

2011 RULES AND REGULATIONS – ADULT GOLF LEAGUE AT THE ORCHARDS

1. Administrative Fee: \$50.00 per team in the form of a check made payable to the City of Milford or cash.
2. A forfeit is declared if a team fields a lineup of less than **three** players. Two or more forfeits warrant expulsion from the league unless extenuating circumstances exist.
3. **All players must be full-time residents or real estate taxpayers in the City of Milford.**
 - a. **Industrial team members must work full-time in Milford for the company for which they play.**
4. Players must be 18 years of age.
5. Players must supply own equipment and pay own greens fees for nine holes.
6. Rosters consist of twelve-player maximum: 5 minimum. Only four people per team, compete officially each week. Completed rosters must be submitted to the League Director 24 hours prior to your first scheduled match.
7. Additions or substitutions to rosters must be made in person (by the new player) at the Recreation Department not less than 24 hours prior to a match. Use of ineligible player will result in automatic forfeit.
8. Substitutions, transfers or additions to rosters will be permitted until the second Thursday in June.
9. Matches will be Nine Hole Match Play at The Orchards Golf Course. A total of six points may be won in a match. League Director is responsible for tabulating results.
10. USGA rules will govern except where local course rules or special league rules are specified.
11. Starting times are contracted through The Orchards Golf Course. Teams are responsible for fielding a team each week during their contracted starting time.
12. **There will be no postponements except in case of inclement weather, which will be determined by officials at The Orchards. If there are any questions regarding the postponement of a week's match, call The Orchards at 878-8200, no earlier than 3:00. Do not call the Recreation Department; The Orchards are responsible for making this decision.**
13. If a match is rained out, it will be made up only if necessary and if time permits at the end of the season. Due to the length of the season only matches that may impact league champion or runner-up will be made up.
14. **All teams are required to play during any scheduled practice round. Failure to do so will result in an automatic forfeit of your next scheduled match and loss of forfeit fee.**
15. *If a team knows that they cannot play during their scheduled tee-time on a particular day. They **MAY**, with approval from **BOTH** the Orchards & the League Director, move their tee-time to earlier in the day. Provided that ample notice is given, approval is granted, and the match is played on the same day of your scheduled match. All requests must go through the League Director. No team will be granted more than three requests. The Orchards golf course and League Director reserves veto power on all potential rescheduled matches. The League Director reserves the right to make any decision he feels to be in the best interest of the league.*
16. In the event of darkness or heavy rain the round will be considered official provided each team has completed five holes. Match scores will be tabulated from number of holes completed by player terminating match. League Director will have final determination in this matter.
17. **PRIOR TO TEEING OFF EACH WEEK, EACH TEAM CAPTAIN MUST SUBMIT A TEAM LINE-UP IN ORDER OF HANDICAP (lowest to highest, lowest is 1st on the lineup card). These must be left in the cigar box at the counter at The Orchards. If not done properly the League Director reserves the right to make changes or forfeit matches.**

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18. Your scorecard **MUST BE SET UP AS FOLLOWS**: Player's must be listed on the scorecard with last name and first initial in order of handicap (lowest first, highest last). Your scorecard line up will be in the same order of your line up card. Each player's handicap must be listed next to each player's name. **FAILURE TO SUBMIT LINE UP AND SCORECARDS PROPERLY WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT.** Completed scorecards also are left in the cigar box at the conclusion of your round.
19. ALL PLAYERS MUST PRINT FIRST INITIAL AND LAST NAME ON THE SCORECARDS. First name alone is not sufficient. Failure to comply will result in forfeiture of that player's score and potentially the entire teams. If the League Director cannot read a scorecard this will also result in the forfeiture of that player and or team's score.
20. Captains or designated representatives are responsible for submitting correct scorecards after each match and HE/SHE MUST SIGN SCORECARD (all players should, but are not required to sign the scorecard).
21. New players will be given a handicap of eight (8). This is based upon the average handicap of all returning players. ***Players will be re-handicapped every week through week 16.***
22. There will be two scores for each player in the weekly result sheet. The first is a player's actual metal score with the second being the player's adjusted score. (Double boogie or six maximum). Actual score per hole should always be marked on the scorecard, **regardless of how high.** League Director will calculate all scores and make final adjustments.
23. PENALTIES: (LOST BALL, OUT OF BOUNDS)
 - a. All penalties are one stroke. This is a league rule only, intended to speed up play.
 - b. Drop in approximate area where ball entered.
 - c. The maximum handicap strokes per round a player can receive is **six (6)**.
24. All matches are regular season "paper" matches. Your scorecards shall be signed and submitted to the clubhouse at The Orchards. The following day the scores will be tabulated against your opponent's. Please submit your actual scores. Scoring/ results are based upon our handicap system and the honor system. If cheating is found out by any one player; that player's whole team risks expulsion from the league.
25. Dress code recommends shirts with collars (not mandatory) and metal spikes are prohibited.
26. ETIQUETTE: (To speed up play)
 - a. **Slow groups should permit faster groups to play through (continued slow play will result in the re-assignment of your tee time).**
 - b. Play all shots promptly and leave green immediately after all players have holed out.
 - c. Short putts should be putted out rather than having the farthest from hole putt next.
 - d. **Call the team behind you onto the green where holes indicate to do so.**
 - e. No provisional shots. (see Rules 23 a-b)
27. The Recreation Department reserves the right to modify the number of matches played in the event of multiple rainouts. This includes the altering of the schedule and the league format.

PLAYOFFS – NEW 2011

1. **TEAMS WILL BE PAIRED OFF FOR PLAYOFF MATCHES USING A PLAYOFF PAIRING CHART.**
2. All golfers will submit their own individual scorecard. This scorecard is to be filled out as normal name, handicap, etc. – see above 18 & 19, (if you are the one golfer place your name in the one slot, two golfer in two slot, etc, etc). Note the following additions:
 1. Team Seed (ex. Nicholas 4) next to Team name on the top of the card.
 2. Player Number (1, 2, 3, or 4) *in front of your name.*
3. Finish all holes and turn in scorecards as usual. These are still paper patches with final results to be determined by the league director.

THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS IT FEELS TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE LEAGUE, THE MILFORD RECREATION DEPT. AND/OR THE CITY OF MILFORD. THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE REASSIGNMENT OF TEE-TIMES. ALL DECISIONS ARE FINAL.

It is the coach's responsibility to make these Rules & Regulations available to all of his teammates.

Coaches are responsible for assigning a proxy in the event of his/her absence to ensure that lineup and scorecards are completed and submitted correctly. ALL CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY.