

# Five Ponds Golf Club 2016 Men's League

## Information

**Set-up** Teams will be comprised of two players with a nine-hole handicap differential of no more than 5 strokes. If player A has a handicap of 5, player B's handicap can be no more than 10. Teams can be formed if the differential is higher than 5, however the player with the higher handicap will have to play to the 5 stroke difference of their partner. The League will be divided into two divisions to allow for front/back nine alternations. We will accept a maximum of 40 two man teams. Play will consist of a nine-hole weekly shotgun starting at 5:00pm

**Handicap** All matches will be drawn for the season at random and will be posted to the League page of our website by April 1st. Each player receives 80% of their established nine-hole handicap each week. (Those without a ***GHIN Handicap*** may establish one at Five Ponds) You will be required to post a minimum of three nine-hole matches to establish a trend which will be used as your initial handicap. Scoring will be provided through The Five Ponds Gallus Golf tournament app. Scorecards will be marked based off the player with the lowest handicap in the group. For example, Player A has a nine-hole handicap of 4, Player B's nine-hole handicap is 7. Player B will receive 3 strokes on the 3 hardest holes.

**Scoring** The League is formatted as team four ball match play. Each hole is worth 1 point, if a hole is halved, each team receives ½ point. The winning team of the nine-hole match receives 1 point, for a total of a maximum 10 points. In the event of a tie the match will be decided by playing 1 extra hole, if the additional hole ends all square a 6-6 tie will be recorded. (No more than one hole will be allowed) All players must complete all nine holes each week as handicaps will be adjusted every other week. (See equitable stroke for match play rules) This means even if you pick up you need to record a score. A new scoring system will be utilized for the 2016 season, Gallus Golf will handle all handicapping, scoring and score entry through their mobile app. To allow for possible no shows on the day of the matches, at the end of the season the top and bottom two scores from each team will be eliminated. This will provide more parity between the teams.

**Substitutions** A player must either be a pre-season "substitution player" – a player that has posted three nine-hole score before the start of the season, or be able to provide a GHIN handicap prior to play. Substitutions will be allowed during playoffs; however they will need to have played a minimum of 5 league rounds in order to be eligible.

**Schedule** League tee times will begin March 30<sup>th</sup> for practice rounds and for any golfer that still need to establish handicaps. First week of Match Play will be April 20<sup>th</sup>. 19 regular season weeks of play will conclude on August 31. The top 4 teams from each at the end of the regular season will be eligible for two rounds of playoffs concluding on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

Wednesdays in March – League times available for practice rounds and to establish handicaps if necessary

April 20<sup>th</sup> – First week of regular season play. Groups will shotgun starting at 5:00

August 31<sup>st</sup> – Last week of Regular season

September 7<sup>th</sup> - Round 1 of Playoffs

September 14<sup>th</sup> – Round 2 and Finals

**Fees** Players will pay a \$30 entry fee weekly. \$5.00 of the fee will be reserved to cover the year-end prizes and league banquet scheduled for Wednesday October 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Post Round** Teams are encouraged to socialize and stay for food and drinks post golf. League specials will be available in the grille after golf.

**Rulings & Conditions of Play** Mike Attara, PGA Professional and Doug Lapp, Assistant Golf Professional will act as the rules committee. Doug will act as the League Chairman. Any questions should be brought to the Rules Committee before signing and turning in your scorecard. The committee's decisions will be final. We will play USGA Rules, if any special conditions of play are required they will be determined on a weekly bases. Players will be notified before play of the cart rules and if any special conditions apply. Players are expected to adhere to the rules and use proper golf etiquette. The committee reserves the right to disqualify a team or team member from the league for cheating, or acting in a manner not in accordance with the spirit of the game.