



## Department of Recreational Sports Intramural Sports



### Team Golf Rules

#### I. GOVERNING RULES

The rules of the United States Golf Association will apply in all cases except where a special Oregon State University Intramural Sports rule applies.

#### II. ELIGIBILITY

All Participants must be either students registered at Oregon State University or Faculty/Staff/Affiliate with a Recreational Sports Membership. For more information on eligibility, consult the Intramural Sports Handbook.

#### III. FORMAT

- A. The foursome format will be used. One foursome will include the #1 and #3 players from each team, and the other foursome will include the #2 and #4 players from each team.
- B. All golf matches will be played even in the event of rain. If the course is closed for any reason, the match will be rescheduled. If both teams agree to stop play, the match can be rescheduled. The teams must reschedule their own matches and may have to pay an additional greens fee to Trysting Tree Golf Club for that match.
- C. Teams must be ready to tee off without delay when it is their turn or it will result in a forfeit. The league will not wait for the players who are late or move their tee time back. Be ready to play on time.
- D. A team is allowed to play with three players. If a team is playing with three players, the fourth spot is automatically dropped for that day and a team cannot earn a point for the absent player. The opposing team's fourth player must score within three (3) of their required points to earn the fourth individual point. The team with three players automatically loses the team point for the day and it is awarded to the opposing team.
- E. A team point will be awarded for each match. If the whole team forfeits, the opposing team wins all five points. The greens fee for players or a team will not be refunded for forfeits.

#### IV. SCORING

- A. Modified Stableford Scoring will be used. Points are recorded for each hole rather than the number of strokes. (Double Bogey = 1 point, Bogey = 2 points, Par = 3 points, Birdie = 5 points, Eagle = 8 points, Double Eagle = 12 points)
- B. Individual Scoring: The first week everyone is required to pull 18 points (bogey golf for 9 holes) and to rank their players 1 through 4. After the first week, the players will be ranked by their handicap.
- C. For a player's second match, their score from their first match will be averaged with 18 to establish their handicap (required points). After their handicap is established, the 18 points will no longer be used to calculate their handicap. A player's actual scores from each previous week will be averaged to determine their required points. If the average is a fraction of .5 or more, the score will be rounded up. If two or more players have the same handicaps, then the ranking will be determined consistently by the coordinator.
- D. Match Scoring: A maximum of 5 points may be scored in each match. Each individual may win one point and the team may win 1 point for a total of 5 points. If teams are playing with equal numbers of players, a team point will be awarded unless the plus or minus factor is equal.



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- E. Players can score no more, or less, than +/-5 points as an individual, (i.e., if a player is required to score 18 and they actually score 25, they receive a +5, not +7, for match scoring). Remember on the scorecard the number of points is recorded for each hole, not the stroke total. After the teams have completed 9 holes, the scorecards are matched, player #1 against player #1, player #2 against player #2, etc. The difference between the actual points and the required points is the plus or minus factor.
- F. All players must play a full round (9 holes) each week. Players that do not play the full 9 holes forfeit their individual point and the team point will automatically be awarded to the opposing team. A team is not eligible for points unless all players complete the round.
- G. After the fourth week of play, a player cannot substitute for a team if that player has not already played. In the first four weeks of play, players who have not yet played will start with a handicap of 18 and play in the respective position. If the team has more than one substitute, the captain will determine which player will be ranked higher.
- H. Once a person is laying double bogey on a hole, they are required to pick up the ball without further play as no points can be earned on the hole.
- I. The top team in each league will advance to the All-University Championship. The number of points earned determines the overall standings.

#### VI. CONDUCT

- A. The Intramural Sports program promotes positive sportsmanship at all contests and activities. Unsportsmanlike conduct includes actions which are unbecoming to an ethical, fair, and honorable individual. It consists of acts of deceit, disrespect, or vulgarity and includes taunting.

#### VII. EJECTIONS

- A. Any player ejected from a game will be immediately suspended from participating in all Intramural Sports activities. The ejected player must then make an appointment with the Coordinator of Intramural Sports and Sports Coordinator to determine the length of suspension and any other sanctions. The following actions can result in ejections from Intramural Sports:
  - 1. Improper language
  - 2. Unsporting conduct