the league will consist of a president and a secretary who will both be elected at the annual meeting. The league secretary will be compensated \$1,000 towards membership dues at the New Richmond Golf Club.

### **3. Annual meeting**

The annual meeting of the league will be held within four weeks of commencement of the league competition each spring and will be open to the general league players.

### **4. Rules committee**

League officers will appoint a three man committee and two alternates for each night to serve for the year and assist in interpreting the USGA rules, local and league rule variations, and settling disputes. This committee will not have more than one representative from any team. A short summary of local

variances from USGA rules and explanation of common rule interpretations encountered on the New Richmond Golf Course will be handed out to each team captain if requested.

## **5. League sponsorship dues**

League sponsorship dues will be \$235.00 per team. These dues must be paid by the date on the invoice or penalties can be assessed to the team and the point structure.

A \$700 donation will be made to a charity from the league dues each year.

## **6. Basic format Tuesday night**

Tuesday night League play will be governed by USGA rules with the exception of items addressed directly in these bylaws and local course management policies. Competition will be between 16 teams based on a "round robin" format. In addition, 3 "position" nights will be played resulting in 18 weeks of competition. These "position" nights may be replaced by making up earlier rain outs.

## **7. Basic format Thursday night**

Thursday night League play will be governed by USGA rules with the exception of items addressed directly in these bylaws and local course management policies. Competition will be between 16 teams on a "round robin" format. In addition, 2 "position" nights will be played resulting in 17 weeks of competition. These "position" nights may be replaced by making up earlier rain outs.

## **8. Green fees**

Green fees due from non-members of the New Richmond Golf Course must be paid on the night of competition or no points will be awarded. Individual team captains will be responsible for payment of green fees or resulting loss of points.

## **9. Rosters**

Team rosters will be comprised of at least 8 men with unlimited maximum. A golfer's name may only appear on one roster per League night. Rosters must be finalized and submitted to the League Secretary by July 15<sup>th</sup>. Teams will open the season with the same roster as the closing of last year. Captains may alter the roster until July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## 10. Handicaps

League handicaps will be based on League competition only. The last 10 scores recorded in League competition will be used to calculate handicaps. Scores used for handicap purposes will be carried forward from year to year. Players 70 or older have to register with the Secretary, to use the gold tees. To participate on the first night, new competitors must present a USGA handicap or at least three approved nine hole scores to establish a handicap for first night only. This first night handicap will be established by a league officer or management of the New Richmond Golf Course. Subsequent competition will be under handicap based on actual League scores only. Scores from rounds played without competition will not be used for handicap purposes. Guidelines for proper adjustment of scores will be provided to all team captains. All league golfers are encouraged to familiarize themselves with proper score adjusting techniques.

## 11. Line ups

Line ups must be made out adhering to a policy of low handicap to play against low handicap and high against high. The League secretary will rotate player positions in line up. Team line ups must be entered as early as possible on League night. Any team delaying the posting of its line up to gain a competitive advantage, may be subject to line up posting by a League officer. A team starting play with less than 6 players may use any of their rostered players during the round to fill the open position. That late starting player must compete with the lowest unopposed handicap on the opposite team. Such a late starting player will have forfeited any hole where all the other players in his foursome have hit their second shot. Continual abuse of line up rule will result in team probation.

## 12. Match play

League competition will be according to USGA match play rules. Points will be awarded on the basis of one point per hole and one half point for ties. Players who have obviously lost a hole should "pick up" if they are at least three strokes over par for a hole. If an opponent "picks up", player must finish hole himself to receive point. All play is based on "summer rules" unless course manager says otherwise. Golfers 70 or older by the first night of league can play from the forward gold tees.

## 13. Forfeits

Players will only be awarded a forfeit if their is no possible rostered opponent. Head to head competition must take place where ever possible. Forfeit points will be awarded on the basis of six points for an unopposed complete round. Any team allowing a forfeit will be penalized two team points per forfeit. Any team exceeding 6 forfeits per year or more than one per night will be considered to be on probation and that team's participation in league play for the following year will be in jeopardy and subject to review.

## 14. Speed of play

Golfers are encouraged to ignore "honors" on tee boxes and let individuals tee off who have room to do so. Because of the large number of golfers on the course and limited daylight, "READY GOLF" must be of the highest priority for everyone.

## **15. Weather delays**

Course availability will be determined by course management. If course is open for play but play gets suspended due to weather all players must complete five holes to count as a round. Any un-played holes will count as .5 point per player per hole for final points. If less than favorable conditions exist course management will determine if competition will take place no sooner than 5:15.

## **16. Playoffs**

Playoffs will be held at the end of each season involving 8 teams from Tuesday and 8 teams from Thursday night. The 16 playoff teams will be "seeded" according to points per night percentage. Ties for seeding positions will be broken by checking head to head competition first, second and subsequent criteria will be to compare competition with team just above tied teams in the standings until a winner is revealed. A player may participate on only one play off roster and must declare his playoff team by the last night of League competition. To facilitate tie breaker procedures, during playoffs, all players **must** "hole out" on every hole. Ties during playoffs will be broken by comparing total net strokes, then total net pars. If a winner is not determined by this time, a coin flip will be used. The championship round will be decided by "sudden death" format. If a qualifying team elects to not participate in the playoffs, the team with the next best record will move up so that all playoff spots are filled. Teams electing to not participate in the playoffs must notify league officers of that intent by the last night of regular league play. Non-notification of playoff withdrawal will result in removal of team from league. Playoff competition rounds will begin at 5:00pm.

## **2017 Specifics**

### **League Officers**

President

Craig Kittel

Secretary

Eric Pederson

### **Weather Committee**

Course Management