

VAEA GOLF LEAGUE - RULES
For The Year 2008

I. PARTICIPATION REQUIREMENTS

A. As stated in the by-laws of the league Article (2) Paragraph (a) & (b), participation in this league is limited to employees, immediate family (spouses, mother, father, brother, sister, son, and daughter 18 years or older), former employees, retirees, and current volunteers of the Department Of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Canteen Service and National Cemetery System, non-government individual teamed with a current employee or retiree and on site VA contractors. (Volunteers must be in good standing prior to application to play.) In addition all participants must have a current VAEA membership card.

B. A team will consist of two (2) players. Teams will be formed individually and communicated to the secretary in writing.

C. A league member must notify his/her partner if unable to play a scheduled match and jointly arrange for a substitute. Any player who does not arrange for a substitute will be replaced by a randomly picked mystery player. The same mystery player will represent all players who have failed to acquire a substitute for the match.

D. Substitutes must meet all requirements as stated in Paragraph (A) Section (I) above. Substitutes will only be allowed to play the last two nights of the season if they have previously substituted three (3) times during the current golf season. Substitutes may only play on one team during the week of play.

E. The mystery player will be randomly determined by placing the names of all players who have actually played into a hat and drawing out one name. This name will then be entered into the score keeping program as the mystery player. Substitute players may not be used as a mystery player.

F. The mystery player is intended to act as an emergency substitute for those who have experienced an emergency and could not get a substitute. The mystery player may only be used to replace an individual twice, after that if the player fails to get a substitute his/her points are forfeited.

II. HANDICAPS

A. Handicap for the first league match of the players season will be determined by the players gross score minus a par of 36 multiplied by 90% and rounded to the nearest whole number. After the first match of the players season, handicaps will be figured as stated in Paragraph (B) Section (II) of the Rules.

B. Handicap will be calculated as the difference between the average of the players latest 5 Gross Scores and a par of 36 multiplied by 90% and rounded to the nearest whole number. With a league maximum handicap of 20.

III. PLAY OF THE GAME

A. The Golf Committee will rule on all disputes concerning golf league matches. All disputes must be submitted in writing.

B. All matches will be scheduled on Thursday evening at Shady Hills Golf Course at 5:00pm. However, a match may be played prior to the scheduled night with approval of the four (4) players involved. All score cards must be turned in to the secretary or designee

C. If a foursome is ready to play before 5:00pm, they may play, with permission from the starter.

D. The score cards will be signed and attested by the match contestants. Once signed, the score card is official. If the score card is signed by one team and not the other, the signing team wins all points by default. It is the players responsibility to ensure that their scorecard gets signed and attested.

E. Rain-outs will be called by the league President or designee, no later than 5:15pm of scheduled play. If play is called off due to rain or other reasons, all scheduled matches for that date will be postponed and the schedule will

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resume with the next week schedule. As dates are available rain-outs will be played after the last league date in the order of the rain-outs.

F. If a team member does not appear on the scheduled date of play, and a substitute is not available, the absent team member will be replaced by a randomly picked mystery player. (See section I. part F. for clarification)

G. If neither member of a team appear on the scheduled date of play, the absent team will forfeit the match. The team being forfeited to must sign the score card.

H. At least one (1) regular team member must play to form a legal team. Two (2) substitutes do not constitute a team.

I. Matches will be determined by a 5 point scoring system. Each player on a team competes with both players of the opposing team for a one point each, and there is a point for overall team score.

J. All matches won in the league will be awarded five points. Ties will split the point. If teams should be tied at the end of regular season for trophy position (1st, or 2nd) a playoff between said teams will be played to break the tie. The playoff format will be a nine (9) hole match with regular season ending handicaps used for the playoff.

K. All play not covered by league rules will be governed by USGA rules, except as modified by the following:

1. WINTER RULES APPLY. Your lie may be improved anywhere on the golf course except in a hazard.
2. LOST BALL. Drop a ball as near as possible to the spot where the ball was lost. Penalty is one (1) stroke.
3. WATER BALL. Drop a ball in line with the point of entry no nearer the hole and proceed. Penalty is one (1) stroke.
4. PUTTING BALL. A ball may be exchanged on the putting green only. No penalty.
5. MAXIMUM STROKES PER HOLE: There will be a maximum of (3 x par) allowed to appear on the scorecard for each hole played.

L. Once you have been a league member and elect to quit you may not return as a member on another team that same year. However, you may substitute.

M. After a member quits, a substitute may be used for only three (3) weeks. The remaining team member must either get a new partner or use a randomly drawn mystery player for two weeks (if the mystery player has not been used for the missing team member before) and forfeit any other points that member could have scored. (comment) If after using a mystery player two times and no substitute is available the player can use a "Blind" net score 47

N. In the instance that a mystery player is used and a player who is present is matched against the mystery player, that player cannot lose or tie to him/herself. Ex: If John Doe's opponent needs a mystery player, and John Doe is drawn as the mystery player, John Doe automatically wins the points from that match.

O. The Golf Committee will closely monitor all mystery player scores in the league. The committee encourages all members to get a substitute, if unable to play, or to play matches prior to the scheduled date. Participation in this league is a privilege, not an absolute right. The Golf Committee is authorized to take disciplinary action against any league member who incurs an excessive number of mystery player scores.

IV. TROPHIES

A. Cash award will be awarded to each member of team finishing 1st and to each member of team finishing 2nd in the league. The amount of the award will be determined by the banquet committee.

B. An award will be given for the lowest gross score (man & woman) of the year.

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C. An award will be given for the lowest net score (man & woman) of the year.

D. An award will be given for the most improved season average (man & woman) of the year.

E. An award will be given to each member of the team finishing with the lowest team average net score of the year. Members of the teams must have played 75% of the scheduled matches for the current season to be eligible. Substitute net scores will count for average, but not for eligibility of team member. A team forfeit will constitute ineligibility.

F. The league may award additional awards not otherwise listed.

V. GREENS FEES AND GOLF DUES

A. Greens fees will be paid to the respective golf course when registering to play.

B. Dues for the league is \$25.00 per person and must be paid to the League Treasurer by the 3rd scheduled match.

1. There will be no refund of dues after they are paid.

2. The VAEA membership card must be shown at the time dues are paid. If league fees are not paid by the above date, matches will be forfeited until paid.

C. A substitute player must pay greens fee, but not golf dues. A substitute is not eligible for trophies or other awards unless he/she becomes a regular member and pays pro rated dues, but not less than 1/2 the yearly dues.