

ELYRIA CITY GOLF LEAGUE

LEAGUE PLAY IS GOVERNED AS FOLLOWS:

FOREST HILLS GOLF CLUB LOCAL RULES

ELYRIA CITY LEAGUE RULES – USGA RULES OF GOLF

GENERAL RULES:

1. The team roster will be limited to nine players with four players used weekly in competitions. Captains must submit team rosters by the third night of league play. All players on this roster will not be official until the secretary is notified.
2. New players may be added up to and include the fifth week of each half of the league play.
3. Teams will be divided into two divisions, red and blue, with the winner of each division playing with each other for the championship of each half.
4. The season will consist of two halves: the winner of each half will play for the league championship.

ELIGIBILITY:

1. Players must be 18 years or older.
2. Players must play 5 matches during the season to be eligible for the League Championship playoff and round up.
3. Players must have played at least 3 matches during the first or second half to be eligible to play in the first or second half championship, respectively.
4. All playoff teams must field four eligible players.
5. League Championship playoff teams will play as many eligible players as possible if there is an equal pairing.
6. The playoffs for each half will be 9 holes. The League Championship will be 18 holes.

CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF RULES:

1. In the event the same team should win both halves, there will be an 18-hole runner-up playoff to decide second place money.
2. In the event of a tie between playoff teams, the following system will be used to determine the winner:
 - a. The team with low net score.
 - b. #1 Handicap hole, #1 match – low score with handicap; If still tied, #2 Handicap hole, #1 match, etc.
3. For the year 2024 and until further notice the prize money for championship play will be as follows:
 - a. \$100.00 to each playoff team in the first and second half playoffs. (4 teams = \$400.00)
 - b. \$400.00 to League Champion.
 - c. \$200.00 to League Champion runner-up.

POINT SYSTEM:

1. During the regular season play, points won/lost are as follows:
 - a. Each match is based on a 22-point system – 2 points per hole, 2 points for winning the most holes (match play), and 2 points for low net (metal play). In all ties, points are split.
 - b. In addition to these points, there will be 6 points awarded to the team with low net.
 - c. Total points for each match will be 94 unless a blind has been included. The 6-point bonus will not apply in championship matches.

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HANDICAP:

1. The USGA handicap system will be used, except, modified for 9-hole play. Modified, equitable stroke control will also be applied. Handicap will be computed from the lowest 10 of your last 20 rounds. The course rating will be subtracted from the aggregate, the remainder multiplied by 96%. Handicaps will be adjusted after each round.
2. All new members' handicaps will be based on a handicap from an existing league (or) after they have completed their first match. The first three rounds, if no handicap is available, are computed at 80% of differential between par and score. Each of the three rounds will be adjusted by round, in lieu of cumulative total.
3. In calculating your handicap, Equitable Stroke Control, is as follows:
 1. Handicap 0-4 No more than double bogey on any hole
 2. Handicap 5-9 No more than 7 on any hole
 3. Handicap 10-14 No more than 8 on any hole
 4. Handicap 15-20 No more than 9 on any hole
4. All scores will be adjusted for handicap calculation.

FORFEITS:

1. Teams have a designated tee time each week and a forfeit will be declared when a player fails to appear within that time frame. If a team does not field four players, a forfeit is declared, no bonus points are available.
2. If a player is late, he can join play in progress for match points only. Medal points plus match points played, as well as bonus points, are forfeited.
3. The officers, rules committee and/or captains have the right to alter the rotation of matches as needed.
4. Any player that wins by forfeit will receive 9 points for turning a 9-hole score in. He can also win as many as 9 more points by shooting par or better on each individual hole, using his current handicap. The forfeit team will get the balance of the 18 available points after total playing competitors' total. The match and medal points are not available in this match. All scores must be witnessed by a league member.
5. In the case of the Elyria Golf League only having 9 teams, the team playing the blind must field 4 players in that match.

WEATHER CONDITIONS:

1. DO NOT LEAVE THE COURSE UNTIL THE LEAGUE PLAY HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY CANCELLED. If play is resumed, you forfeit the entire match.
2. All league officers and golf course management will decide on the continuance of play.
3. Unfinished matches will not count as forfeits and the entire play will be made up if the schedule permits.
4. If the schedule permits, one rainout will be made up at the end of each half, before knockdown. If knockdown night is rained out, there will be no make-up and standings from the prior week will determine the winner of that half.

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TEAM CAPTAINS:

1. Team captains are responsible for scheduling their team, posting scores, calling in line ups, paying sponsor fees and collecting membership fees.
2. Team captains may also be asked to assist with some other duties, as necessary.

PLAYING RULES:

1. **The entire golf course is played as a Lateral Hazard.** Red and white stakes indicate a hazard, ball may be played from the point of entry, no closer to the hole, one stroke penalty. All plugged balls may be cleaned and dropped with the opponent's permission, no penalty.
2. **Tee times will be starting at 4:30pm, every 17 minutes for (2) foursomes, until 5:38pm. It is imperative that we maintain timely tee off and ready golf to be able to complete everyone's round before the end of daylight.**

Questions can be directed to Tom Porter, Golf Pro at Forest Hills Golf Course.

3. Local Rules

#1	Lateral hazard, left
#2	Lateral hazard, left (swamp), Water hazard, right (pond)
#3	Lateral hazard, left
#4	Lateral hazard, left (river) and behind green
#5	Lateral hazard, left (river) and behind green
#7	Lateral hazard, behind green
#9	Lateral hazard, left, (tree line) and behind green
#11	Lateral hazard, right, where property ends
#12	Lateral hazard, right
#13	Lateral hazard, left of fairway (river)
#14	Lateral hazard, left (river, including long grass)
#15	Lateral hazard, right (river)
#16	Lateral hazard (pond), Lateral hazard (right, left – trees, past pond)
#18	Lateral hazard, behind green

PLAY A PROVISIONAL WHEN YOU CAN, SPEED UP PLAY!!!

4. **Winter rules** (bump all over) and **Summer rules** (play the ball where it lies) will be determined each week by the Rules Committee and will be noted on the score sheet. Captains are to notify their team of the rules of the day.
5. Nine strokes are the maximum given in any match, strokes to be determined according to the score card.
6. Match play: players must play in competition against each other, no matching scorecards, no exceptions. When a new player is scheduled (no handicap), his match will stand as scheduled by the team captain regardless of what his handicap results are.
7. When listing your players in the line-up, start with the lowest handicap to the highest handicap. Please use full names – first and last.
8. Forfeits will be determined according to the line-up posted.
9. **Tees: Age 59 and below – Blue Tees; Age 60 + - White Tees; Age 75 + - Yellow Tees**
10. **Par 3 holes (#2, #6, #12, #17) – All Players will play from the White Tees**
11. **No out of bounds – Lateral hazard throughout the golf course. Drop nearest relief, no closer to hole.**

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SPECIAL RULES:

1. The championship team will receive prize money to be determined (see Page 1, CHAMPIONSHIP PLAYOFF RULES). All the remaining money will be used to purchase prizes for the round-up.
2. The League Secretary will be paid \$200.00 for his services per season.
3. A trophy and one dozen golf balls will be awarded for a HOLE-IN-ONE.
4. Divisions will be dictated by the final standings from the previous year's play.

FEES:

1. Team entrance fee is \$100.00, paid by team members or a sponsor by the first week of June.
2. Individual league fees are \$55.00 and must be paid by the first week of June. Non-conformance results in suspension of signing up for pins and skins side games.
3. Captains are responsible for the submission of payment of entrance fee and team member league fees to the Treasurer.

THE RULES COMMITTEE WILL INTERPRET AND RULE ON GRIEVANCES.

RULES COMMITTEE:

All Captains and/or Club Pro

2019 OFFICERS

President: Frank Lapos
Treasurer: Frank Lapos
Secretary: Todd Mealwitz