

**AMERICAN LEGION POST 331 GOLF LEAGUE
2018 BYLAWS AND RULES OF PLAY
MATCHES WILL BE PLAYED ACCORDING TO EXISTING RULES
SET FORTH BY THE UNITED STATES GOLF ASSOCIATION.
THE EXCEPTIONS TO THESE RULES ARE LISTED BELOW**

1. **ALL** members of the golf league **AND ALL SUBS** must be a current year, either American Legion or S.A.L., paid member and in good standing with the Brownsburg Post #331.
2. The league will consist of 22 two man teams on a voluntary basis.
3. There is **NO** rule barring two S.A.L. Members from being a team, however, If more than one team is seeking to join the league and only one position is available, a team having at least one American Legion member shall have priority over a team having two S.A.L. Members.
4. League play will be each week on Wednesday with tee off times between 4:00 and 5:30pm.
5. The league **WILL NOT** reschedule rain outs.
6. If more than two teams are tied for one position for a position round, one of the officers will draw numbers to determine which teams play each other.
7. In the event of a tie for league champion, a playoff will be required. Handicaps will be the same as their last regularly scheduled match. Playoffs must be completed before the following Wednesdays banquet.
8. All returning teams will begin the season using the handicap from the scores of their first 3 matches from the previous season. New teams will establish.
9. There will be a maximum team handicap of 9. If a team is averaging below par, there will be a negative handicap.
10. Handicap will be based on 100% of the difference between a team's average score for 9 holes and par for the 9 holes on the designated course.
11. A team's average will be rounded up or down to the nearest whole number before the handicap is figured.
12. The league secretary will strike out all double bogies and above from a teams scorecard before figuring the teams average.
13. Handicap will be based on the average of the last 5 weeks with the highest and lowest scores removed after 5 rounds have been played.
14. In the event of the absence of a team member, a new handicap shall be established with a sub. This handicap will be used when the same sub is utilized with the same team member.
15. Scoring will be based on 2 points per hole. In the event of a tie, each team will score 1 point.
16. If a match is forfeited, the opposing team will play, but will receive 10 points and not play against another teams scorecard.
17. Week 10 shall be reserved for a position round of the previous years finishing order. Team 1 vs Team 2, Team 3 vs Team 4 and so forth.
18. Players under 65 years old at the start of the season may play from the white tees. Players 65 to 74 may play from the senior or gold tees. Players 75 and older may play from the red tees. Player determination based on age or choice must be made at the start of the season and remain throughout the season. If you start on a certain set of tees you must remain there for the entire season.
19. Each player must make an effort to find a sub in the event he cannot play. In the event a sub cannot be found, the remaining member of the team

- can represent his team alone. Option: Player can hit 2 tee shots or can putt twice on each hole till holed out. Option to be determined before play begins and may not be changed once play begins
20. At least one permanent member of a team must be present for all matches. In the event a sub is used, the teams handicap will be based on that night's score only. When your partner returns, the team will use the handicap from the last match they played together.
 21. If one team member cannot play and no sub can be found, that team is still responsible for paying the league fee to the golf course.
 22. In the event a team chooses to play a ball from the sand trap, the ball may be lifted, sand smoothed out and ball placed back in it's original spot. After the first player hits, the second player may smooth the sand and place his ball also.
 23. If both players hit out of bounds from the tee, they must tee up another ball and hit their third shot. Both players will be allowed to re-tee and best ball played from that point.
 24. If less than 9 holes are played, the handicap will remain the same for the next match.
 25. Membership fee must be paid before the first week of play. (Amount of fee to be determined each year)
 26. If it is raining before the start of play, any officer or officers present can decide if league will play prior to 5:00pm with a minimum of 2 officers voting. (President, Secretary & Treasurer)
 27. If it begins to rain after the start of play, all teams must complete at least 5 holes. If all teams do not complete 5 holes, the points will be split to each team.
 28. The handicap for a player playing alone is for that night only and cannot be used for any other night. When your partner returns the team will use the handicap from the last night they played together.
 29. If a team member cannot be present for their match, they can either obtain a sub, or if agreed by both teams, they can play it off within 1 week. There will be no playing against score cards.
 30. During the last 3 weeks of play all subs must be on the current year sub list.
 31. No regular members of the league may sub for another member of the league.
 32. Any ball lost in the field of play- "one stroke penalty"
 33. All lies in the fairway and rough may be rolled a maximum of six inches but no closer to the hole.
 34. When hitting out of bounds from fairway or rough, drop ball where it went out of bounds. One stroke penalty, but no loss of distance.
 35. If one member of a team quits the league, the remaining team member must fill the vacancy with an "eligible" player who qualifies according to Rule #1. A player from the sub list or team waiting list is recommended if compatible.
 36. New teams to the league will be selected by the Secretary and approved by the President based on their position on the team waiting list and the number of times they've subbed in the league respectively.
 37. Anyone on the sub list who has not substituted in 2 consecutive seasons will be removed from the list.
 38. Any team that forfeits more than Two times during any season will be replaced with a new team.
 39. Teams playing for league championship in playoffs/position round must

have both team members present. (no subs)

40. Handicap holes for the league will be according to Post 331 modified Quail Creek score card.

41. Closest to the pins will be an individual event. Skins will be a team effort only.

42. The tree rule- Players may move their ball one club length from the base of the tree in any direction that is not closer to the hole