

# 2019 Miami Shores Tuesday Night League Rules (Inaugural Season)

**1. INTRODUCTION:** Miami Shores Tuesday Night League, is a two-person team co-ed (optional) golf league. League members must be at least 18 years old and abide by all league rules. Teams may be male-male, male-female, or female-female.

1.1 The NUMBER ONE RULE is PLAY FAST! Be Ready to Hit! Keep it moving...

1.2 The League will play on Tuesday's anytime from 4:15pm-5:45pm, beginning May 7th, 2019 at Miami Shores Golf Course. The league shall be played over the course of 16 weeks. The end date for the league shall be August 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. There will be no league play on the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **2. League Officers: LEAGUE COORDINATOR / TREASURER, AND LEAGUE SECRETARY**

The League Coordinator / Treasurer and League Secretary for the inaugural season is Tyler Booher, Director of Golf at Miami Shores Golf Course.

2.1 The League Secretary's duties will include: Setting and distributing a schedule and score cards for League play; Recording and distributing accurate results of league play; Maintaining and updating League handicaps, standings, rules, and records.

2.2 The League Coordinator / Treasurer duties will include: Collection of all dues owed to the MSTNL League. The Coordinator shall set an agenda and conduct a preseason meeting, to review rules, establish teams, and collect monies for the upcoming season. The league treasurer must keep a detailed and accurate accounting of all revenues and expenditures and provide a pre-season income statement with projected income and expenses and a final income statement showing actual income and expenses for the season. Balance deficits or surpluses will be handled by the rules committee.

## **3. RULES COMMITTEE / DISPUTES / DECISIONS.**

3.1 The Rules Committee will be made up of the league officers and 3 league members selected from interested volunteers by a league vote at the preseason league meeting. Rules Committee members must come from different teams.

3.2 The Rules Committee can make league and local rules pertaining to league play at anytime including but not limited to matters which affect points, standings, rule interpretation, etc. All league disputes, violations, and penalties, are subject to review by the Rules Committee.

3.3 The committee may consult any outside party including but not limited to the parties involved, any witnesses, and/or the course Director of Golf. Decisions made by the Rules Committee are final. Major changes in league rules are proposed and voted on in the preseason meeting or require a written vote of all league members.

3.4 If a Rules Committee is unable to be formed, the Director of Golf shall act as the rules committee.

## **4. LEAGUE FEES**

4.1 The 2019 season league fees total \$120.00. The fees shall be used for prize money, skins and closest to the pin, and shall cover the cost of a GHIN Handicap for each player. If a player has an active GHIN Handicap at another golf course then league fees total \$90.00. Green fees and cart fees shall be paid to the golf course by individual league members on the day of play. Subs are not eligible for prize money. See the income statement below for a sample detailed budget of league funds.

4.2 League fees can be paid in total upfront or in 2 payments as follows: The first payment of \$60.00 is due no later than April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019. The fees must be PAID IN FULL on or before May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

4.3 Green fees and cart fees are set by the golf course. For non-members of Miami Shores, 9 Hole Green Fee is \$14.50 per person. 9 Hole Cart Fee is \$7.00 per person.

<b>Sample League Budget</b>			
Revenue			\$
18 Players @ 120 per player			2160
Total Revenue			<b>2160.00</b>
Expenses/Payouts			
Handicap Fee \$30 per player			540
Prize Money			
1st Half Team Standing			
1st Place			180
2nd Place			100
3rd Place			50
Skins & Closest to the Pin			
Winners divide \$60 per week			480
2nd Half Team Standing			
1st Place			180
2nd Place			100
3rd Place			50
Skins & Closest to the Pin			
Winners divide \$60 per week			480
Total Expenses			<b>2160.00</b>

## **5. LEAGUE SETUP**

5.1 League Competition (16 weeks).

Each Team will play the other teams twice in the season if numbers allow for it.

LEAGUE POINT SYSTEM (40 Point Scoring Method)

Each round is worth a total of forty (40) points broken down as follows:

Team points - 18 points - Two points per hole

Individual points - 18 points - One point per hole per player (9 points per player)

Match points - 4 points - Lowest Team Net Score

TEAM POINTS are awarded, on each hole, to the team with the lowest combined net score.

There are (2) two points available per hole. In case of a tie, the teams' will receive one (1) point each.

INDIVIDUAL POINTS are awarded, on each hole. "A" player VS. "A" player, and "B" player VS.

"B" player. The scorecards will indicate the opponents and which holes strokes are given. There is one (1) point available for each hole. Player with the low net score for the hole gets 1 point. In case of a tie each player receives a half point.

MATCH POINTS The team with the lowest combined net score will receive four (4) points for the match. In case of a tie, each team will receive two (2) points.

All points, Individual, Team, and Match, are added together to determine TOTAL TEAM POINTS for Team Standings.

## **6. LEAGUE PLAY: "The Golf Rules"**

6.1 All male league players under the age of 60 shall play from the White tees. Male players age 60 and over have the option to play either the White Tees or the Gold Tees. Handicap shall be adjusted downward accordingly if playing from the Gold Tees. Female players shall play from the Red Tees or have the option of moving up to the first set of Family Tees. Once again, if playing from the Family Tees handicap shall be adjusted downward accordingly.

6.2 All matches will be played under Summer Rules, unless otherwise stated.

6.3 UNFAIR LIE RULE: If your ball rests in a divot or in ground which may be considered under repair or unfair, you may place a ball at the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole, without penalty, only after notifying and receiving permission from your opponent. A bunkered ball shall

be placed in the bunker. If permission is not granted then the ball must be played as it lies. If the course dictates "Golf Carts – Rough Only" you may Lift, Clean, & Place your ball, in your own fairway only.

6.4 No putts for birdie or better may be conceded. Only pars and higher putts may be conceded at the discretion to the opponent.

6.5 The MAXIMUM SCORE on any hole is 4 over par. A player may pick up on any hole and take a 4 over par score. If two opposing players take the maximum score on a hole, then the points for that hole shall be halved regardless if one opponent is getting or receiving strokes on that hole.

6.6 All other rules situations shall be governed according to the Rules of Golf unless decided otherwise by the Rules Committee.

## **7. MATCH (a foursome)**

7.1 A NORMAL MATCH is a foursome, 4 players, which shall consist of a two-person team of league members or their qualified sub(s) opposing a two-person team of league members or their qualified sub(s). Subs use the same handicap calculations as league members.

7.2 All normal matches will be scored using our standard 40 point system. See rule 5.1.

7.3 If a league member or substitute is late and shows up before his group tees off on the 3rd hole of play, it can be considered a legal match and he can make up the first 2 holes after the round and those scores will be used. If he shows up after the group tees off on the 3rd hole of play, then he is considered absent and is playing for fun. (See Rule 8)

7.4 If a league member starts the round, and finishes one or more holes and is unable to complete the round for any reason, the holes not completed shall be scored in the same manner as an absentee match (See Rule 8), prorated for the number of holes remaining. The holes completed shall count for scoring purposes. If a league member completes less than 9 holes they shall be considered absent for handicap purposes and no score shall be posted. If a substitute player starts but cannot complete a round then it is considered an absentee match and Rule 8 applies in full.

7.5 MAKE-UP MATCHES. MAKE UP MATCHES MUST BE PLAYED IN ADVANCE OF THE SCHEDULED MATCH. Matches must be preapproved by the rules committee. There is no penalty for playing a match in advance of the scheduled date. Make up matches may not qualify for money games... check with the league coordinator.

**8. ABSENTEE MATCH (defined as less than a foursome)** An absent team, or player, can earn points but are penalized as follows: **If a player(s) is absent and unable to secure a sub, the absent player will be penalized (4) four actual strokes added to the players handicap to determine a "dummy" score.** Example: a player who's current handicap is 7 would expect to have 7 bogeys and 2 pars (7 over par). For scoring purposes, with the 4 stroke penalty the player will be given a "dummy score" of 7 bogeys and 2 double bogies on the two most difficult holes (11 over par). In this example, assuming a par 36, the absent players "dummy score" is 11 over par with his current 7 handicap for a net score of 40. Then using the "dummy score," calculate the match as per league rules. "Dummy" scores are not used for any purpose other than scoring an absentee match.

8.1 In any Absentee Match (less than a foursome) A team, including the team with both members present, cannot earn more points than the most points earned by any team playing a Normal Match for that night of golf.

8.2 In any Absentee Match (less than a foursome) The team with 1 or both players absent cannot win more points than their opponents with 2 players present. The absent player or players cannot win more individual points than their present opponent. This rule implies the maximum that can be won by a team with less than two players is 20 points and the maximum number of individual points that can be won by an absent player is 4.5 individual points.

8.3 If both league members are absent from a team (2 no shows), with no subs playing, the present team, if it has 2 players, shall earn a minimum of 20 points. This rule implies the maximum that can be won by an absent team (2 no shows), is also 20 points.

8.4 If both teams have one absent player with no sub, the two present players will play and their scores will count for handicap purposes. In this match, each present player will receive 5

individual points and each team will receive a total of 20 points.

8.5 A match shall never result in more than 40 points, however, when implementing rule 8.1 or

8.6 A match may result in less than 40 points.

## **9. HANDICAPS and ADJUSTED SCORE**

9.1 All league members are required to have a GHIN Handicap. The cost of the GHIN Handicap is included in the League Fees.

9.2 There is **no maximum handicap** for the league.

9.3 Handicaps are calculated automatically by the GHIN System.

9.4 League scores shall be posted by the League Coordinator. All other rounds played, whether at Miami Shores or another golf course, are the responsibility of the individual league member.

9.5 A League Member must have at least (1) 9 Hole score posted in the GHIN system prior to the start of league play. If no scores have been posted, the handicap of that player shall be 0 for the first week of league play.

9.6 Subs must have a GHIN Handicap or a verifiable handicap at a league from another golf course. If they have neither, their handicap shall be zero until they have played at least once in the league.

9.7 Plus (+) handicaps are allowed.

9.8 When players of the same gender are competing from different tees, the handicap of the player playing from the more forward tee shall be adjusted downward according to the difference in course rating from the selected tees. This is in accordance with the USGA Handicap Manual. As an example, if Player A is a 6 handicap playing from the White Tees and Player B is a 6 handicap playing from the Gold Tees, Player B would have an adjusted handicap of 4 resulting from the fact that there is a 2 stroke difference in course rating from the White Tees to the Gold Tees.

**10. SUBSTITUTE RULE.** A substitute (sub) player must be an amateur golfer at least 18 years old and abide by all league rules. Securing a sub is the responsibility of the absent league member or his partner. Any player who is not a league member is considered a substitute.

**11. RAINOUTS / LIGHTNING.** If lightning is present, you are to immediately take the standard precautions prescribed for this condition. Rainouts will be determined by the club pro and/or the rules committee. Take cover if the course warning horn sounds during a round. You will be notified if the round is being postponed or canceled.

## **12. NUMBER OF PLAYERS**

12.1 The minimum number of players needed for the league to operate is 16, or 8 teams. If this number is not reached, the league shall dissolve.

12.2 The maximum number of players for the league shall be 36, or 18 teams.

# **2019 Miami Shores Tuesday Night League** **Application**

\$120.00 League Fee (payable in two payments)

\$90.00 if player has GHIN Handicap at another golf course.

Fees must be paid with Cash. League Fee includes GHIN Handicap.

All players must register and pay the annual fee in person in the Miami Shores Pro Shop.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

GHIN #: \_\_\_\_\_

Partner's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_