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2011

RULES & REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE MILFORD RECREATION DEPARTMENT'S ORANGE HILLS GOLF LEAGUE

The Milford Recreation Department reserves the right to make any decisions it feels to be in the best interest of the league, Orange Hills, the City of Milford, and/or the Milford Recreation Department.

FEES:

- Entry Fee \$ 50.00 Payable to the Milford Recreation Dept
- Grandfather Fee \$ 50.00 per player (max of 2) – Payable to the Milford Recreation Dept
- Greens Fee \$ 22.00 per round – Payable to Orange Hills Country Club
(This fee must be paid inside at the counter)
- **Special Events \$120.00** Payable to Cash
(This includes the 4 tournaments @ \$20 each & 5 closest to the Pin @ \$8 each)

ELIGIBILITY:

These leagues are open to teams comprised of **Milford Residents or Real Estate Taxpayers Only**

- Industrial Teams – All members of the team must work full time in Milford for the Milford based company (ex BIC, Schick, Fire Dept), which they play for. All Industrial Teams **MUST** provide a letter from their company's Personnel Director verifying that each player listed is a full time employee of the company based in Milford.
- Grandfather Clause – Former primary residents who grew up in Milford and went through grammar school and high school OR who as an adult lived in Milford for a minimum of 10 years before moving out of town.

ROSTERS / PLAYERS:

- Rosters shall consist of a minimum of 4 players and a maximum of 12 players.
- Only 4 team members participate officially each week.
- All players must be 18 years of age.
- All players / team must complete an "Official Golfer, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement" prior to participating in the league.
- Players may not participate on more than one team within the league.
- Players may not be added to team rosters without prior approval of the Recreation Department. Only coaches may make roster changes and must be made no less than 48 hours before a game.
- The deadline for roster changes is **Thursday, June 23, 2011.**
- All players added to the roster must sign the "Official Golf, Release of Liability and Indemnification Agreement" prior to participating.
- To be eligible for the Herb Wilson Memorial Post Season Playoffs, a player must have participated in a minimum of 4 matches.

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THE MATCH:

- The match will be Nine Hole Match Play at the Orange Hills Country Club.
- League play will alternate each week between the front and back nine, as per the schedule.
- All players should tee off from the white tees.
- All teams shall submit a lineup of players #1 - #4 and alternates for the particular week.
- Playing order is always determined by handicap (i.e. lowest handicap is #1, etc.).
- In the case of two players with the same handicap the coach may decide who plays in what position.
- In the event that less than 4 players (2 min) participate in the match, they will play in order of their handicap, as outlined, the other positions would be vacant. [Examples – With 2 players they would play #1 & #2 and positions #3 & #4 would be vacant. With 3 players they would play #1, #2, & #3 and position #4 would be vacant].

FORFEITS:

- A match shall be forfeited if a team fields a lineup of less than 2 players.
- A team that forfeits twice during the season will be expelled from the league, unless extenuating circumstances exist (league director's discretion)

LEAGUE SCORING:

- A total of 6 points may be won in each match.
- A team will earn 1 point for each head to head match (based on playing order) for each individual match won based upon the NET SCORE per hole of each respective player. A team will earn an additional point for the head to head match of players 1 & 2 vs 1 & 2; and an additional point for the head to head match of players 3 & 4 vs 3 & 4.
- Actual Score per hole should always be recorded on the scorecard. The league director will adjust the scores to determine the match outcome and standing.
- On the weekly score sheet each player will have two scores listed - actual score & adjusted score.
- The league standings, regular season champions, and the pairing/seeding for the Herb Wilson Memorial Post Season Playoffs will be based upon the cumulative point total of each team.
- In the event that there is a tie for 1st Place at the conclusion of the regular season, a head to head playoff will be held on the “practice round week” prior to the start of the post-season playoffs.
- In the event that there is a tie for 2nd – 11th place at the conclusion of the regular season, ties will be broken based upon the result of the regular season head to head matches, if that does not resolve the tie then a coin flip will do so.
- All teams qualify for the Herb Wilson Memorial Post Season Playoffs.
- In the event that there is a tie in a playoff match, ties will be broken by team net score, if a tie still exists then cards will be matched based on team net score started with the hardest hole and will continue until tie is broken.

HANDICAPPING:

- A player's previous season's handicap will be used to start the new season
- Any / All new players will begin the season with a standard eight (8) handicap.
- The maximum handicap a player may receive is seventeen (17).
- Players will be re-handicapped at the end of each month.
- The maximum handicap strokes per round a player may receive is seven (7). No strokes will be given on the par threes.

PLAYING RULES:

- USGA Rules & Regulations apply, except where local course rules or special league rules specify. (see next two items)

ORANGE HILLS C.C. RULES:

- Newly Planted, Transplanted, or Young Trees: Trees that are staked, wired, and/or marked with a ribbon. **Relief:** Stance and Swing plus one (1) club length from stake, wire, and/or tree. NO PENALTY.
- 150 Yard Markers and Flower Beds. **Relief:** Stance and Swing plus one (1) club length NO PENALTY.
- Tree Wells: Balls in the tree wells on the eighth, tenth, and sixteenth holes: **Relief:** Stance and Swing plus one (1) club length NO PENALTY.
- Large Rocks in Fairway and Rough: First hole located on right side of green, eleventh hole behind green, fourteenth hole near 150 yard marker, seventeenth hole near 100 yard marker, eighteenth hole near 150 yard marker. **Relief:** Stance and Swing plus one (1) club length NO PENALTY.
- Fourth Hole Relief: Roped-off open hole near left side of fairway. **Relief:** Stance and Swing plus one (1) club length NO PENALTY.
- Cart Paths: A road or cart path, which has been surfaced with anything artificial, i.e. concrete, tar, wood, chips, ash, etc., (including dirt paths which are extensions of cart paths). **Relief:** Stance and Swing plus one (1) club length NO PENALTY.
- Embedded Ball: Anywhere “through the green” a ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground may be lifted without penalty, cleaned, and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay, but not nearer the hole.
- Rock Walls: All rock walls are an integral part of the golf course – NO RELIEF.

SPECIAL LEAGUE RULES:

- MAXIMUM SCORE per hole shall be twice the par (i.e. Par 5 = 10)
- In the event of inclement weather or darkness and one or both teams involved in a particular head to head match are unable finish, the scores will be voided and the match will be postponed and made up the following week. (scores for the next week will count against both the scheduled match and the cancelled match, in effect teams will be playing a dual-match.)
- PENALTIES – Water, Lost Ball, Out of Bounds are all ONE (1) Stroke Penalties. The ball shall be dropped (two clubs) in the approximate area where the ball entered. *Intended to speed play.*
- No provisional shots may be played.

STARTING TIMES:

- Starting times have been established by Orange Hills Country Club and have been inherited by current league members. (See separate sheet for listing)
- Teams are committed to your starting times. You are expected to play all weeks during the regular season including any “bye” weeks and or practice rounds. If eliminated from the post-season playoffs, teams have the option to continue playing as contracted or to discontinue playing. If teams opt to discontinue, they must notify OHCC of this decision.
- In the playoffs – those teams still participating in the playoffs shall have the first choice of any/all tee times, in order to allow these matches to be played during the “daylight”.

SPECIAL EVENTS: (see Addendum for detailed listing of rules pertaining to each event)

Special Event Fee of \$120 per team must be prepaid

- Closest To The Pin on #9 –04/21; 05/19; 06/16; 07/21; & 08/04
- Yellow Ball Tournament – 05/05
- 4 Club Tournament – 06/02
- 2 Man Best Ball – 07/07
- Team Scramble – 08/11
- End of Year Awards – 09/15

ETIQUETTE:

- Dress code requires shirts with collars.
- NO METAL SPIKES.
- No Alcoholic Beverages/Coolers are permitted on the course.
- Slow groups should allow faster groups to play through.
- Play all shots promptly and leave the green immediately after all players have holed out.
- Short putts should be putted out rather than having the furthest from the hole putt next.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- There will be NO postponements except in the case of extremely inclement weather or un-playable course conditions *as determined by the management of Orange Hills Country Club*. If the course is open then league play will take place.
- In the event of inclement weather or darkness and one or both teams involved in a particular head to head match are unable finish the scores will be voided and the match will be postponed and made up the following week. (scores for the next week will count against both the scheduled match and the cancelled match, in effect teams will be playing a dual-match.)
- For questions regarding the status of the course call **203-795-4161 after 2:00 p.m.**

SPECIAL NOTES:

- This is a gentleman's league whose success or failure will continue to be determined entirely by the attitude, honesty, integrity, and behavior of its participants.
- By registering for and participating in the Milford Recreation Department's Golf League at Orange Hills CC all teams and members hereby agree to adhere to playing rules, policies, guidelines, and formats, including participation in team related special events and formats.
- If not described in the league Rules & Regulations, the league director reserves the right to make all decisions, which are in the best interest of the league, Orange Hills Country Club, the Milford Recreation Department, and the City of Milford.
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2011 Special Events Rules Addendum

All teams must submit a check for \$120.00 payable to Cash to cover the cost of the Team Tournaments. Please submit this money prior to Friday, April 17th.

Closest To The Pin

- This event will be held on #9 on April 21st, May 19th, June 16th, July 21st; & August 4th
- This event will cost \$2.00 per golfer – prepaid foursome
- Alternates may pay \$2.00 per golfer to participate (leave envelope in cigar box)
- Money will be distributed 50% to winning golfer / 50% to the Golf League to be used towards the end of the season event.

Yellow Ball Tournament

- This event will be held on May 5, 2011
- This event will cost \$20.00 per team – prepaid foursome
- Money will be distributed 50% to winning team / 50% to the Golf League to be used towards the end of the season event.
- Each team will be given a yellow ball. The foursome will rotate playing the yellow ball (#1 player will play it 3 times {1st, 5th, 9th}). All others players will play the ball twice during the round.
- The only scores turned in will be the score of the yellow ball.
- Full handicaps will be used to determine scores on the holes.
- Lowest NET SCORE wins.
- If the yellow ball is lost. The team is out.
- In the event that all teams do not complete all 9 holes with the yellow ball, the team that has completed the most holes will be declared the winner. If teams are tied for the same number of completed holes the winner will be decided accordingly.
- In the event of a tie, the league rules will be used to determine a winner.

4 Club Tournament

- This event will be held on June 2, 2011
- This event will cost \$20.00 per team – prepaid foursome
- Money will be distributed 50% to winning team / 50% to the Golf League to be used towards the end of the season event.
- Each player may only carry four (4) clubs, including the putter.
- Full handicaps will be used to determine NET scores.
- Lowest TEAM NET SCORE wins.
- In the event of a tie, the league rules will be used to determine a winner.

2 Man Best Ball Tournament

- This event will be held on July 7, 2011
- This event will cost \$20.00 per team – prepaid foursome
- Money will be distributed 50% to winning team / 50% to the Golf League to be used towards the end of the event / awards ceremony.
- Put what you scored on the hole – on the card.
- Full handicaps will be used to determine scores on the holes.
- The best two NET SCORES on each hole will count
- Lowest NET SCORE wins.
- In the event of a tie, the league rules will be used to determine a winner.

Team Scramble

- This event will be held on August 4, 2011
- This event will cost \$20.00 per team – prepaid foursome
- Money will be distributed 50% to winning team / 50% to the Golf League to be used towards the end of the event / awards ceremony.
- No minimum number of drives per golfer.
- Put what your team scored on the hole – on the card.

End of Season Social Event

- This event will be held on September 9, 2010. This event is the week after the scheduled Finals of the Herb Wilson Memorial Post Season Playoffs. If the finals are re-scheduled for this date due to weather, etc. then this event will occur along with the finals.
- The exact details of this event are still pending, more details will follow.
- This event will be financed with the proceeds from the closest to the pin contest, and the three tournaments. However, in the event that this money is not sufficient players may be asked to make a minimal contribution.

SPECIAL NOTES

- All money collected for the special events remain the property of the Golf League and are to be used for those purposes as approved by the members of the league.
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