

# Woodward Golf Club

## Men's Golf League - 2026

### Schedule

- The season will begin Wed, 4/29 and Thu, 4/30, and will run for 16 weeks
- League play will be held during the holiday week (Wed 7/11 and Thu 7/2)
- The regular season is scheduled to conclude on Wed 8/12 and Thu 8/13
- One rainout/makeup week is scheduled for Wed 8/19 and Thu 8/20 (week of the State Fair)
- If no rainouts occur, a special tournament event will be held on 8/19 and 8/20
- Playoffs will begin Wed 8/26 and Thu 8/27

### Tee times by league

- Wednesday Mid League: (3:00-4:30pm) 20 teams
- Wednesday Late League: (4:30-6:00pm) 22 teams
- Thursday League: (4:30-6:00pm) 30 teams

### League Dues

- League dues are \$70 per player, per league
- Dues must be paid prior to the first night of league play. Failure to pay may result in a team forfeit
- Dues will pay for the following league expenses
  1. Golf League Site - GLS software (\$15/player)
  2. Hole-n-One event (\$10/player)
  3. A meal is planned for the 3 leagues (\$10/player)
  4. Prize money (\$35/player)
- Possible gift to the club with remaining funds

### Golf Membership Dues

- Only Woodward golf members can play in Men's League. This also includes Subs
- Members include
  1. Single members
  2. Family members listed on the yearly dues form
  3. Single Young Adult members.
- Your current year Woodward golf membership dues/fees need to be paid prior to your first league match. These include:
  1. Membership dues
  2. Golf cart trail fees
  3. Golf cart shed fees
- Any member participating with outstanding membership dues or fees will forfeit all points earned and will be ineligible for further league play until their account is paid in full

### Tee boxes

- League members who are 65 years of age or older prior to the start of the season may choose to play from the White/Gold tee boxes. Members who turn 65 during the season must wait until the following season to use this option
- All other league members will play from the white tees

## Scoring

- Teams consist of two players competing head-to-head against another two-player team, forming a foursome
- The Golf League Site (GLS) app will be used for scoring
- If the GLS app is not used and a paper scorecard is submitted, hole-by-hole scores will be entered by a League Manager
- A 12-point scoring system will be used for both regular season standings and playoffs
  1. GLS determines stroke allocation based on player handicaps
  2. The lowest Team net score on each hole earns 1 point
  3. Tied holes award 0.5 points to each team
  4. The team with the lowest 9-hole net total earns 3 points
  5. If the 9-hole net total is tied, each team receives 1.5 points
- Every effort will be made to maintain an even number of teams. If an odd number of teams exists, one team will have a scheduled bye week and will receive 6 points
- Attendance / Forfeits
- Any team that fails to appear for league play, or does not have substitutes on the tee by the end of the league time slot, will be ruled a forfeit and receive 0 points for the week. The opposing team will be awarded 9 points
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## Contacts

- A contact list including cell phone numbers will be distributed to all league members prior to the start of the season
- Known substitutes will also be included on the contact list
- All players scheduled for an upcoming match are encouraged to communicate with one another regarding arrival times and any updates
- League Managers will be included on the contact list as well

## Substitutes

- If you are unable to play during a scheduled league week, a substitute may play in your place. It is recommended that each player have at least one reliable substitute available throughout the season
- Substitutes will not be charged league dues as a thank-you for filling in
- Players may substitute within their own league, which is especially helpful for teams scheduled for a bye week
- Teams may use up to two substitutes if necessary
- Please communicate with the League Manager as soon as possible so that the necessary changes can be made to your scorecard ahead of time. Also, be sure to select the substitute before you begin live scoring on the GLS app

## Handicaps

- New league members and new substitutes must establish a league handicap in the Golf League Site (GLS) app or website. A minimum of three 9-hole Woodward scores is required, with 4–6 scores preferred
- If only three scores are available, they will be doubled to meet the minimum requirement of six scores
- A league handicap index requires a minimum of six total scores to be established
- If no handicap is provided, the player will compete as a scratch (0 handicap) until enough qualifying scores are submitted

## Hole-in-One event

- A portion of league dues (\$10 per player) will be allocated to the Hole-in-One event
- All three leagues will be combined into one shared prize pool
- Any player who records a hole-in-one during the regular season will win the pot
- If multiple players achieve a hole-in-one, the pot will be split equally among them
- If no hole-in-one is recorded, the remaining funds will be donated to the club as a Men's League-approved gift
- Substitutes may participate, but must pre-pay to be eligible for the prize pool.

## Make-Up Matches

- Whenever possible, all matches should be played on the scheduled league night
- If Team "B" is unable to play on the scheduled night, a make-up match may be arranged
- Both teams are responsible for coordinating and completing the match prior to the next week's league play (for example, a Wednesday 5/1 match must be completed before Wednesday 5/8 league play begins)
- If the teams cannot agree on a make-up time, Team "B" will forfeit the match

## Golf Rules

### Out of Bounds (OB) – You have 2 options

- Standard Rule (Stroke-and-Distance Relief)  
If your ball is out of bounds:
  - Add one penalty stroke, and
  - Replay the shot from where the previous stroke was made

#### Example

- Tee shot goes OB
- You re-tee and hit again (your 3rd shot)
- Local Rule Option (Model Local Rule E-5)  
If your ball is out of bounds:
  - Estimate where the ball crossed OB
  - Drop a ball in the fairway area no closer to the hole
  - Take a two-stroke penalty

#### Example

- Drive goes OB
- Drop in the fairway
- You are hitting your 4th shot
- This option replaces going back to the tee

### Preferred Lies (Winter Rules)

- The USGA allows a local rule for preferred lies
  - A player may lift, clean, and place the ball within six inches of where it originally came to rest
  - The ball may not be moved from the rough to the fairway
  - Balls in bunkers may not be touched. If a ball is affected by footprints, water, etc., consult the opposing team for guidance

### Ball Behind Maintenance Building on #4

- If a player's swing or stance is physically obstructed by the building, free relief is allowed.
  - Determine the nearest point of complete relief and drop within one club length of that spot.
  - Typically, this ends up being about two club lengths from where the ball originally came to rest.
- If the building merely interferes with the intended line of play, relief is not granted. The ball must be played as it lies.

### Leaf Rule (Rule 16.1 – No Longer in Effect)

- Players are allowed three minutes to search for a lost ball
- If the ball cannot be located:
  - The player does not return to the tee box
  - A ball may be dropped at a mutually agreed-upon location with a one-stroke penalty

### Putting Out

- "Gimmies" are allowed to help maintain pace of play
- Please use reasonable judgment when determining acceptable distance

## Swing Relief

- Free relief is not granted from objects that define or mark course boundaries

## Rainouts

- Rainouts will be communicated through the GLS app. You will receive a message via email, mobile app push notification, and an announcement on the league home page
- Every effort to keep league nights in place will be encouraged
- If the league night is cancelled, no matches will be scored, including any matches played prior to the scheduled date

## Number of Teams

- Thursday league will be capped at 30 teams
- League managers will evaluate pace of play during the 2025 season and determine after the season whether the number of teams should be reduced in the future. Any reduction will occur through normal attrition within the league
- Wednesday Late league is currently under review

## Playoffs

- Season-long points will be used to determine playoff seeding
- In the event of a two-team tie, the following tiebreakers will apply:
  1. The team that won the head-to-head match between the two teams during the session.
  2. The team that scored the most points in the final week of play.
  3. If still tied, the team that scored the most points in the second-to-last week of play, and so on
- Each league will conduct its own playoff competition
- Wednesday Mid and Wednesday Late leagues will use a 12-team playoff bracket.
- The Thursday league will use a 16-team playoff bracket.
- In the Wednesday Mid and Wednesday Late leagues, seeds 1–4 will receive a first-round bye
- Thursday league only: Session 1 point leaders will receive \$50 per team
- Thursday league only: Session 2 point leaders will receive \$50 per team
- Wednesday Mid and Wednesday Late session winners will receive first-round byes as their reward

## Playoffs Prize Money

- Wed Mid (\$1,400 total) 40 players @ \$35/each
  - \$200 - Round 1 losers \$50/team
  - \$360 - Round 2 losers \$90/team
  - \$260 - Round 3 losers \$130/team
  - \$190 - 2nd place \$190/team
  - \$390 - Winner \$390/team
- Wed Late (\$1,540 total) 44 players @ \$35/each
  - \$200 - Round 1 losers \$50/team
  - \$400 - Round 2 losers \$100/team
  - \$300 - Round 3 losers \$150/team
  - \$210 - 2nd place \$210/team
  - \$430 - Winner \$430/team
- Thursday (\$2,100) 60 players @ \$35/each
  - \$50 - Session 1 winners \$50/team
  - \$50 - Session 2 winners \$50/team
  - \$400 - Round 1 losers \$50/team
  - \$460 - Round 2 losers \$115/team
  - \$380 - Round 3 losers \$190/team
  - \$260 - 2nd place \$260/team
  - \$500 - Winner \$500/team