

# Amaral's Golf League Rules

1. The league consists of twelve (12) two-man teams. There will one 11-week half, with open dates for playoffs, rainouts, and/or tournaments. After which will start a Tournament Bracket in which the number one ranked team will play the twelfth ranked team. The #2 Team will play #11 and so forth. The Bracket will continue with the highest ranked team playing the Lowest Rank until we have One Champion.
2. Regulation league play begins on April 30 at Wampanoag Golf Course. Membership dues are \$90.00, payable

by May 14<sup>st</sup> in cash or check made payable to Mike Hummell.

3. Closest to the pin each week will be on the second hole. Again, tee shot must be on the green and you must make at least par. Last group in – please bring in mark. If no winner, prize will carry on to the next week. Anyone not current with dues will not be paid until dues are paid in full.
4. Please make sure to sign in when paying for greens or cart fees. The course keeps track and a low percentage will endanger our league position in the future.
5. As in the past, scoring system will be match play between opponents. One point for each 9-hole match, and two

additional points for team low net.  
Total points per match are four.

6. If only one member of a team shows, he will play both members of the opposing team according to handicaps. If only one member of each team shows, all four points will be decided by that match.
7. If an entire team no shows, that team is ineligible for points that week. The opposing team is awarded two points automatically for Team play. The opposing team, whether it be one or both members, must “play the course” for the additional Individual points. Playing the course means you’ll play matchplay against the course trying to win 4.5 holes to tie or more to win. The course will be playing to 0 handicap. If both teams

do not show, no points will be awarded for that match.

8. In case of rain, if in doubt, show up. League President will call the course by 3:45 to cancel in the event of constant rain. Course phone number is 1-508-379-9832.
9. If a thunderstorm occurs during play, play will be suspended immediately after the horn is blown from the clubhouse. Mark your ball and seek appropriate cover. Play will not resume until course management deems it safe. If matches are not completed, the President and league rules will determine how the situation will be handled.

10. In case of cancellation due to rain, that week's scheduled match will be postponed to an open day at the end of the half. If there are too many rainouts, league officers may, at their discretion, decide to alter the schedule and/or institute matched cards.
11. Handicaps will be adjusted according to a secret formula each week. The maximum handicap is 18.
12. Preferred lies in all instances, except in sand traps or in woods. Free lift from all drainage ditches and casual waters. If lie is against a rock, tree, or under a shrub, you may hit the ball from that spot or take an "unplayable lie" penalty of one stroke with a relief of two club lengths no closer to the hole. If a ball lands in a footprint or

unraked area of the sand trap, player may pick up ball, rake area, and drop before shooting. If a sand trap is full of water due to rain, player may drop ball behind trap.

13. No loss of stroke if both opponents agree ball lost in fairway due to surface water conditions or “plugging”. USE COMMON SENSE! THIS IS SUPPOSED TO BE FUN.

14. RED STAKES, WHITE STAKES, T-BONE STEAKS?

- a. White stakes indicate “out of bounds” – penalty is one stroke and hit from the point of entry into the out of bounds to speed up play. You may hit a provisional ball if you feel

the original shot may not indeed be out of bounds.

- b. Red stakes indicate a “lateral hazard”. A ball hit into a lateral hazard, if found, may be hit from that spot without penalty as long as it is not moved. Otherwise, player must drop ball behind the point of entry with a one stroke penalty.
- c. Ball hit into woods not marked by stakes may be hit from the exact point it lies or player may take two club lengths relief no closer to the hole with a one stroke “unplayable lie” penalty. If not found, it is considered a lost ball, meaning a two stroke penalty and drop the ball at

point of entry no closer to the hole for the next shot.

- d. T-bone steaks are, of course, what the Seniors will eat after the Jr/Sr tournament.

- 15. USGA rules apply in all other situations. All disputes will be arbitrated by the League Rules Committee - cash bribes will help your cause.
- 16. Our (un)official tee time is 4:30 to 5:15. As many of you know from years past, there have been some “difficulties” in teeing off on time and finishing before dark. We have worked with the course management and the league ahead of us in an effort to better manage the problem.

Please make every effort to arrive between 4:00 and 4:15. As soon as your foursome is ready, go to the tee. The starter will work you in if the league ahead of us is still waiting for people.

If you know you will be late or not able to make a match, LET YOUR PARTNER AND OPPONENTS KNOW AHEAD OF TIME so people are not waiting needlessly. A complete roster with phone numbers and schedule will be provided to you. Use common courtesy.

We all want to enjoy our game and not feel rushed, but we can all benefit from being ready to hit when it is your turn and not taking excessive time on the greens.

In a final effort to speed up play,  
there will be a maximum score on  
each hole.

Par 3s -7  
Par4s – 8  
Par5s – 10

As soon as you reach the maximum  
for the hole, pick up your ball. This  
does not mean automatic loss of hole  
as your opponent must play out the  
hole. The maximum will in no way  
affect handicaps.

17. We will be playing from the white  
tees during the first half and the blue  
tees during the Tournament, meaning  
hole #4 will be a par 5 in the second  
half.

18. ENJOY.

