

FreeON Golf League

2012 BY-LAWS

1. MEMBERSHIP:

The FreeOn Golf League, (Formerly Motorola SPS Golf League) annual dues are \$15. Payment of dues must be made before the player can participate in a League tournament and establish a handicap as a member. Dues cover an individual's hole-in-one insurance. If dues are not paid, the member will be placed in the Callaway flight. Membership is no longer limited. Everyone (man or woman) is welcome to join the league.

2. RULES:

All Golf League play will be in accordance with U.S.G.A. with the exception of the league's optional 'Pace of Play' rules and local rules of the golf course on which play is being conducted. Any special rules will be made known, by the club pro; league officers or the starter, before the start of play (winter rules, out of bounds, clean and place, desert rule etc.) In case of a conflict, League officers shall determine the prevailing rule.

3. MONTHLY TOURNAMENTS:

The responsibility of determining the place, time, fees and prizes is that of the League Officers. The League shall post notice of the next tournaments and sign-up sheets for each tournament a minimum of 10 days prior to the date of play. If there is a limit to the number of golfers, league members have priority.

4. GUESTS:

A League member may invite a maximum of three guests for a scheduled golf Tournament. Member(s) must play with their guest(s) and are responsible for all golfing fees of each guest. Guests are eligible for the closest-to-pin and longest putt prizes. Fees for each guest will be the same as for members, guest are not eligible to participate in skins. The League will have a flight for guests at all tournaments in which guests participate. The Callaway Handicap System will be used for determining handicaps in the guest flight. The tournament chairman will determine the prize amounts for the guest flight.

5. STARTING TIMES:

Members must play at their assigned tee times to be eligible for prizes. The time may be changed with a league officer's approval only.

6. TEES:

The League will play from the tee markers set closest to 6500 yards. . Members who are 65 years and older can play the tees one up. Ladies will play from the forward tees unless noted otherwise by the League officers or the starter. At the discretion of the tournament chairman, the league will play from tees greater than those set closest to 6500 yards. This option can be done for a maximum of five tournaments a year.
(Certain courses will be an exempt from this rule and include Falcon Dunes and Arizona Golf Resort at this time. All players will play from the regular men's white tees or as determined by the tournament chairman. If there are any questions, please check with the tournament chairman before teeing off.)

7. NO SHOWS:

A League member or guest may cancel out of a tournament with no penalty by notifying one of the League officers 48 hours prior to tournament play. Failure to give the 48-hour notice obligates the golfer to pay all fees that the League is required to pay for the tournament. A player who is a NO SHOW at a regular tournament, and does not reimburse the league for fees charged, will be required to pre pay for all future tournaments.

NOTE: When sponsoring a guest, the league member is responsible for the guest's fees. Players are responsible for all guaranteed tournament fees.

THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

8. SKINS:

Skins (optional for each golfer) are played by flight, and are based on a golfer's gross score per hole. The fee is \$4.00 per regular event. The fee for skins may be higher at special events. Skin prizes are kept on the books and awarded at the next tournament in which the golfer plays. Guests are not eligible to participate in skins.

9. SPECIAL LEAGUE RULES:

Slow Play: Tee Groups (Foursomes, etc.) that finish 15 minutes behind the previous group, can be assessed a two-stroke penalty per player. Penalty may be assessed to an individual player or players contributing to the slow play, if protested to the League officers and accepted. (U.S.G.A. Rules 6-7 & 33-1) This rule is rarely enforced, but there have been many complaints regarding the pace of play. Please do all you can to be ready to hit when it is your turn and help keep the pace less than 4 hours & 30 minutes. Below are optional rules to assist in improving the pace of play:

Out of Bounds or Lost Ball: This rule will allow a player to put a new ball in play instead of returning to the tee box or dropping from the previous hit location. In effect, a player should always hit a provision ball any time he/she or the members of the group suspect the original ball was hit out of bounds or may be hit in a location where it will be difficult to find.

Double-check any local course rules on the score card if the course has other special rules to help with their pace of play like a desert rule. However, in the event where the original ball is not found or is determined to be out of bounds, the player can drop a new ball within two club lengths from the nearest point of relief and add a (2) stroke penalty (1 for the distance taken and 1 for the OB or lost ball) to his score for that hole. Therefore, the stroke count will be the same as hitting a provisional.

Mercy Rule: For most tournament events (unless specified before the round), to help with the pace of play, a mercy rule can be used to allow a maximum score of (10) strokes for any hole without incurring a disqualification of their round. Once the player determines that his/her score cannot be better than 10, he/she may pick up and record a 10 for the hole. If the player continues to play above the score of 10, he/she must record the actual final score on the hole, or the actual number of strokes taken prior to picking up.

10. HANDICAPS:

Handicaps shall be determined and calculated by the Handicap Chairman. He shall maintain complete records based on U.S.G.A. Handicap Standards.

11. HANDICAP ELIGIBILITY:

A new member will establish a handicap by playing two 18-hole rounds of golf in League play or transferring differentials from another league. Members shall maintain a previously established handicap by playing in at least five complete rounds of League play in the prior twelve months. Members without handicaps will be awarded prizes by participating in the guest (Callaway) flight. The peer review of handicaps can occur only before the start of the first event of each year. As part of the peer review, players that do not maintain five complete rounds per year will have older rounds removed from the handicap system. At least 5 previous rounds will be kept to maintain a handicap for future events.

12. TIES:

Any tie in tournament play will be broken by the handicap hole method, using the lowest handicap hole first and progressing until the tie is broken. Ties in the guest flight are broken first by the lowest gross score followed by the handicap hole method.

13. ERRORS:

Errors in scoring or handicaps shall be corrected prior to awarding of prizes where possible. Protested handicaps must be corrected at least 1/2 hour before tee times.

14. PROTESTS AND DISPUTES:

All disputes and protests concerning scoring, handicap or eligibility shall be decided by the League Officers. Their decision in such matters shall be final.

15. FAILURE TO COMPLETE PLAY:

Any member who fails to complete 18 holes after play has begun can be given a par round for handicap calculation, depending upon the situation. In case of sickness, injury, or an emergency involving the golfer or a family member, no score will be recorded.

16. CLOSEST TO THE PIN & LONGEST PUTT PRIZES:

The league will run contests for closest to the pin on all par three holes & longest putt on holes nine and eighteen. Prizes for the winners will be based on the number of players at each tournament with a cash award of no less than \$5.00 being awarded.

17. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT:

League officers can select up to two members to assist in the scoring and reporting of the monthly tournament results if there is only one officer present at any event. The members selected do not have to pay prize money for that tournament event.

18. WING DING TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

The Wing Ding is our end of year tournament in which everyone who participates is eligible to receive a prize. League members must participate in at least 50% of the scheduled tournaments to be eligible for automatic yearend cash payout, or the first wave of prizes selected at the Wing Ding tournament (League officers will determine if prizes at the Wing Ding are cash or merchandise). In the event of cash payout, those members with less than 50% but more than 25% completed rounds must participate in the Wing Ding in order to collect a cash payout proportionate to his or her participation during the year. Members with 25% or less participation AND play in the Wing Ding will have their yearly participation allowances credited towards the next year dues only. League members with 50% or more rounds will automatically receive a payout. In the event the officers choose to provide merchandise as prizes, members with 50% rounds played would qualify to select from the first wave of prizes. League members with less than 50% rounds can become eligible for the first wave of prizes by paying \$8.00 for each round the member is short of the 50% round requirement. The member must have played in a minimum of seven tournaments during the year to be eligible for the buy in. The purchasing of the Wing Ding prizes is the responsibility of the League Officers.

19. HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE:

Hole-in-One Insurance (\$2.00) is included in the member's annual dues. Any insured league member who gets a hole-in-one receives \$100.00 from the fund. The purpose of the fund is to help the member offset the cost of drinks for all League members who play that day. Insurance does not cover the NESRA event. (In the event of a hole-in-one payout, members need to buy new insurance for the remainder of the year. In the event of multiple hole-in-ones during a given year the payout may be less than \$100.00 depending on the Insurance fund)

20. LEAGUE OFFICERS:

Elected League Officers pay yearly dues of \$ 15.00. Officers pay green fees, in addition to league & skins fees, but are exempt from paying prize money at events where the prizes are a cash payout. If the league is charged fees for gift certificates for advanced tee times, then the officers will pay the same amount as members.

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