GENERAL RULES

1. ROSTERS

Team captains shall be responsible for their spring 8 team roster. If the team captain cannot fill his/her roster, names will be provided from a list (of individuals that would like to join the league) kept by the president. When filling vacancies on teams, PENNDOT personnel will always receive first priority.

DRESS CODE – Dauphin Highlands has a dress code with which we are required to comply. No tee shirts (collared shirts only), no cut offs, no gym shorts, no tank tops, no swimwear, no jogging attire and no blue jeans. This is a pretty standard dress code.

2. FEES

   a) The league fee, $40.00, shall be paid in full to the league treasurer by June 25, 2020. If league fee is not paid by June 25th, team captains, at their discretion, may remove from their teams’ rosters individuals not paying the league fee. Make checks payable to PENNDOT Golf League. Captains shall collect money from their team members and give to the league treasurer Jan Kantner.

   b) The league fee must be paid for your score to count. Any scores posted by individuals who haven’t paid their league fee by June 25th will be disqualified starting with the week of July 2nd and continuing until the league fee is paid.

   c) Anyone who pays their league fee may attend the banquet whether or not they played.

   d) Green fees will be $18.00; Green fees with cart will be $24.00.

3. SCORES/SCORECARDS

   a) Unless there is delayed start or the round is interrupted by adverse weather conditions, the “deadline” for all scores to be turned in is Thursday at 8:00 PM local time. All scorecards for rounds played that day must be turned in by the end of the evening. Scorecards should either be placed in the scorecard box or given to the League President or Vice President if they have already been collected. The scorecard box is usually located either in the Pro Shop or in the bar area. Scorecards may be turned in after 8:00
PM, provided that the League President or his designated representative is still present at the clubhouse.

b) Scorecards do not need to be signed. However, each player is responsible for ensuring that his/her scores for each hole are recorded correctly.

c) **Please record scores legibly, calculate your score for the round and put it on the card.** Having the score for the round helps the scorer (VP Walt) if the numbers are hard to read (i.e., is that a 5 or 6). **PLEASE NOTE** that a math error will be punished as follows: The players involved might be mentioned in the next newsletter. Other than that, as long as the scores for the holes are legible, we let the computer do the calculating for us. Now, recording the wrong number of strokes for a hole, that’s another story...

d) Each player shall be responsible for making sure that the official card for the group is submitted.

e) Please use legible names on the scorecards. Please print each player’s **LAST NAME and FIRST INITIAL.**

f) **SCORE/SORECARD DISQUALIFICATION CRITERIA:**

A player’s score, or the scores on an entire scorecard, may be disqualified when any of the following conditions are present:

1) Failure to pay the league fee by the established deadline
2) Playing the “wrong” nine holes assigned (during spring 8 team and flight play)
3) Recording a score for the “wrong” nine holes assigned (during spring 8 team play or during flight competition) (i.e., recording scores on the “wrong” side of the scorecard)
4) Any scores for league members whose names on the scorecard cannot be positively identified by the League President or Vice President.

4. **DAY/TIME/LOCATION**

   a) Except as set forth in b and c, all league play will be on Thursdays at Dauphin Highland Golf Course. Tees are reserved for league play between 3:12 PM and 4:56 PM.

   b) Early play shall be cleared through BOTH team captains. If you play early you must play with another league member and preferably one from another team.

   c) **Please indicate the time that you arrive on the sign in sheet.** It will help us determine who should be in the early and late groupings for better ball.

5. **SCORING FOR THE SPRING 8 TEAM LEAGUE**

   There will be thirteen (13) points available each night:
   - Two (2) points each for the five (5) lowest NET scores
   - One (1) point for low team NET score
   - One (1) point for low team GROSS score
   - One (1) point for low individual GROSS score
No points will be awarded for any of the five net matches in which no player completes a round for either side. (e.g., zero points for an individual net score match which is a double forfeit)

6. HANDICAP FOR THE SPRING 8 TEAM LEAGUE
   
a) Handicaps will be calculated using a USGA type handicap system based upon the best 5 scores of the last ten rounds completed. Handicaps will change periodically during the spring 8 team competition. The VP will provide you with a Handicapping seminar if you would dare to attempt to understand the system.

b) **EXCEPT AS SET FORTH IN (c)**, all new members (defined as anyone who has not played in the league in the past 5 years) shall be required to play eighteen holes to establish a handicap. A new player may play 18 holes the first night of league play to establish his/her handicap, however, the new golfer must contact the League President before playing.

c) **IF A NEW PLAYER HAS A USGA HANDICAP, PLEASE SUBMIT IT TO WALT AND WE WILL USE THAT TO CALCULATE YOUR PGL HANDICAP.**

7. INDIVIDUAL FLIGHT COMPETITION
   
a) A PGL handicap will be required to qualify for individual flight competition. The minimum round rule has been waved for 2020 because of the compressed schedule.

b) We will not be changing the methodology for calculating handicaps for the flight competition. The handicaps will be your handicap for the Spring 8 Team League. Accordingly, handicaps could move up or down from week to week during the flight competition just like they do in the Spring League.

c) The flight competition will be held over a six week period. Each player will be given three opportunities to play the front nine and three opportunities to play the back nine over that 6 week period. The two lowest net scores for each nine will be used. If a player plays one of the nines three times, the two lowest scores will count the third will be discarded. The sum of the net scores will be the player’s final score.

d) The seventh week, the winners of the individual flights will play in the Individual Flight Championship. Players in the Individual Flight Championship are to play together. This will be the same night as the Spring 8 Team Championship. If you are scheduled for both, please play in the Flights and the VP will add your score in with your team.

8. HIGHLANDS CUP
   
New this year, this will be a four round PGA style Championship starting August 27th. More information will be provided later in the year.
9. INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION

a) If the course is open, show up and plan on playing. Be prepared to play in some inclement weather during the season. If there is any question regarding whether the course is open, the League President will call the course. If the course is closed, no golf carts are allowed or weather conditions dictate that we are unable to play, the League President will NOTIFY ALL LEAGUE MEMBERS VIA E-MAIL.

b) If league play has begun, and weather conditions become such as to make continued play hazardous (e.g., lightning in the area), PLAYERS SHOULD GET OFF THE COURSE. The course WILL sound a loud warning “horn” advising golfers of the dangerous weather approaching. All league members should return to the course clubhouse as soon as possible, and remain there until further notice. The league officers, in conjunction with course officials, will determine if and when league play shall resume. If conditions are such that league play cannot safely resume, or the course closes, the League President shall declare play ended for that day.

c) **During the Spring 8 Team Competition** - When play is suspended due to inclement weather and it is not possible to continue play that day, the criterion for determining whether or not the scores will count is based on the 75% rule. If 75% or more of the league’s members who began play that day have completed their rounds, their scores will count, and the scores for those that have completed their rounds shall be used in determining the league results for that day. If less than 75% of those that began play that day have completed their rounds, league play shall be declared “cancelled”, and all scores recorded that day shall be considered null and void. Scores from cancelled rounds may be used as completed rounds for purposes of determining eligibility for the flight competition and better ball. So please turn scorecards in if you have completed the round even if the round is cancelled.

d) During the Flight Competition and Better Ball League, all teams must finish or have an opportunity to finish for the round to count.

e) In the event of a “rainout”….. This year, we have built in position rounds during the Spring 8 team Season. We will use the position rounds to make up matches that were rained out. The regular season cannot end on a rainout. If the last week of the regular season is rained out, we will replay those matches the following week. Accordingly, rain will not decide who is a division winner; you will have to win it on the course!

f) Please note that we will play if it is cart paths only. However, in acknowledgement of the fact that several of our members need a cart to play, if the golf course determines prior to the beginning of league play (3:00) that golf carts will not be permitted on the course (e.g. walking only), the round will be cancelled. This should not happen this year because there are cart paths running tee to green and green to tee on all the holes. If play has begun before the decision to prohibit carts is made, the 75% round completion rule will determine whether the round will count.

10. RULES COMMITTEE
The Rules Committee shall consist of the League President and two other league members designated by the League President. The Rules Committee will convene to respond to issues not covered by these General Rules and for any interpretations of the Rules of Play and/or Rules of Golf.
RULES OF PLAY

Golf play shall follow U.S.G.A. regulations and Dauphin Highlands Local Rules but shall be supplemented and emphasized as follows:

1. All league matches shall be MEDAL play.

2. OUT-OF-BOUNDS. When a player hits a ball O.B., drop another ball within two club lengths from the spot the ball went O.B. (no closer the hole). Penalty for ball O.B. is ONE STROKE & NO LOSS OF DISTANCE. Out-of-bounds is defined by white stakes and/or parking lots and roadways: Holes 1, 3, 4 5 and 6 – left; Hole 10, parking lot, Holes 11 and 12 – right.

3. LOST BALL. If ball is lost in the fairway or light rough (i.e. an area where the ball should be readily found, not O.B., in a pond, in the woods or in the high grass (an area which is generally not mowed)) drop another ball at the spot the ball was lost or as close as possible. There is NO penalty. PLEASE REMEMBER, you may only search for a ball for 3 minutes. This is an extremely short period of time. If you can’t find it quickly, drop and play on without penalty. If you find it after you hit your second ball, pick up the first ball and continue to play the second ball.

4. SAND TRAPS. It is an automatic STROKE penalty for touching the sand with your club or any other object before you intend to hit the ball. Stones in the bunkers are movable obstructions (the stones may be removed – See Rule 24-1 for more details if you care).

5. WINTER RULES. It will be permissible to move your ball within six inches from where it lay not nearer to the hole, except when on the green or in a sand trap or other hazards. If there is any question, consult a member of the other team before moving the ball.

6. WATER HAZARD: If a ball is in the water, the player may drop (under a ONE-STROKE penalty); (a) within 2 club lengths not nearer the hole from where the ball entered the hazard; (b) as near as possible to the spot from which the original ball was played; or (c) behind the point that the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard keeping that point between himself and the hole with no limit to how far back the ball may be dropped. Water comes into play on holes 6, 14, 15 and 18. There is also a protected wetlands area on the 17th hole into which you are not permitted to go. For the 17th hole, the drop area (with a one stroke penalty) is about 30 feet off the back right side of the green (not well marked).

7. UNPLAYABLE LIE. If a player deems his ball unplayable, he shall drop a ball, under penalty of ONE STROKE, either (a) within two club lengths of the point where the ball lay (not nearer the hole); or (b) behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point between himself and the hole with no limit to how far back the ball may be dropped. If a ball lies in a bunker, it must be dropped in the bunker.
EXCEPTION - ball in the casual water may be dropped without penalty at the nearest point of relief not nearer the hole. If a ball is in a sand trap and either the ball is in casual water or the player would have to stand in casual water to play it, the ball may be dropped in the sand trap (with no penalty stroke). If there is nowhere is the sand trap in which relief may be obtained, then the player may drop the ball at the nearest point of relief outside the sand trap with no penalty.

8. SLOW PLAY. Give way to faster players and let them play through. And then, PICK UP THE PACE!

9. HOLE-OUT. Except as set forth in Rule 13, each player shall putt-out (hole-out) on every hole. Failure to hole-out shall result in a TWO-STROKE penalty. And, if I find out, you will be "honored" in the Hall of Shame (the weekly newsletter). Please note that this rule does not apply to the Better Ball Competition where an opponent concedes a putt or a player picks up because they are out of the hole.

10. PENALTIES. All penalties shall be stated and penalty strokes assessed prior to the start of play of the next hole. The Rules Committee shall settle any disputes or interpretation of penalty strokes. Decision of the Rules Committee shall be final.

11. WHITE, GOLD AND RED TEE MARKERS. Pick your Tees this year! All males get to choose which set of tee markers to use: White or Gold. Choose the Tees which are best suited to your game and which will enhance your playing experience. Players who played in 2018, if you played from the white or green tees, it is presumed that you are playing from the white tees. Players who played from the gold last year will be presumed to play from the gold this year. NEW PLAYERS, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE VP WHICH TEE MARKERS YOU ARE PLAYING and YOU MUST PLAY THE SAME TEE MARKERS ALL YEAR. All female league members may tee off from the RED tee markers. The yardage (front/back) for each set of tee markers is as follows:
   - White Tees – 3139 yards Front Nine and 3187 Back Nine.
   - Gold Tees - 2770 yards Front Nine and 2792 Back Nine.
   - Red Tees - 2648 yards Front Nine and 2662 Back Nine.

12. FLOWER BEDS. Any ball coming to rest in a flowerbed on the course shall be dropped at the nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole without a penalty.

13. MAXIMUM SCORE. The maximum score that can be recorded for any hole will be double par plus one. So the maximum score for a par three is a seven (3x2=6+1=7). The maximum score for a par 4 is a 9. Maximum score for a par 5 is an 11. Please note that this rule is intended to speed up play. If you reach double par (e.g. you have taken 6 strokes on a par three) and your ball is not in the cup, your next shot is automatically a “gimme.” You must pick up and record the max score.

14. Adverse Playing Conditions – If a ball is lost because of adverse conditions (e.g. leaves, high grass that has not been cut because the ground is not dry enough to
mow or plugged because of the wet conditions) and the area in which it is lost is not a designed hazard, SEE RULE 3. Drop a ball as near as you can to where it was lost and play on without penalty.

15. Rules Dispute - If there is a disagreement within the foursome regarding relief or how the rules apply in a situation, the player should play the hole both ways (the way he believes is correct and the way the other person believes is correct), record both scores and then refer the matter to the President or VP (see General Rule 10 of the General Rules relating to Rules Committee).