Official League Rules & Regulations

Welcome to the season! Our goal is to balance friendly competition and cold beer with a fast, enjoyable pace of play. Please review the Scum League Quota system and league protocols below.

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1. Scoring System: Modified Stableford Quota

Points are awarded based on your score relative to par for each hole:

- **Albatross: 16 points**
- **Eagle: 8 points**
- **Birdie: 4 points**
- **Par: 2 points**
- **Bogey: 1 point**
- **Double Bogey+: 0 points (Pick up your ball)**

Quota Adjustments: Initial quotas are locked until you have played two rounds. The two scores plus your starting average will then adjust to your new quota. Moving forward, quotas are adjusted throughout the season based on a rolling average of your performance.

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2. Weekly Match Play & Standings

Each week features head-to-head team matches. Standing points are awarded as follows:

- **Win: 2 points**
- **Tie: 1 point**
- **Double Point Weeks: Four times per year, values are doubled (Win = 4 pts, Tie = 2 pts).**

Margin of Victory (MOV) Bonuses: To reward dominant play, bonus points are added/subtracted based on the point spread:

- **Standard Week: +/- 0.5 standing points for every 5-point margin of victory.**

- **Double Point Week: +/- 1.0 standing point for every 5-point margin of victory.**

Example of a Standard Match:

- **Team A finishes +2 (2 points over their team quota).**
- **Team B finishes -3 (3 points under their team quota).**
- **Result: Team A wins the match by a 5-point margin.**
- **Standings Impact: Team A earns 2.5 points (2 for the win + 0.5 MOV bonus). Team B loses 0.5 points in the standings for the week.**

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3. Weekly Prizes & Competitions

- **Proximity Prizes: Every week, we will have a Closest to the Pin on the course.**
- **Double Point Skins: During our four Double Point weeks, we will run a Skins Game—make sure your game is tight for these rounds!**
- **Pro Shop Gift Cards: Keep an eye out for additional competitions throughout the year. We'll be giving away gift cards to the Pro Shop for various side-challenges.**

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4. Attendance & Substitutions

We aim for a full field of 40 golfers every week.

- **Absences: If you cannot attend, please request a substitute golfer through the substitute portal on the app as early as possible.**
- **Shorthanded Teams: If only one golfer from a team shows up, that individual must outscore *both* opposing golfers to secure the win.**
- **No-Shows (Ghost Teams):**
    - **The opposing team is awarded 1 standing point automatically. To earn the second point, they must score at least 80% of their team quota.**
    - **No MOV bonuses are awarded when playing against a ghost team.**

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5. Gameplay & Fair Play

- **Out of Bounds (OB): To keep play moving, all OB areas are played as Red Stakes (lateral hazard).**
    - **Drop Rule: Drop within two club lengths from the point where the ball last crossed the hazard line, not where the ball actually came to rest.**
- **Relief & Sportsmanship: This is not a "cut-throat" league. We do not want anyone playing off rocks or roots. Ask your opponents for relief where needed; most issues can and should be handled fairly within your foursome.**
- **Pace of Play: This is critical. Please be at the course 15 minutes before your tee time. On course, once you reach a double bogey, pick up and move to the next tee. Play ready golf when necessary. "You can suck at golf, just suck faster."**
- **Specialty Formats: Along with the 4 Double Point weeks, the season will include 2 Bramble weeks and 2 Scramble weeks.**

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6. Playoffs & Championship Saturday

The regular season leads to a high-stakes finale:

- **Playoffs: The top 8 teams qualify for the bracket.**
- **Championship Saturday (Sept 19th): An 18-hole shotgun start.**
    - **The Final: The top 2 teams battle for the league title.**
    - **The Scum Tournament: All other teams (including those eliminated from playoffs) compete in a large-field tournament.**
- **Post-Game: We will head to Jon Freehling's house for the traditional steak and lobster dinner, prizes, and shenanigans!**

The Golden Rule: This league is about fun and friendly competition. Please support the club, stick around for a bite and a beverage after your round, and most importantly, enjoy the season!