



Southers Marsh Golf Club

Thursday League Rules

The following rules have been adopted in an effort to ensure the enjoyment of those who participate in this league. In fairness to everyone, all players must have an established quota commensurate with their skill level. **Play is from the blue tees.** (Exceptions may be granted based on age or gender and quotas will be adjusted accordingly)

Time: Anytime on Thursdays. **Tee times are required**

League Fees: \$42 for 18 holes with a cart and an evening meal or a \$5 lunch credit

\$5 Weekly prizes (**mandatory**, must be paid in cash)

\$5 Birdie Pool (**optional**, must be paid in cash) **For the Thursday League, there are 2 birdie pools** – one for those with quota of more than 18 and one for 18 or less. In the event that there are no skins in any given week, the pool carries over to the next week. If you weren't in the pool during the week no skins held, you must pay \$5 for that week plus \$5 for the current week. **All birdies must be circled on your scorecard.**

Prizes: 1-10 players - 1 place - 100% 11-20 players - 2 places - 60/40
 21-30 players - 3 places - 50/30/20 31-40 players - 4 places - 35/30/20/15
 41 or more players - 5 places - 30/25/20/15/10

Quota Scoring: Points are earned or lost for each hole played according to the following schedule (please pick up after failing to make double bogey):

Eagle: 8 points

Par: 2 points

Double Bogey or higher: 0 points

Birdie: 4 points

Bogey: 1 point

Every player has a quota and the object is to make the most points over your quota. For first time players, your quota is estimated by subtracting your handicap from 36. For example, if you are a 7 handicap, you must make 29 points to reach your quota or a 20 handicap must earn 16 points. The player with the most points over their quota is the winner.

Every week your quota will be adjusted based on your previous round in league play. If a player does not reach their quota in a given week, their quota will be lowered by one point. If a player exceeds their quota, their quota will be adjusted upward by $\frac{1}{2}$ the number of points scored over quota. For example, if a player shoots plus 6, next week his quota increases by 3. If a player exceeds his quota by an odd number, for example, 3, his 1.5 will be rounded *up* to the next whole number, 2. This ensures every player an even shot at winning.

Course management reserves the right to make adjustments to a player's quota as it deems appropriate, without question.

First Time Players: All players are always eligible for birdie pool. First time players are not eligible to participate in the prize pool, but should submit their handicaps (or best guess) and their first league score to start establishing a quota. Following their first round, course management will assign a quota for the next week (usually 5-8 points above the player's first week's score). For the first 4 weeks of a player's participation in the league, that player will be "on probation" in terms of their quota, to make sure it is actually a good number. During this time, no scores over +4 will be allowed, and their quotas will be adjusted accordingly. Even players with USGA handicaps will have to go through this process as their handicap established at other courses may travel differently to Southers Marsh.

Our goal is to protect the long-standing members of the league. In theory, you should only finish first about once every 2 summers if you play every week. You should not expect to come into the league and immediately win. (With 50-60 players each week, you have a 1 in 50 or 60 chance to win. You will only win when you have an unbelievable round.)

Keeping Score: Save 2 lines for each player on the card. Enter a player's score for each hole in one box and dots for points earned on that hole in the box underneath it. **Please total your number of points and circle all birdies if you are in the birdie pool. Please write each player's first and last name on the scorecard.** Please keep all scores for your group on the same scorecard.

Rules of Play

- **All putts must be holed. No gimmes.**
- **Preferred Lies are only allowed in sand bunkers, otherwise, play it as it lies.**
- All **bogs** shall be played as lateral hazards. Players may choose from the following:
 1. Play your next shot from the designated drop area – 1 stroke penalty
 - a. **In the Thursday League all drop areas are used**
 2. Take your stance at the ball's point of entry into the hazard and drop within 1 club length – 1 stroke penalty
 3. Replay from the tee – 1 stroke penalty

NOTE: Incurring a "one stroke penalty" explained – For example, your tee shot goes into the bog. You now will be hitting your third shot after you have taken relief. (One shot into the bog, one penalty shot to get out of the bog, hitting your third shot from one of the 3 relief options above.)

Overall Quota Championship

\$1 from all players' entry fees each week will go towards the overall quota pool and end of the year appreciation event (whether or not players meet the tournament criteria). To qualify for end of the year prizes a player must play 15 weeks out of a possible 23 weeks. Each player will count their 10 best scores of the season towards the overall championship. Cost of the year end league appreciation event (to be held on a Sunday afternoon in October) is as follows: Played 15 times of 23 – free, 10 times - \$25, 5 times - \$40. The appreciation tournament will include 18 holes with a cart and a meal to follow.