

SOUHEGAN WOODS INNER CLUB

2023 MEN'S LEAGUE RULES

PURPOSE

The Souhegan Woods Inner Club League is established to promote fellowship and friendly competition among members of the Inner Club.

RULES

1. **USGA** rules shall apply in all cases during league play. Any questions, issues or concerns of the rules must be brought promptly to the attention of the Souhegan Woods PGA golf professional for verification or ruling. Infringements will be properly penalized. Notification of the infringements shall be given to the player or players that are involved.
2. **Local Rules:**
 - Provisional Ball rule will be in effect for the hazard on Hole #3
 - Accidental movement of ball on putting green, no penalty, put the ball back
3. **All league members** will have established a USGA GHIN card within 30 days of entry into the league. Should the member not have a valid card the Handicap Chairman for the Inner Club will adjust the player's handicap based on the rounds posted from the league.
4. **First And Second** flight players shall use the blue teeing ground and all other flights shall use the white teeing ground. Front (**Flights 1-5**) or Back (**Flights 6-9**) nines will be assigned, alternating each week.
5. **All Matches** will tee off between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday evening. Please pair up so that 4 league players are teeing off at the same time. If only two players are present and the Match is ready to begin, the players may tee off and play their Match. **Players must call the pro shop by 4:45 if they're going to be late.**
6. **Double Matches are PROHIBITED. One player cannot have 2 Matches going.**
7. **Pre-Play/Post-Play** options are available for emergencies or planned vacations. **Pre-play is allowed 3 weeks ahead. Post-play is allowed for the first 4 weeks of league, and all matches must be completed by May 16th.**
8. **The ball is to be played UP in your own fairway being played (within 6 inches, no nearer to the hole, Mark Lift, Clean and Place the ball)**
9. **A no show** is someone who fails to notify their competitor or the pro shop by 4:45 on league day that they are unable to play. Three un-notified no shows in any one playing season will cause that individual to be permanently removed from the roster with no refund.
10. **Substitutes** are not allowed for League play, except at start of 2nd half as described in #18.
11. **If your opponent does not show** for the scheduled Match, you are required to play against the course using your handicap (see #12). At the completion of play, you are required to submit a signed score card {attested by another league member} to the PGA Golf Professional at the designated scoring area.

12. **This league is a MATCH PLAY format.** 2 Points for winning the Match, 1 Point for a Tie and 0 Points for a lost. **Players will automatically earn 1 point when playing the golf course on League night only. Players who tie the course will earn an additional .5 point for a total of 1.5 pts.**
13. **Each opponent** is responsible for getting his handicap, setting the handicap holes and appropriate strokes for those holes based on the 9-hole handicap differential. You are responsible to ensure a scorecard has been filled out properly.
14. **All score cards** must be signed, attested and turned in to the designated scoring area at the end of play on that night. If you pre-play or post play on a non league night, score cards must be turned in to the pro shop. All Score cards **MUST** have the players' full names, points won, and the date/week for which the Match is from (1-18).
15. **Each player** is responsible for posting their own adjusted 9-hole scores on the GHIN computer.
16. **The League has an 18-week schedule.** The 18-week season will be broken into two 9-week halves. Prizes will be awarded to the 3 players with the highest point totals in each flight for both halves. At the end of the regular season there will be a playoff between the top 6 players from each flight based on cumulative points for both 9-week halves. The playoffs will be scheduled on 3 consecutive Tuesdays following the regular season. Prizes will be awarded to the players in the championship Match and the winner of the consolation Match. All ties for prize position during each 9-week half will be broken by comparing head to head records of the tied competitors. If the competitors are still tied the prize will be split. All ties for cumulative points at the end of the 18-week season will be broken by first comparing head to head records of the tied competitors. If the competitors are still tied a sudden death playoff will be required to determine the proper playoff positioning.
17. **PLAYOFF MATCHES (Important):** Once 2nd half play finishes, 3 weeks of playoffs will begin. Those players in the top 6 positions of their flight will qualify. The #1 and #2 player will have a BYE for the first week of playoffs. **Playoff matches will only be played on Tuesday, League night.** Pre-Play is not permitted during playoffs in order to provide a fair playing field for all players. If you are one of those 6 players and you cannot commit to play on league night, you must notify John Wollen two weeks before playoffs to revise the playoff bracket with the next player in position. While it would be unfortunate, in the event that you cannot make your match on playoff night, due to illness or another serious circumstance, you will forfeit the match and your opponent will advance with a Bye.
18. **As a member** of the League you must play in a least 5 of the 9 scheduled Matches in each half. Any member who misses more than 4 Matches in either 9-week half will not be eligible for the playoffs at the end of the season.
19. **If any flight** loses a player during the first half of the season. At the beginning of the second half, a player in the same handicap range will be substituted in this flight if possible. The substitute player will be required to pay half the dues for league play. The player will not be able to play in the playoffs but will be able to qualify for prizes in the second half. The player will also have first consideration for acceptance for the next year's league play over any new players.
20. **Late Policy:** If you are going to be late for your Match, you must call your opponent prior to your agreed upon meet time. If you cannot reach your opponent, you may try to contact the pro shop and have them get a message to your opponent. If you are late, you may join your opponent at the 2nd tee and continue the Match having lost the 1st hole. Beyond that you are disqualified.
21. **Concessions:** If a player walks off the course during a Match for any reason, the remaining holes are conceded to his opponent.

22. **Rain Policy:** League will be played rain or shine (except during thunderstorms or if the golf course is unplayable). The PGA Golf Professional will make a decision no later than 3:30pm if the conditions warrant the cancellation of league night. An email will be sent out at that time to notify the members of the league. There will not be a make up if cancelled.
23. **Handicaps for Flights:** 100% of the players nine hole playing handicap will be used.