



Wednesday Night Men's Golf League



Heartland Golf Wednesday Night Men's League

FALL 2022

Hosted by Orchid Country Club



Changes to the format of the Heartland Golf Night League during Fall 2022 Season:

- The league will be run over one night per week, Wednesday, consisting of a shotgun start.
- All teams will play on the Wednesday evening.
- The league will be a maximum of 28 teams.
- The shotgun start will be at 6pm every week, with all players needing to be ready in their golf carts by 5:45pm.
- The Grand Final will follow the usual format, with teams given a FedEx Cup style re-rank.
- Prizes will be awarded for each round and there will be a prize presentation after each round.
- Team entry fee for the season will be \$760, with \$710 going directly into the prize fund and \$50 to cover the cost of admin services for handicapping and Golf Genius.
- There is still the possibility of there being some covid safe management measures that could be put in place, these will be updated if this should happen.
- There will be no food or drinks provided as part of the night league during this season. Food and drinks will still be available via F&B services at OCC.
- Teams will be able to enter a roster of 10 players for this season, and each team will have 1 sub available should you need to change a player. See the rules on subs in the document below.
- Teams will need to have their 10 man roster confirmed by the end of week 3, they will now be allowed to add to their roster after this time (other than using their sub).



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PURPOSE

The purpose of the OCC Wednesday/Thursday Night Men's League is to create an atmosphere for golfers to get together with old friends, meet new friends and take part in a friendly competition on a weekly basis. The format of play is designed to allow all golfers to play their own golf ball for a complete round, but also take part in team competitions which will encourage a sense of camaraderie as well as some friendly rivalries. The OCC Wednesday Night Men's League is a place for golfers to get together and enjoy interesting games on a fantastic facility. Come out and enjoy the game of golf!!

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

ELIGIBILITY

Male golfers 18 years of age or older are welcome to join the league. Golfers **MUST** possess a valid Proficiency Certificate from a recognized golf club or reputable institution and are encouraged to have a valid, registered handicap. For competition purposes, those golfers that do not have a registered handicap, they will be assigned one by the league officials.

TEAM SUBMISSIONS

Registration will be open at 10am on Thursday morning and close at 5pm on Sunday night. You can register through the league portal, but ultimately your captain will finalize the team submission through WhatsApp. **Each team is allowed to make a registration of 4 golfers each week.** These 4 golfers will be identified as the team representatives and extra golfers will only be accepted should there be space after all teams have submitted their entries. If after the close of registration there are open spots for additional singles, they may be included. Guests will be welcome all weeks where there are spaces (so invite your friends if they want a game).

RATES

RATES			
Visitors	MGK Member	OCC Silver Member	OCC Gold Member
\$190	\$160*	\$140	\$100
RAIN OUT DISCOUNT VOUCHER RATES			
There will be no rain checks or discount vouchers during the current season			

*MGK Members still need to purchase day pass as per usual

****Golfers without Golfer's Insurance will need to pay daily rate of \$5.35**

GOLFERS INSURANCE

Any golfers playing at Orchid Country Club are required to have valid Golfers' Insurance. If you are a member of a golf club in Singapore (SICC, SCC, MGK, etc) you will already have insurance through your club. If not, you are



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required to provide proof that you are covered or purchase the daily insurance at OCC at the cost of \$5+GST.

SOME PREMIER CREDIT CARDS have golfers insurance included. Here are a couple of companies that offer golfers insurance:

http://www.aig.com/Golfers-Insurance_1030_229176.html

<http://www.income.com.sg/insurance/home-lifestyle-insurance/golfers-insurance>

FORMATS OF PLAY

TEAM COMPETITION

There is a team component to the league. Each team may have up to 10 registered team members on it and will be required to put forth 4 competitors each week. Of the 4 competitors, the top 3 of 4 scores for the week will be used to compute the team's score for the week*. Teams will be ranked every week and given points based on their position from every week. This will be used for a cumulative ranking throughout the season much like the "FedEx Cup" in the PGA Tour. At the conclusion of the Grand Final, the first place team will be crowned League Champions.

*NOTE: If a team does not field at least 3 golfers in a competition, they will be deemed to have not fielded a team that particular week. Only teams that have fielded a squad for 10/12weeks will be eligible for the team component of the Grand Final.

TEAM ROSTER

Each team is allowed to have 10 players on their roster. Once a player has played and represented a team, they are considered to be on that roster. Each team will be **allowed to make 1 roster** change between weeks 4-10. Once a player has been substituted off a team they can not be added back for this season. Rosters need to be confirmed by the end of week 3 for all 10 players to be registered, and only substitutes will be permitted after this time. There will be no substitutions permitted after week 10. Only golfers that have **completed at least 2** regular league games **representing their team** will be allowed to play in the Grand Final. Under exceptional circumstances teams can apply for an extra substitution, but this will only be granted if they can provide evidence they have lost more than 2 players to changes in jobs, or players relocating away from Singapore.

INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

All weekly competitions will involve individual competitions. ALL golfers, including those representing their teams, are eligible for the individual competitions. Formats will change from week to week and will include but not be limited to the following: Stroke Play (Gross and Net), Stableford, Hidden Holes, Peoria etc. Prizes will be calculated on a weekly basis for that particular game, and there will also be a cumulative ranking for singles that may help to determine eligibility for single slots available in the Grand Final. There will be a singles Order of Merit prize for the leading individual players in the league.

NOVELTY HOLE COMPETITIONS

During this period there will no novelty hole prizes due to restrictions placed on OCC.



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NON-COMPETING TEAM PLAYERS (Singles)

A team is required to field 4 golfers to represent the team. **Those golfers that are not representing the team are still able to play in the league game under the INDIVIDUAL COMPETITIONS. They are eligible for all of the weekly prizes, but only the scores of the nominated individuals will be used for the team calculations.**

HANDICAPS

The maximum handicap allowed for the league will be 36...there will be no minimum handicap.

Due to the nature of the league and special considerations for Night Golf at OCC, golfers will be assigned a League Handicap that is used solely for the purposes of competing in the league.

The League Handicap will be calculated by using the best 3 of the last 5 rounds played in the league. If there are less than 5 rounds played the handicap will be calculated as follows:

- Best 1 Score of 1 Round
- Best 2 Scores of 2 Rounds
- Best 3 Scores of 3 Rounds
- Best 3 Scores of 4 Rounds
- Best 3 Scores of 5 Rounds

Golfers that have previously played in the league will have their handicap calculated from scores of previous seasons. New golfers will have a handicap started based on their submitted handicap/average score and will then have a calculated handicap based on their play in the league. **They will be assigned a "First Score" that is representative of this handicap, and every round from then on will go into their round history as stated above.**

Handicaps will be calculated using the OCC Course Rating/Slope Rating and in accordance with USGA calculations, with the exception of best 3/5 scores instead of best 8/20 scores. Equitable Stroke Control will be applied to scores so that "adjusted gross" is the score used for handicaps. **The league organizing committee will review exceptional scores, and may adjust handicaps based on such scores.**

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

COURSE HANDICAP	MAXIMUM NUMBER ON ANY HOLE
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10



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GOVERNING RULES

The Rules of Golf as set forth by the R & A/USGA will govern play of the league, with the exception of the local rules stipulated by the league.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEN'S LEAGUE LOCAL RULES

The Wednesday Night Men's League will conduct play in accordance with all of the local rules stated on the Orchid Country Club Night Golf Scorecard with EXCEPTION:

Wrong Fairway Compulsory Drop

It is NOT compulsory to drop when the golfer's ball is in the wrong fairway. The golfer shall play the golf ball as it lies with no penalty. Golfers playing from the "wrong" fairway are urged to exercise caution and ensure any approaching groups see and acknowledge them before proceeding to enter their fairway.

Ball Out of Bounds

Out of Bounds is defined by white stakes or a white line on the boundary of the hole. A golf ball that is hit Out of Bounds shall be treated the same as the lost ball rule below. If the ball is Out of Bounds, the group shall agree on the place that the ball crossed the boundary of the course, move directly into the fairway from that point, no closer to the hole and drop the ball and proceed under penalty of 2 Strokes.

Lost Golf Balls

As golf balls are bound to be lost in various places that may be dark in the rough or in the trees, play will proceed with one ruling for ALL lost golf balls on the course. If the ball is lost, the group shall agree on the place that the ball was last seen (either entering rough or treed area) move directly into the fairway from that point, no closer to the hole and drop the ball and proceed under penalty of 2 Strokes.

Given Putts

To help combat slow play, there will be a basic system for the measurement and awarding of Given Putts on the golf course. The player will lay their putter on the green with the clubhead resting inside the cup and measure in the direction of their ball. If ANY PART of the golf ball lines up below the grip and in line with the shaft of the putter, the putt will be given to the golfer.

It is fully understood that some putters may be different in this aspect by an inch or so, and if a golfer has a putter that is abnormally long or short in this measurement, we expect the golfers will compare within the group to a standard 34" putter and adjust their Given Putt length in the interest of fairness and spirit of the game. If there are any discrepancies, a judgment will be made by the golf professional on duty. Remember, gentlemen, this is a semi-competitive league and we want to keep it fair and fun.



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LATE GOLFERS

Golfers arriving late will receive a score of Double Par for any hole or part hole they are unable to complete to a maximum of 3 holes. If they miss more than 3 holes, they will be disqualified from the score based prizes but may still compete for Novelty Prizes and optional Cash Pool Games. The golfers final score under this circumstance will NOT be included in their scores for their League Handicap.

WEATHER DELAYS

The league will follow the standard procedures put in place by Orchid Country Club for determination of weather delays and course closures. This will not be a discussion point and Orchid Country Club will be the sole decider on the safety and playability of the golf course. Currently we are being extended a maximum of a 1.5 hours delay for inclement weather, at which point the night would be cancelled if the delay is longer than 1.5 hours. This rule could be changed by OCC at any time and it is within their rights to determine their safety and playability of course rules.

RAIN CHECK POLICY

There will be no rain check policy during the upcoming season.

PARTIAL COMPLETION SCORING

An incomplete round of golf is a round where a player does not complete all eighteen holes. If the whole field has not completed 13 holes or more, the event will be abandoned for the week. There will be no cumulative scoring for the team competition, however, golfers attending the game will be credited for their attendance for qualifying in the Grand Final.

If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18-hole score. Scores for unplayed holes must be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on the unplayed holes.

TIE BREAKING PROCEDURE

All ties will be broken by a COUNTBACK procedure. In the event of a tie, the golfers scores on holes 10-18 will first be compared to determine a winner. If no winner is determined, the golfers scores on holes 13-18 will be compared, followed by 16-18 and then only number 18. If no winner is determined, the same procedure will then be completed on holes 1-9. In the event that there is still no winner, it will be determined with a simple coin toss. When comparing the scores for the countback, the player with the LOWEST score will be declared the winner.

LEAGUE INFORMATION AND UPDATES

All information on the Wednesday Night Men's League can be found online at the league portal. Just head to the golf genius app and click on the portal section. Anyone wishing to register for use of the app should send an email to: occleague@heartlandgolfsg.com