

## Liga Golf - Copa MX League Rules

### 1. League Format & Match Structure

#### 1.0 How It Works

- The league consists of **9 total matches** within each conference, with **10 players per conference**.
- Each player must compete against the **9 other players** in their conference during the **9-session schedule**.
- Each session has a **14-day window** (Saturday - Friday, 14 days later) for matches to be played.
- The league is divided into **two conferences**, with each conference further divided into **two divisions** of **5 players each**.
- The **top 2 players in each division** (based on total points) will advance to the **playoffs** after the 9-session season.

#### 1.1 Points System

- **Win:** 2 points
- **Tie:** 1 point
- **Loss:** 0 points
- **Missed Match:** If a player **cannot** complete their match within the **14-day window**, they receive **0 points**, while the opponent gets **1 point**.
- **Season End Tie Breaker:**
  - **First Tie Breaker:** Head-to-head winner.
  - **Second Tie Breaker:** Last round best score with handicap.
  - **Third Tie Breaker:** Best 3 ending scores in the last match played.

#### 1.2 Match Scheduling & Locations

- Matches will be scheduled on **Saturdays and Sundays** to accommodate everyone, but **flexibility is appreciated**, including course locations.
- If you choose to play on a **different day** within the **14-day window**, coordinate with your match opponent.

- Players may elect to play at a **different golf course** within the window.
- Notify **Guillermo (Memo)** if playing at a different course so **live scoring** can be activated for that location.
- **Matches must be completed within the 14-day session window** to avoid forfeits.
- If playing at a different course within the window, an **adjusted scorecard with handicaps** will be provided.
- **No make-up rounds** after the **14-day window**, except for **serious injury or family emergencies** (league committee reserves approval rights).

## 2. Match Scoring & Scorekeeping

### 2.0 Live Scoring & Scorecards

- We recommend using **Live Scoring via the league website (GLS)** during the match.
- One player should enter scores **live**, while the other keeps a **physical scorecard**.
- After the match, compare scores for accuracy.
- **Both players MUST sign the scorecard** and submit it to a league committee member.
- If playing on another day without a committee member present, **take a picture of the signed scorecard and text it** to a committee member.

## 3. Ball Rolling & Course Conditions

### 3.0 Ball Rolling Rules

- **No ball rolling** except in the **fairway** on weather-permitted days, within **one club length**, and must remain in the **same cut of grass**.
- **No clean and place** in the rough or sand unless there is **standing water**.
- Any **ball movement or sand footprint adjustment** must be **approved by your match partner**.
- The committee will determine **clean and place allowances** based on weather before play.
- **Tree Root Rule:** If your ball lies **on or near a tree root**, you **CANNOT** improve your lie. **Improving your lie will result in a one-stroke penalty**.

- **Footprint in Sand:** If a ball lands in a **footprint in the sand**, the player must **ask their match opponent for approval** before raking and replacing the ball. The opponent must agree without dispute.

## 4. Out of Bounds & Provisional Balls

### 4.0 OB & Provisional Play

- Players must hit a **provisional ball** if their shot is suspected to be **out of bounds** or **lost**.
- If a ball is **OB or lost**, players may take **stroke-and-distance relief** or an **alternative drop rule** (drop near fairway with penalty stroke, if allowed by the league).
- **USGA OB rules apply** unless modified by a league decision.
- Some courses have **specific OB rules**, and we will follow **USGA rules** unless a course rule requires otherwise.

## 5. Putting Rules

### 5.0 Gimmies & Putting Guidelines

- **Gimmies:** Putts within **putter grip length** may be conceded but **must be agreed upon by both players**.
- **No gimmies** on **birdie or par putts**.
- **All birdies and pars must be holed out.** For all other putts, the gimmie rule may apply.

## 6. Tee Boxes & Pace of Play

### 6.0 Tee Assignments

- All players must use **blue tees (or designated equivalent)**.
- League will aim to keep **yardage between 6,300 - 6,700 yards**.
- **No tee box adjustments** based on age.

### 6.1 Pace of Play

- **Keep pace** with the group ahead.
- **Lost balls:** 3-minute search time limit.
- **Ready Golf** is encouraged—players hit when ready rather than waiting for honor.

## 7. Handicaps & Adjustments

### 7.0 Handicap Calculation

- Handicaps follow **official league calculations** and **cannot** be manually adjusted by players.
- Adjustments are based on **previous rounds**.
- **New players receive an estimated handicap**, which adjusts over multiple rounds.

## 8. Weather & Cancellation Policy

### 8.0 Weather Delays & Rescheduling

- Weather decisions are made by the **committee before scheduled matches**.
- **Weather-affected rounds** may be rescheduled within the 14-day session window.
- If a course is deemed **unplayable**, the session **may be moved** within the same window at the committee's discretion.

## 9. League Fees & Prizes

### 9.0 Payment & Payouts

- League dues must be paid by **March 29th** (before Session 2 begins).
- The **GLS website** tracks **live scoring, standings, and schedules**.
- **Cost per player:** \$20 for league website access.
- **League Dues:** \$120 per player.

### 9.1 Prize Breakdown

- **1st place:** \$900
- **2nd place:** \$600
- **3rd place:** \$300
- **4th place:** \$200

## 10. Sportsmanship & Conduct

### 10.0 Code of Conduct

- **No arguing** about rules or with competitors. Repeat offenses may result in **league removal**.

- **Honesty & Integrity:** Players must **self-report scores accurately**.
- **Respect for Competitors:** Unsportsmanlike conduct will **not be tolerated**.

## **11. Scorekeeping & Discrepancies**

### **11.0 Score Verification**

- Although **live scoring** is available, a **physical signed scorecard** is required for official records.
- **Disputes** must be reported to the **committee immediately** for resolution.