

BRIDGE OFFICE GOLF LEAGUE

BY-LAWS

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1. OFFICERS

The officers shall consist of the President, Treasurer, League Secretary and Flight Secretaries. They shall be filled by election for a term of one year at the Final Outing. The term shall begin at the Final Outing. If there is a contested election for any office, the President shall appoint two members that are not candidates to receive ballots by email.

2 QUORUM

A quorum to conduct business of the League shall be 50% of the members or the number of members attending the final outing.

3. DUTIES OF OFFICERS

A. President

1. The President shall call and preside at all meetings of the league and conduct such meetings in accordance with Roberts Rules of Order. The President shall authenticate, by signature when necessary, all acts, orders and proceedings of the meetings.
2. The President shall appoint members to fill a vacancy of any other league office. Those members so appointed shall serve until the next final outing.
3. The President shall appoint Committees to handle all arrangements for the Mid-Season and Final Outings.
4. The President shall appoint Members to serve on any Committee as deemed necessary.
5. The President shall preside over all meetings of the Rules Committee.
6. The President shall appoint a league member to keep the minutes of meetings. The appointment may be on a meeting to meeting basis.

B. League Secretary

The League Secretary shall calculate and keep a record of all scores and handicaps in accordance with the rules stated hereinafter. The League Secretary shall also maintain the League website.

C. Treasurer

The Treasurer shall collect all dues or other League income, deposit such income in a Bank, Credit Union, etc., and pay out any sums that are properly documented, shall keep sufficient record to show all financial transactions and, in particular, the record of the dues paid by each member.

D. Flight Secretaries

There shall be a secretary of each flight. The Secretary of each Flight shall prepare and put into execution all playing schedules, collect scorecards, prepare forfeit and makeup cards, communicate all league news and notifications to flight members and furnish a copy of these by laws to their respective flights.

4. SALARIES

The Treasurer, League Secretary and Flight Secretaries shall be rebated the full cost of their annual dues. The President shall be rebated one half the cost of the annual dues.

5. OFFICER VACANCIES

If the office of President becomes vacant, the remaining league officers shall appoint a new President. If any other office becomes vacant, the President shall appoint a member to fill that office.

6. IMPEACHMENT

Any officer may be impeached and removed from office by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a league meeting.

7. RULES COMMITTEE

A. The Rules Committee shall consist of the League Officers.

B. The Rules Committee shall settle all disputes.

C. No member of the Rules Committee may take part in a meeting in which he is involved in the dispute.

D. The Rules Committee, by unanimous vote, shall have the power to waive any rule for a member on a case by case basis.

8. NEW MEMBERS

A. The President shall keep a written waiting list of individuals interested in joining the league. When a vacancy occurs in the league, the President shall offer membership in the league to the individuals in the order they appear on the waiting list. In offering such membership, active and retired members of the Office of Structures are given preference

over all other individuals on the waiting list.

B. New members may be assigned to a Flight based the member's valid active golf handicap. Proof of a handicap is subject to approval by the League Secretary, and documentation shall be submitted for approval at least one week prior to the first scheduled match of the season. Acceptable handicap documentation may be from the USGA, GHIN, from a previously played golf league, or recent scores attested to by a current League member. New members who do not have or provide an approved, established handicap start playing in the lowest Flight for their first season.

9. LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A. A member of the league may be granted a leave of absence from the league by the President for medical or family reasons for the period of one year. If the member returns to the league, they shall be reinstated to a flight in accordance with their former handicap.

B. A person entering the league because of a leave of absence of another member is a contingent member and is only allowed to remain in the league if another vacancy exists at the time the leave of absence expires, however they will be the first to be offered membership when a vacancy occurs.

10. USGA RULES

The League Rules governing play shall be the USGA Rules (Match Play), local club rules, and League Amendments.

11. LEAGUE AMENDMENTS TO USGA RULES

A. Winter rules as per USGA shall be followed through the season.

B. If a ball is lost and a provisional ball was not played, a two stroke penalty shall be assessed and a ball shall be played from within 2 club lengths from the nearest edge of the fairway that is closest to the point where the ball went out-of-bounds or was presumed lost, but no closer to the hole. The ball can be played from a point further back but keeping this point in line with the hole. The time limit for searching for a lost ball is 3 minutes per USGA rules.

12. DUES

A. The annual dues shall be determined at the Final Outing each year. The dues shall be paid to the Treasurer (one half of which is due before the start of the season).

B. The fees required for the Mid-Season and Final Outings will be determined when the

locations are set.

C. Greens fees shall be paid in full to the Treasurer before the start of the season. Greens Fees are set by the golf course.

D. A \$20 deposit is due to the league on the date required by the course each year to ensure participation in the league for the following season. Failure to pay this fee will result in the League President using the waiting list to fill vacancies.

13. SEASON

The Season shall begin on or around the first Tuesday in May and continue on successive Tuesdays for 15 League Matches. There shall be a Mid-Season Outing approximately midway through the season and a Final Outing. The respective committees shall determine the sites, dates, and fees for the outings. The President and Treasurer will determine the amount of subsidy to be made from the League Treasury to the Midseason Outing, Final Outing and Final-Final Outing

14. FLIGHTS

The League shall consist of 16 member Flights grouped by Handicap.

15. RAIN-OUTS

The President shall decide if a match is "Rained-Out" no later than 2:40 pm on the day of the match. The President shall inform the golf course and all Flight Secretaries, who will contact all Members, if possible. In addition, the course will be notified of the cancellation and any member should call the course for cancellation information.

16. PRIZES

The prizes for the Final Standings per Flight, final outing and midseason outing shall be determined by the President.

17. HANDICAP

Handicaps shall be determined by the League Secretary according to USGA rules.

18. SCORING

A. Each Member who plays a match on or before the scheduled day shall receive 1 Show

Up Point. In addition, members who reschedule matches in order to play their opponent head to head shall each receive the show up point. If a member reschedules a match and still plays on the originally scheduled day, he must declare that it is to makeup another match or a practice round, prior to the start of the round.

B. Each Member's hole by hole gross score shall be adjusted using his handicap for that match and the course hole handicaps. This is a Member's net score for each hole. If a Member's net score for a hole is less than his opponent's net score for that hole, the Member shall receive 1 point. If it is equal, each Member shall receive 1/2 point for that hole. If it is greater, the Member receives 0 points for that hole.

C. The Member with the lowest net (gross score minus his handicap) between the Member and his opponent shall be awarded 3 points. In the event of a tie, each Member shall receive 1-1/2 points.

D. The League standings per Flight shall be based on the total points scored.

19. MAKE UP MATCHES

A. Members making up matches shall preferably make up the match by playing their opponent head to head.

B. Members making up a match by playing head to head may play on any course with a USGA course and slope rating. Members making up a match by matching cards must play at the home course.

C. When scoring make up matches that have been played on different nines, the flight secretaries shall match the cards by matching the holes by handicap rating

D. All make up matches must be played within four league weeks after it was scheduled.

20. FORFEITS

A. No points shall be awarded to the forfeiter.

B. A match must be played no later than four League week from when it was scheduled but at least one week before the Final Outing or else it will be forfeited and Article 20D shall apply.

C. If a Member does not notify his opponent or his Flight Secretary by 12:00 noon of the day of the match that he cannot play the match, he shall forfeit the match and Article 20D shall apply.

D. A hypothetical card shall be made up for the forfeit and points awarded to a forfeiter's opponent based on his actual score and the forfeiter's hypothetical score. The card shall be made up as follows:

Add 2 strokes to the gross average of the forfeiter. The gross average will be based on the forfeiter's last 10 matches. If the forfeiter has not played 10 matches, the gross average shall be based on all the matches played. (Note: The gross average is not the adjusted gross average.) From that total determine the individual hole scores based on the hole handicaps.

Example: Forfeiter's gross average = 50
Forfeiter's handicap = 6

$$50 + 2 = 52$$

Hole	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
Hole Hdcp	8	2	12	16	10	18	6	4	14	
Par	4	5	4	3	4	3	5	5	4	37

Hypo Card	6	7	6	4	6	4	7	7	5	52
Hdcp Adj										
Scores	5	6	5	4	5	4	6	6	5	46
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Opponent's Hdcp										
Adj Scores	4	5	6	3	5	6	5	5	4	43

Points	1	1	0	1	1/2	0	1	1	1	6-1/2
				Match Pt. 3						
				Show Up Pt. 1						

				Opponents Total Points						10-1/2

E. The forfeiter's hypothetical score shall not be used in computing his handicap.

F. Any Member who forfeits 4 matches or more in a season shall be excluded from League play for the following season, if there is a waiting list. If a Member decides to return to the League after his exclusion season he shall play in the lowest flight if a vacancy in the league exists. The Member has the option of using his previous handicap

or determining a new handicap under USGA Rules. Any Member who violates this rule may request the Rules Committee to waive this rule under Article 7D

21. SUBSTITUTES

If a member cannot make his match it is his responsibility to find a substitute. If he does, the substitute will reimburse the member at their agreed amount. If the member has not made arrangements for a substitute the flight secretary will attempt to find a substitute and will charge the substitute a \$10 dollar fee that will become part of the league's treasury.

22. PLAY FROM DIFFERENT TEES

League matches shall be played from the Men's Tees, with exceptions allowed per this article. Players who choose to play from tees other than the Men's Tees based on these exceptions must declare which tees they will play for the season prior to the first match of the season, and then must play all league matches for that season from their declared tees.

1. Any male player of age 50 years old or older may elect to play their matches from the Forward Tees. Forward tee players 50 years and older will be able to play in whichever Flight that their handicap warrants.
2. Any male player under 50 years of age may elect to play their matches from the Forward Tees. However, they will be ineligible to move to a higher Flight if their handicap would otherwise warrant.
3. All women players may elect play from the Women's Tees, or from the Forward Tees. Women players will be able to play in whichever Flight their handicap warrants.
4. Players using the Forward Tees or Women's Tees will have their league handicaps computed based on their respective tees' course ratings and slopes. If the league's scoring computer software has the capability to calculate individual match results based on using the different hole-by-hole handicap values and/or make course rating adjustments for matches played from different tees, the matches will be scored by using these options. Otherwise all matches will be scored based on using the Men's Tees' hole handicap values.
5. For play at Van Patten Golf Club, tee markers are as follows:

Men's Tees:	White
Forward Tees:	Gold (course may use silver markers)
Women's Tees:	Red

23. AMENDMENTS

An amendment to the League By-Laws will be adopted by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a league meeting or by email ballot as determined by the President

24. ADOPTION

These By Laws of the Bridge Office Golf League will be considered adopted if approved by a two-thirds vote of the members present at a League Meeting.