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Little John Golf League is an established *golf club with no real-estate* comprised of Members who wish to play and promote the Game of Golf.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Little John Golf League is a traveling golf tournament league in Greater Houston. We hold tournaments on Sunday mornings, generally every other weekend. Our season runs year-round from mid-October to early October, culminating in a two-day League Championship.

All events are individual net stroke play using GHIN handicaps. There are two flights based on handicap levels. Each event includes “closest to the pin” on par 3s and “most birdies” on each 9 holes. An optional skins game is also available.

“By the Rules” – The Little John Golf League follows USGA Rules of Golf. No mulligans or gimmes are allowed, and signing an incorrect scorecard or failing to sign it will result in disqualification. Members must understand the USGA rules. More information is available in this document and at www.usga.org.

Who can join Little John Golf League?

Participants should have a good understanding of golf. LJGL is not suitable for beginners. Players need to be capable of completing each hole and finishing a full round of golf within a maximum of 5 hours. This ability is necessary. While low handicaps are not required, the maximum handicap index for participating in LJGL is 36. The golf courses require participants to play at the pace prescribed by the course, with 5 hours being the maximum time allowed on the course.

You must have Amateur Status with the USGA. We welcome anyone who meets this criterion and loves golf. If you don't have an established USGA handicap, it takes just 3 rounds to get one. Members should enjoy playing competitive net stroke play events under USGA Rules and meeting others who share their love for golf.

Individuals who meet the aforementioned criteria are invited to participate in any regular league event as a Guest, at a reduced fee, without the obligation to become a member. Please note that Guests are not eligible for prizes.

Please note...throughout this document LJGL refers to Little John Golf League.

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MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEAGUE and DUES INFORMATION

DUES:

Membership dues for the Little John Golf League are set at \$70.00 per league year. These dues must be paid by the third scheduled tournament or no later than forty-five (45) days after playing your first round of the season. Please note that dues will be deducted from any tournament winnings if they have not been paid, as stipulated in the superseding section.

Prorated Dues:

- Individuals joining the league when only 6 events remain in the season will pay a prorated amount of \$10. Such members will not be eligible to compete in the League Championship for that season.

GRACE PERIOD FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PAYING OF ANNUAL DUES:

Little John Golf League understands that new members might want to try out a few events before committing. Therefore, new members can participate in up to two events without paying dues. However, they must pay their annual dues in full before participating in a third event. **See DUES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY TOURNAMENT WINNINGS IF LEAGUE DUES ARE UNPAID,** which takes precedence over this section.

DUES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY TOURNAMENT WINNINGS IN THE EVENT DUES FOR LEAGUE YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN PAID:

If a player wins any prize money but has unpaid league dues, the League will deduct the owed amount from their winnings before payment is made.

GUESTS:

Members can bring guests to tournaments, who will be charged \$3.00 over the green fee for the League Championship tournament. Guests cannot play for closest the pin and birdie money unless they join the league. This allows guests to try out the league before joining. Guests are not allowed to participate in the skins game.

DEFINITION OF LEAGUE YEAR:

The "League Year" starts with the first tournament after the 2-day League Championship and ends at the next 2-day League Championship, typically running from October to October.

DRESS CODE:

Little John Golf League requires proper golf attire. No denim or blue jeans are allowed. Only collared shirts or crew neck golf shirts are permitted.

INCENTIVE TO BRING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE LEAGUE:

A member who recruits a new individual to join the League for the first time will receive a \$10 reduction in their next tournament entry fee, provided that the new member has paid their full dues. If the new individual joins the League later in the season and pays reduced dues, the recruiting member will not receive the credit until the new individual pays their full dues in the following season. This incentive also applies when a member brings back a former member who has not been part of the League for two full seasons, and that former member re-joins by paying full dues.

HANDICAPS – LEAGUE and OFFICIAL USGA

Little John Golf League uses the GHIN system to set official USGA handicaps. A maximum handicap of 36 is allowed for any event. The Handicap Chairman or designee will determine each player's event handicap based on USGA/GHIN rules.

ESTABLISHING A LEAGUE HANDICAP

New member with a non-GHIN established, verifiable handicap:

A new league member with a verifiable handicap can join as a full member and compete for prizes. They will use their established handicap for the first round, then use their lowest score in Little John's events until their GHIN handicap is set.

New Member with GHIN Handicap:

Members with an existing GHIN handicap can compete for prizes immediately if they present their current GHIN card upon joining. Their GHIN handicap will be integrated with Little John Golf League for handicapping.

New member who does not have an established handicap:

New league members without a verifiable handicap join a "special flight" and can compete for birdie and closest to the pin prizes but not for tournament net winner prizes. They need three scores to establish a handicap. After these rounds, they will play based on their lowest score until a GHIN handicap is set.

MAINTAINING LEAGUE HANDICAPS:

League handicaps are managed by the Handicap Chairman until they become official USGA handicaps.

ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL USGA HANDICAP:

After joining LJGL, a player's name is submitted to GHIN by the Handicap Chairman. Following 3 rounds of golf, the player will have an established handicap per USGA and World Handicap System guidelines.

MAINTAINING USGA HANDICAPS:

The Handicap Chairman, or an appointed representative, is responsible for uploading League tournament scores to GHIN. Members are also permitted to post non-League scores to their handicap records. All LJGL event scores will be recorded as "Competition" scores for the purpose of handicapping.

HANDICAP RENEWAL EACH YEAR:

Little John Golf League members with an active GHIN handicap must pay their dues by February 1st or before their 3rd tournament of the season, whichever comes first. Otherwise, they will be deactivated from GHIN when it is renewed at the end of February. If they re-join LJGL, their GHIN will be reactivated.

NEW MEMBERS FAILING TO REPORT THEY HAVE AN ESTABLISHED HANDICAP ELSEWHERE:

Golf is an honourable game. New members of Little John Golf League must disclose their USGA handicap, including the handicap score and the association it is linked with. Failure to do so may lead to suspension or expulsion from the league and loss of dues.

GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Tournament Notification:

Members must notify the League of their intent to play in tournaments by signing up online at littlejohnleague.com or emailing an officer by the Sunday before the tournament. The number of tee times will be adjusted based on confirmed headcount, so it's crucial for members to confirm their participation with a League officer.

Tournament Pairings:

Tournament pairings are primarily conducted using the Blind Draw method for all non-two-day event tournaments. League Officers and/or members of the League Rules Committee may be assigned to specific groups. The results of sign-ups and responses received via email are utilized in preparing the Blind Draw. The pairing list will not be altered at the tournament unless no-shows occur, necessitating adjustments to balance the pairings. Refer to section HOW PAIRINGS FOR TWO-DAY EVENTS ARE DETERMINED. As a general rule, the first group of the day should not be a threesome. Unless required by the golf course, no group should consist of five players.

Tournament day CHECK-IN:

All members must arrive one hour before the first tee time for check-in. The Official Players Roster closes 30 minutes before the first tee time. Late arrivals may not be allowed to play or compete for prizes.

Payment of tournament entry fee:

Members pay for events on the day they occur. For the League Championship, the fee is paid on the first day. Payments can be made in cash, check, or via Zelle. If payment is made through Zelle, winnings will be disbursed through Zelle as well. The League does not accept credit cards.

Tournament WAITING LIST:

The number of tee times provided by tournament courses to the Little John Golf League is limited. Once the headcount is submitted to the course, any additional requests to play will be placed on a waiting list without guarantee of availability. The waiting list operates on a first-call/first-serve basis. No-show spots on the day of the tournament may be filled from the waiting list first, followed by members present at the course who request to play.

Tournament NO-SHOW policy:

If a player commits to participating and then does not show up, they will be required to pay the cart/green fee for that tournament before being allowed to play in another event if the League incurs charges for no-shows. Emergencies are understandable, but reimbursement is necessary if the League has to pay. Calling to cancel after the headcount is given does not guarantee avoidance of fees. In cases of multiple no-shows, the incurred costs will be divided equally among those who did not show.

General information about tournament schedule:

The event schedule is assembled early in the league year. Most golf courses allow advance bookings for leagues and associations like the Little John Golf League. To secure preferred courses, bookings are made well in advance. Many courses require signed contracts and deposits to hold requested dates. Occasionally, courses may advertise specials at lower rates than those agreed upon in the contract. Officers attempt to negotiate lower rates where possible, but success is not guaranteed. Generally, the contracted rate is fixed based on agreements made months in advance.

Please refer to www.littlejohnleague.com for a full season schedule.

CONDUCT BEFORE/DURING/AFTER LEAGUE EVENTS

Members are expected to conduct themselves respectfully, properly, and safely when on any property associated with the golf course where an LJGL event is held. If a member has a concern or issue with anything said or done by a staff member of the hosting golf course, they should bring this to the attention of one or more of the League officers as promptly as possible. Members should not take action independently without consulting a League officer first. They should avoid engaging in conversations that could be considered disrespectful, profane, vulgar, or argumentative with course personnel, including but not limited to pro shop staff, groundskeepers, cart attendants, beverage cart attendants, snack bar/restaurant personnel, or anyone else associated with the golf course. The League officers will determine if any action is necessary on behalf of the member. If a situation arises that a member feels needs addressing after the event is over, they should consult with the League Officers, who will decide on the appropriate course of action in conjunction with the member. Members should not take any actions independently that might result in LJGL being unwelcome at a facility. If a member acts independently, they should not use the name LJGL, claim to represent LJGL, or speak on behalf of LJGL. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to losing playing privileges with LJGL temporarily or permanently, as determined by a vote of the LJGL officers. LJGL holds events at many golf courses where residences are adjacent to the course. Events are typically held on weekends, so men, women, and children may be outside these homes. Members are expected to use language and a tone of voice that would not be considered disrespectful or vulgar around children. Shouting vulgarities is not acceptable behaviour. Members will receive one warning; repeated instances can result in the loss of playing privileges for a period determined by the LJGL officers. Members must remember that we are guests, albeit paying guests, at these facilities. Generally, we are not doing the golf courses a favour by bringing our events to their facility. It is the golf course that is accommodating our League by hosting our event. Most courses could easily utilize the tee times we reserve for their regular paying clientele

LEAGUE EVENT – “Conditions of Competition”

All tournament play is conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf and under Local Rules of the course being played. As permitted by the USGA Rules of Golf “Committee Procedures” Little John Golf League may invoke “Local Rules” also that govern play.

PACE OF PLAY – Committee Procedure 8K-2:

Players are expected to be able to play the entire round in under 5 hours.

A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An additional 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) The first player to play a stroke on a par 3 hole.
- b) The first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole.
- c) The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole.
- d) The first player to play a stroke around the putting green.
- e) The first player to play a stroke on the putting green

The timing of a player’s stroke begins once the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach their ball, it is their turn to play, and they can do so without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardages and club selection counts as part of the time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, time spent looking at the line from various angles also counts as part of the time taken for the next stroke. However, time spent lifting, cleaning, and replacing the ball on the putting green; repairing ball marks on the line of putt; and removing loose impediments does not count towards the time allowance. Each group is expected to keep up with the group ahead of them.

For any group that falls more than one full hole behind, every member of that group is subject to being penalized 1 stroke by the Tournament Committee.

For any group that falls more than two full holes behind, every member of that group is subject to being penalized 2 strokes or possible disqualification by the Tournament Committee.

TEE BOXES:

Determination of which tee boxes will be played at each course is made by the Handicap Chairman. In their absence, a member of the Rules Committee will establish which tees will be used. This determination is based upon several factors, including course length from each set of tee boxes, slope, course rating from each set of tee boxes, and fairness to all members playing in the event

DEFINITION OF SENIOR MEN MEMBERS:

Men members who are 55 years of age and older are defined as Senior Men members for the purpose of determining which tee boxes Senior Men members may play from.

TEE BOX DESIGNATION FOR SENIOR MEN:

The Senior Men’s tee boxes are defined as one set forward from the tee boxes designated as Regular Men’s tee boxes in Item “B” above, in the Little John Rules and Information, unless that set of tee boxes are determined to be the Ladies Tee Boxes. In the event there is no Senior tee box or a tee box between the Regular Men’s tees and the tee box the Ladies will be using, the Senior members will play from the Regular Men’s tees and their handicap will not be adjusted.

DEFINITION OF SUPER SENIOR MEN MEMBERS:

Men members who are 75 years of age and older are defined as Super Senior Men members for the purpose of determining which tee boxes Super Senior Men members may play from.

TEE BOX DESIGNATION FOR SUPER SENIOR MEN:

Super Senior men play from the forward tees by informing the president so that the tee boxes can be created manually, and they can be moved to the proper tee box in the system on a per-round basis (option to inform the president of the desire to always play from the forward tee box).

OPTION TO PLAY FROM REGULAR MEN’S TEE BOXES INSTEAD OF SENIOR MEN’S TEE BOXES OR LADIES TEE BOXES:

Any player may elect to play from the Regular Men’s tee boxes. However, the player must make this election at the time they sign-in for the event and their handicap will be established at that time. Once a player makes the election to play from the Regular Men’s tee boxes, their handicap has been computed, and the handicap split for flight purposes has been determined for the event, the player may not change their mind and decide to move up to their normal tee box. Players who play from any tee box other than the box their handicap indicates they are to play from shall incur the applicable penalties as set forward in the USGA Rules of Golf.

PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES:

Except for the exceptions noted herein, the ball shall be played as it lies

Exceptions:

- (a) If relief is granted in the Rules of Golf, you should proceed as indicated in the Rules of Golf. It is very important for members to be aware that the low handicap person, or any person in your group, is not deemed as being the Rules Official for your group. If you are unsure if you are entitled to relief, just because everyone in your group is either confused, not sure, or simply concurs with you that you should get relief (without first consulting the Rules of Golf), you need to be careful. If necessary, play two balls and get a ruling after the round is over. Signing for an incorrect score after you have taken an illegal relief drop will result in DISQUALIFICATION.
- (b) Relief is granted via any Local Rule in the LJGL Conditions of Competition.

SCORE VERIFICATION:

As this is a tournament, every stroke played must be observed by another player in your group so that the scorecard can be properly signed. For example, do not walk up onto the green and putt out while other players in the group have not arrived to witness this.

Little John Golf League – Local Rules as permitted by USGA Rules of Golf Committee
Procedures:

CRACKS IN THE EARTH – Local Rule:

Many courses we will play, especially in the hot dry summer months, have large cracks in the earth. If a player's ball comes to rest in or upon a crack in the earth and the ball is not in a penalty area, the player may take relief by dropping as close to the original spot but no closer to the hole, which gives relief from the ball being in a crack in the earth. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course general area. The ball must be found. It cannot be assumed the ball is in a crack.

AERATION HOLES – Local Rule:

A ball in the General Area that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course.

LIFT, CLEAN AND REPLACE – Local Rule:

In order for this local rule to be in effect for any LJGL event, the round must start this way. If the golf course mandates Cart Path Only (CPO) prior to the commencement of the tournament and before the first group has teed off, "Lift, Clean and Replace general area except in Penalty areas" shall be in effect for the entire round, regardless of the status of CPO during the round. If the round does not start out with this local rule in effect, it shall not be in effect even if CPO is mandated later. Exception: A player may NOT take relief under this Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for them to make a stroke because of interference by anything other than abnormal ground conditions or (b) interference by an abnormal ground condition would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal stance, swing, or direction of play. If the exception to this local rule criteria has not been met, the player is entitled to lift the ball, clean the ball, and place the ball back (Replace) as nearly as possible to where it originally lay. If the ball was embedded, the hole where the ball was embedded may be repaired before replacing (do not drop) the ball. REPLACE DOES NOT MEAN MOVE THE BALL A CLUB LENGTH OR SCORECARD LENGTH. The intent of this local rule is to prevent the player from having to hit a ball with mud adhering to it, not to improve the lie of the ball. If the ball is in Casual Water, then the player should proceed under Rule 16 for a ball in an abnormal ground condition.

PROVISIONAL BALL FOR A BALL THAT MAY BE IN A PENALTY AREA – Local Rule:

In a situation where a ball may be in a penalty area and trying to determine the fact that it is would unduly delay play, the player may play a provisional ball under any options granted in Rule 17. To invoke this Local Rule (Committee Procedure 8B-3), the following applies: First, the player must announce to their playing partners the intent of playing a provisional ball prior to doing so. If the original ball is found OUTSIDE the penalty area, the provisional ball is to be abandoned and play must continue with the original ball. If the original ball is found in the penalty area, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue play with the ball played provisionally under Rule 17. If the original ball is not found or identified within the three-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally. PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: Two Strokes

MARGINS OF A Penalty Area NOT MARKED – Local Rule:

Not all courses are marked to USGA guidelines. In the absence of stakes or painted lines defining the margins of a penalty area, (1) The margin is defined to be the natural limits of the penalty area, i.e. where the ground breaks down to form the depression containing the water. (2) The penalty area is to be played as a Lateral penalty area.

AREAS OF GOLF COURSE NOT MOWN NOR MAINTAINED – Local Rule:

According to USGA Rules of Golf Committee Procedures, LJGL deems that any area of the golf course, not otherwise marked nor deemed to be out of bounds, that is not mown or maintained will be played as a lateral penalty area.

We play golf courses that have high natural/native grass areas that the golf course does not mow or maintain. We also play golf courses where there are dense woods, marshy areas, deep underbrush, and such alongside the fairways and sometimes between fairways that are not mown or maintained by the golf course but are inside the boundary lines of the golf course. Thus, any areas within the boundaries of the golf course (not OB), that are not mown nor maintained are to be played as a Red Staked Penalty Area (Lateral penalty area), unless there are other stakes or margin lines indicating otherwise.

RELIEF FROM LATERAL PENALTY AREA ON OPPOSITE OF PENALTY AREA– Local Rule:

Per Committee Procedure 8E, player make take relief for a ball that is lying in or on a lateral penalty area on the opposite side of the penalty area at a point which is equidistant to the pin from the point of entry into the penalty area.

BUNKERS – HOW TO PROCEED IF YOU BALL LIES IN A BUNKER – Local Rule:

If you ball lies in a bunker, you may lift your ball, rake the bunker and replace your ball without penalty.

HOG/PIG DAMAGE – Local Rule:

In the general area, areas of damage caused by “hogs/pigs” are to be treated as ground under repair from which relief is allowed under rule 16.1b. .

OUT OF BOUNDS or LOST BALL– Local Rule:

When a player’s ball has not been found and is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds or lost, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- a. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:
 - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Size of relief area based on these reference points: Anywhere between

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

RELIEF FROM IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN – Local Rule:

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1,

In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green, but not in a penalty area and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the *hole*, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a *penalty area* or on a *putting green*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Relief under this Rule is also available if the player's ball lies on the *putting green* and an immovable *obstruction* within two club lengths of the *putting green* interferes on his *line of putt*. The player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the *hole*, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a *penalty area*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

PRACTICE PUTTING ON GREEN AFTER COMPLETION OF PLAY OF A HOLE:

LJGL has the right under USGA Rules of Golf Committee Procedures to restrict practice putting on a green by a player after the player has completed the hole. LJGL elects not to impose this restriction as a local rule. However, players are strongly urged not to do this. If a player practices putting on the green just completed and this results in undue delay of the round or prevents the group behind from hitting their shots, they can be penalized under Rule 1.2. As a rule of thumb, it is advised to avoid doing this.

CHANGING BALLS DURING THE PLAY OF A HOLE:

Although the One Ball Rule is not in effect for LJGL events, players are not permitted to change balls during the course of play of individual holes, unless the original ball is lost or becomes unfit for play. See Rule 4.2. The penalty for changing balls during the play of the hole unless permitted is 2 strokes. Rule 14.2 does allow when dropping in a relief area the option of changing balls.

CLEANING YOUR BALL:

Other than the exceptions noted herein, generally a ball may be cleaned anytime it can legally be lifted, i.e. from the putting surface, removal from casual water, removal from a drainage ditch, etc. Exceptions where a ball CANNOT be cleaned when legally lifted can be found in Rule 14.2c... (a) To determine if ball is unfit for play; (b) For identification, in which case ball may be cleaned only to the extent necessary for identification; or (c) Because ball is interfering with or assisting play of another player (d) to see if it lies in a condition in which relief is allowed.

PUTTS:

"NO GIMME'S"...each player must complete the hole by putting their ball into the hole. Picking the ball up or failure to hole out shall result in either penalty stroke(s) or disqualification as stipulated in the Rules of Golf.

OUT OF BOUNDS MARKERS, POSTS, AND FENCES – YOU DO NOT GET RELIEF:

The Rules of Golf do not grant relief from anything that denotes OUT OF BOUNDS (OB). This includes property fences, fences separating residential property from golf course property, OB stakes, or any other item that denotes OB. Player may elect to take relief under the unplayable ball rule, but such action will result in a penalty situation.

BALL DROP AREA / ABSENCE OF A BALL DROP AREA:

If a ball drop area is available to you, you may use it or replay from where the original shot was played. HOWEVER, in the absence of a BALL DROP AREA designated and marked by the Golf Course or an area designated by the League Tournament Committee, you, and other members of your group, may not deem that a hole should have a ball drop area and simply drop your ball somewhere that provides a safer next shot. This constitutes playing from the wrong place and most probably will get a player dq'd along with the members of that group for agreeing to waive the rules or for attesting an incorrect score card. OVERLOOKING A

PENALTY INCURRED BY SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR GROUP OR RECORDING AN INCORRECT SCORE FOR THE PLAYER CAN RESULT IN YOUR OWN DISQUALIFICATION:

Each player has a responsibility to "protect the field" and if you know a person has violated a rule, you must call it. Players do not have the right to waive the rules, agree to waive the rules, or simply ignore that someone has broken a rule. Signing a player's scorecard as the "scorer". also known as "marker", and knowing that you have not added penalty strokes to the players score can get you DQ'd also.

Each player should be aware of the following 2 situations. These are taken directly from the USGA Rules of Golf decisions....

Rule 3.3b(1)/1 – Marker Should Be Disqualified if He or She Knowingly Certifies a Wrong Score For Another Player

If a marker, who is a player, knowingly certifies a wrong score for a hole (including a hole score that does not include a penalty that the marker knew the player received on that hole), the marker should be disqualified under Rule 1.2a (Serious Misconduct).

LOCAL RULES PARTICULAR TO THE COURSE BEING PLAYED:

Little John Golf League may establish "Local Rules" particular to a given golf course. These "Local Rules" will be posted on the Little John website, and members shall be notified of those Local Rules at the event prior to play. If there are Local Rules for a course, a copy of the Local Rules in affect for the tournament to be played will be available for review at the Sign-in table

FLIGHTS AND HOW FLIGHTS ARE DETERMINED FOR THE EVENT:

League events will be divided into 2 flights for purposes of determining winners. The determining of flights will not be done whereby a predetermined group of handicaps constitutes each flight. Flights will be determined at each event, and it will be based upon the number of players and their handicap index. The number of players in the event (excluding Special Flight players and guests) will be divided by 2. One half of the players should be in the A flight and one half in the B flight. There should never be more than one player more in either flight.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SCORECARDS:

USGA rules will apply. However due to the severity revolving around inaccuracy of scorecards and the penalties resulting from inaccurate scorecards, the following information is provided. It is intended to answer questions as to League Rules established about scorecards and penalties resulting from inaccurate scorecards. This information is based upon USGA Rules of Golf Committee Procedures and USGA Rules of Golf Rule 3.3

- a. **EACH PLAYER MUST HAVE AN OFFICIAL SCORECARD.**
- b. **YOU ARE NOT ALLOWED TO KEEP YOUR OWN SCORE ON YOUR OFFICIAL SCORECARD.**
- c. **YOUR MARKER, AKA SCORER, MUST SIGN YOUR OFFICIAL SCORECARD AND SO MUST YOU.**
- d. **WHEN IS A PLAYER'S CARD OFFICIALLY RETURNED (TURNED-IN)?**
WHEN THE CARD IS GIVEN TO ONE OF THE TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DURING THE SCORING PROCESS WITH 2 SIGNATURES ON THE CARD. For this reason, the League cautions the players not to sign their scorecard unless they are sure it is totally correct. Please note, since we do not have a "scoring tent" situation, once the card is turned in...it is official, regardless of whether the player is still in the area or not as all the players typically are still there. USGA Rules of Golf Committee Procedures allows LJGL to establish this condition.
- e. **TO WHOM SHOULD THE OFFICIAL SCORECARDS BE TURNED IN?** **TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR, or his designee.**
- f. **CAN SOMEONE ELSE TURN IN A PLAYER'S OFFICIAL SCORECARD?**
YES. For this reason, the League once again cautions players not to sign their card unless they have verified that the scores are correct hole by hole.
- g. **ONCE A SCORECARD HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY TURNED IN, UNDER THE DEFINITION ABOVE FOR OFFICIALLY TURNED IN, CAN THE SCORECARD BE ALTERED BY THE PLAYER?**
NO
- h. **WHAT HAPPENS IF A SCORE *HIGHER* THAN THE SCORE ACTUALLY MADE ON ONE OR MORE HOLES IS WRITTEN INCORRECTLY ON THE OFFICIAL SCORECARD AND IS NOT CORRECTED BEFORE THE PLAYER SIGNS AND RETURNS THE SCORECARD?**
THE INCORRECT SCORE WILL STAND FOR THAT HOLE OR HOLES. (See USGA Rule 3.3).
- i. **WHAT HAPPENS IF A SCORE *LOWER* THAN THE SCORE ACTUALLY MADE ON ONE OR MORE HOLES IS WRITTEN INCORRECTLY ON THE OFFICIAL SCORECARD AND IS NOT CORRECTED BEFORE THE PLAYER SIGNS AND RETURNS THE SCORECARD?**
PLAYER IS DISQUALIFIED (See USGA Rule 3.3).
- j. **IF A PLAYER IS DISQUALIFIED FOR TURNING IN AN INCORRECT SCORECARD, IS HE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL FACET OF THE COMPETITION?**

NO, while he is disqualified from the Net Competition, he is still eligible for the Birdie and Closest to the Pin competitions.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE PLAYER TO ASSURE THAT HE HAS A TOTAL SCORE ON HIS SCORECARD. WITHOUT A TOTAL SCORE, THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE HAS NOTHING TO VALIDATE THE HOLE BY HOLE SCORES TOTALS TO. NOT EVERYONE WRITES LEGIBLY.

k. WHAT SHOULD THE PLAYER DO IF HE IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH A SCORE OR SCORES RECORDED ON THE OFFICIAL SCORECARD BY HIS/HER MARKER?

Most importantly – the PLAYER should not sign the scorecard. The situation should be brought to the attention of the

League Officers in the presence of the Marker and as many members of the Player's group as possible. The League Officers are the Tournament Committee and will offer a decision. Only after a decision is reached should the player sign the official scorecard.

NUMBER OF NET PLACE WINNERS PER FLIGHT:

For all regular tournament events, other than the League Championship, payout will be for 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in 2 flights as per the "REGULAR EVENT PAYOUT SCHEDULE" included in this document.

Exceptions to this rule are as follows.

For the League Championship, the number of places paid shall be no less than 3 per flight but may include the entire field.

TIE OF NET SCORE:

In the event of a tie for one, or more, of the places being paid, the flight place winners will be determined by a "net score" scorecard playoff starting with the #1 handicap hole until the tie is broken. In the event the tournament is held on a course that has multiple 9's resulting in a number one handicap hole for each 9, the handicap hole number will be determined using the table found below.

League Championship:

In the League Championship, “net score” scorecard playoffs will be used to determine the winner for each Flight place winner. Scorecard playoff will determine the winners for the remaining Flight place positions. Scorecard playoff for the League Championship will begin on the #1 handicap hole of the course played the first day. In the event the tournament is held on a course that has multiple 9’s resulting in a number one handicap hole for each 9, the handicap hole number will be determined using the table found below.

<i>Front 9 handicap hole</i>	Tournament handicap hole	<i>Back 9 handicap hole</i>	Tournament handicap hole
<i>1</i>	1	1	2
<i>2</i>	3	2	4
<i>3</i>	5	3	6
<i>4</i>	7	4	8
<i>5</i>	9	5	10
<i>6</i>	11	6	12
<i>7</i>	13	7	14
<i>8</i>	15	8	16
<i>9</i>	17	9	18

AWARDING OF PRIZES:

At the close of every tournament, the prize’s won will be awarded, and the books will be closed on that tournament event. If a player has any issue with the awarding of the prizes for that event, any such issue is to be cleared at the event. Once the prizes are awarded and participants have left the golf course, the books on that event are closed and all decisions made are final. The exception to this rule is the League Championship. Due to the fact that the field will get prizes, we will hold the books open on the League Championship for 2 weeks, thus time does not permit the books to be closed on this event before leaving the golf course.

RULE QUESTIONS OR DISPUTES:

Rules Committee and the use of the current USGA Rules of Golf handbook will settle all rules questions or disputes. In the event a rules situation occurs during the course of play and the player is unsure how to proceed or there is a disagreement between the player and his fellow competitors, the player should play a second ball, record score made on both balls, DO NOT sign or attest the scorecard. Once play is completed, the player and his group of fellow competitors shall present the situation to the Rules Committee who will make the final determination as to the proper score to record. Then the scorecard can be signed and attested

ADDITIONAL LITTLE JOHN GOLF LEAGUE INFORMATION AND RULES

TOURNAMENT FEE FOR SPECIAL FLIGHT PLAYERS

Players who participate in Little John one-day events in the Special Flight category will pay a fee for the event reduced by \$15.

LEAGUE SPONSORED OPTIONAL GROSS/NET SKINS GAME

The League sponsors an optional skins game. It is a combination Gross and Net skins game. The cost to enter the skins game competition is \$20 which gets divided evenly (\$10 each) into the Gross pot and the Net pot. The skins game is not open to guests who have not committed to join the League. It is straight skins competition where the winner of each hole is the person with the lowest score (gross in the Gross game and Net in the Net game) on that hole who is participating in the skin game. There are no carry-overs. Skins pot is divided by the number of holes won to determine the dollar amount won for each skin won.

INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK(S) FROM LEAGUE MEMBERS/GUESTS

In the event a League member or guest gives to Little John Golf League a check in payment of any dues or fees and that check is returned by the bank for insufficient funds, the member or guest will not be allowed to play in any further League events until he/she pays the League, in full, the amount of the check plus any bank charges associated with the returned check.

ELIGIBILITY FOR END OF THE YEAR 2-DAY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

There are 3 requirements for eligibility to play for place prizes in the League Championship. First, the member must have an established official USGA handicap. Second, the member must have paid his/her full \$70 dues. Third, the member must have played in at least 10 of the events in the season between the event where he/she joined/renewed their membership in the league and the League Championship. If an individual joins LJGL and pays \$70 dues with 10 remaining.

Little John events remaining	Player must play
10	8
9	7
8	6
Less than 8	6
Less than 6	Cannot Compete

LIMITED PARTICIPATION IN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP

Anyone who has not fulfilled all the requirements to play in the 2-day League Championship, OR an individual without an established handicap may still play in a limited capacity. He or she can play in the League Championship as a "Guest" and is not eligible to compete for any of the prizes.

HOLE-IN-ONE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY

A player carding a Hole-In-One during a Little John tournament round will be awarded a lump sum payment of \$200 as part of the normal prize payout process.

HOW PAIRINGS FOR TWO DAY EVENTS ARE DETERMINED

First Day:

First day of a 2 day event, pairings are via Blind Draw (see Tournament Pairing section for exceptions).

Second Day:

For the second day, pairings will be done in reverse with the leaders of each flight tee off in the last group of the day. The final pairing should consist of the 1st and 2nd place players of flight A and the 1st and 2nd place players of flight B. The next to last pairing should consist of the 3rd and 4th place players of flight A and the 3rd

and 4th place players of flight B. Similar pairings will be made up until all players have been placed in a pairing. Anyone who is playing in the event who does not qualify to be one of the net place winners shall be placed in the first tee time of the day. Determining of position is by net score for day one. In the event of net score ties on day one, later tee pairings will be made first upon lower of the gross scores for those tied and the by scorecard playoff (only if gross scores were tied also).

UNCLAIMED PRIZE MONEY

All prize money is expected to be claimed by the end of the annual MLC. Any money not claimed for the year before this date will be forfeited to LJGL treasury.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LITTLE JOHN LEAGUE OFFICER TERM, ELECTION, PERKS & INFORMATION, DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES

WHO ARE THE OFFICERS OF LITTLE JOHN GOLF LEAGUE?

Please refer to page 1 of this document

WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TERM FOR EACH OFFICE?

All officer terms are one year.

ARE THERE “TERM LIMITS” FOR THE OFFICERS?

Not at this time.

HOW ARE OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR ELECTION/RE-ELECTION?

A nominating committee puts together a list of names for each office prior to the League Championship. Nominations for each office are also taken from the floor during the election process.

HOW ARE LEAGUE OFFICERS ELECTED?

By a vote of the membership in attendance on the final day of the League Championship.

WHAT ARE THE OFFICES WITHIN LJGL?

President, VP, Secretary/Treasurer, Handicap Chairman, Tournament Coordinator. All of these have voting rights.

WHAT ARE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH OFFICER?

President – Officiates over all officer meetings; sends out email reminders to members and potential new members prior to each event; signs up members from their emails if the member does not sign up themselves for events; research avenues to solicit new members; using available golf member websites, contacts potential new members with information about LJGL; stays in contact with former members to encourage them to return to League; contacts current members who have not played with LJGL in several weeks; responsible for obtaining awards for League Championship; maintains and updates LJGL Rules and Information document as required.

Vice President – Responsibilities include: building the season event schedule; negotiates course rates (to include cart/green fee/ range balls) and books all tournament events; keeps website updated for all upcoming events including rates to charge; at least 4 weeks prior to each event shall contact the course to verify nothing has changed and our booking is still valid; notifies the course the week of our tournament what our headcount for the event will be; handles all “at course” issues that may arise related to rate, time of start, type of start, or any other issues that pertain to what was negotiated with the course at the time of booking; selects the nominating committee (2 members) who will nominate new officers for following season.

Secretary/Treasurer – Collects monies at tournament events; responsible for having cash on hand to perform the payout at tournament events; responsible for the payout of all monies at tournament events; responsible for payout monies for members who have left the course prior to event payout; responsible for accuracy of LJGL bank account and all banking activities; keeps website updated with financial information; pays all outstanding bills; determines the amount of place money payout for the League Championship event; determines the amount of payout for any special competitions held at any event; reviews all booking contracts. Responsible for providing an income statement for each event within 2 weeks of that event closing.

Handicap Chairman – Responsible for maintaining course/slope rating for all golf courses to be played during season on website; determines what tee boxes to use for each event; responsible for all communication with GHIN handicapping system including setting up of new members within GHIN; responsible for accuracy of handicaps used at each event.

Tournament Coordinator – Responsible for set up of the pairings for each tournament event; responsible for printing scorecards for each tournament event; maintains the proximity markers and tape measures used with the proximity markers; passes out the scorecards at each event once the player has paid his/her fees.

Assistant Secretary/Treasurer – this is a non-voting position. It is intended as a training position when the Secretary/Treasurer has indicated they will not serve as an officer in the future. It is not mandatory that this position be filled.

If an officer cannot attend a tournament event, it is up to that officer to make sure that his/her responsibilities are covered leading up that League event and at the actual event.

DO THE OFFICERS PAY TOURNAMENT FEES FOR EACH EVENT?

Yes, officers pay the same entry fee as do regular members at each event.

WHAT INCENTIVE IS THERE TO BECOME AN OFFICER OF LJGL?

As an incentive to get members to serve in League Officer Positions, the League offers the following incentive. If an officer holds a position for 10 months during any given League season, his/her dues will be waived by the League for the following season. An officer has the right to refuse the waiver of his/her dues and pay their own dues.

REGULAR EVENT PAYOUT SCHEDULE

Number of Players	\$15	Total for payout	"A" FLIGHT			"B" FLIGHT			Total of Payout	Diff caused by rounding		
			1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3rd				
42	\$15	\$630	\$183	\$91	\$41	\$183	\$91	\$41	\$630	\$0		
41	\$15	\$615	\$178	\$89	\$40	\$178	\$89	\$40	\$614	-\$1		
40	\$15	\$600	\$174	\$87	\$39	\$174	\$87	\$39	\$600	\$0		
39	\$15	\$585	\$170	\$85	\$38	\$170	\$85	\$38	\$586	\$1		
38	\$15	\$570	\$165	\$83	\$37	\$165	\$83	\$37	\$570	\$0		
37	\$15	\$555	\$161	\$80	\$36	\$161	\$80	\$36	\$554	-\$1		
36	\$15	\$540	\$157	\$78	\$35	\$157	\$78	\$35	\$540	\$0		
35	\$15	\$525	\$152	\$76	\$34	\$152	\$76	\$34	\$524	-\$1		
34	\$15	\$510	\$148	\$74	\$33	\$148	\$74	\$33	\$510	\$0		
33	\$15	\$495	\$144	\$72	\$32	\$144	\$72	\$32	\$496	\$1		
32	\$15	\$480	\$139	\$70	\$31	\$139	\$70	\$31	\$480	\$0		
31	\$15	\$465	\$135	\$67	\$30	\$135	\$67	\$30	\$464	-\$1		
30	\$15	\$450	\$131	\$65	\$29	\$131	\$65	\$29	\$450	\$0		
29	\$15	\$435	\$126	\$63	\$28	\$126	\$63	\$28	\$434	-\$1		
28	\$15	\$420	\$122	\$61	\$27	\$122	\$61	\$27	\$420	\$0		
27	\$15	\$405	\$117	\$59	\$26	\$117	\$59	\$26	\$404	-\$1		
26	\$15	\$390	\$113	\$57	\$25	\$113	\$57	\$25	\$390	\$0		
25	\$15	\$375	\$109	\$54	\$24	\$109	\$54	\$24	\$374	-\$1		
24	\$15	\$360	\$104	\$52	\$24	*	\$104	\$52	\$24	*	\$360	\$0
23	\$15	\$345	\$100	\$50	\$22	\$100	\$50	\$22	\$344	-\$1		
22	\$15	\$330	\$96	\$48	\$21	\$96	\$48	\$21	\$330	\$0		
21	\$15	\$315	\$91	\$46	\$20	\$91	\$46	\$20	\$314	-\$1		
20	\$15	\$300	\$87	\$44	\$19	*	\$87	\$44	\$19	*	\$300	\$0
19	\$15	\$285	\$83	\$41	\$19	\$83	\$41	\$19	\$286	\$1		
18	\$15	\$270	\$78	\$39	\$18	\$78	\$39	\$18	\$270	\$0		
17	\$15	\$255	\$74	\$37	\$17	\$74	\$37	\$17	\$256	\$1		
16	\$15	\$240	\$70	\$35	\$15	*	\$70	\$35	\$15	*	\$240	\$0
15	\$15	\$225	\$65	\$33	\$15	\$65	\$33	\$15	\$226	\$1		
14	\$15	\$210	\$61	\$30	\$14	\$61	\$30	\$14	\$210	\$0		
13	\$15	\$195	\$57	\$28	\$13	\$57	\$28	\$13	\$196	\$1		
12	\$15	\$180	\$52	\$26	\$12	\$52	\$26	\$12	\$180	\$0		
10	\$15	\$150	\$44	\$22	\$9	*	\$44	\$22	\$9	*	\$150	\$0

TOURNAMENT FEE EXPLAINED

Regular members pay a tournament fee which consists of green fee/cart fee/range balls (if included)/entry fee. The skins game is not included and is optional.

We pay the course weekend green fee rate which is going to be higher than a weekday green fee and typically the only break we get on the courses fee is going to be free range balls...not a reduced price on green fees.

We round up what we pay the course to the nearest \$5. So, for example, if the course charges us \$62.75...we round up to \$65.

The entry fee is \$25. So, if the rounded up green fee is \$65 then the tournament fee would be \$90, \$65 + \$25.

HOW THE ENTRY FEE IS DISPERSED FOR ALL REGULAR EVENTS (NOT THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP)

\$25 is the entry fee.

\$15 is for **PLACE MONEY (1ST 2ND 3RD)** payout. This is explained in the **REGULAR EVENT PAYOUT SCHEDULE** found in this document.

\$1 of entry fee is for **MOST BIRDIES FRONT 9.**

\$1 of entry fee is for **MOST BIRDIES BACK 9.**

\$1 of entry fee is for **CLOSEST TO THE PIN** on each par 3. If 4 par 3s, then the amount is \$4. If 5 par 3s, then amount is \$5

The remainder of the entry fee goes into the pool which is paid out at the League Championship (LC)

Thus, if there are 4 par 3s then the amount of the entry fee paid out is \$15+\$1+\$1+\$4 or \$21 with \$4 going to the LC pool.

If there are 5 par 3s then the amount of the entry fee paid out is \$15+\$1+\$1+\$5 or \$22 with \$3 going to the LC pool.

Please note, as explained in the REGULAR EVENT PAYOUT SCHEDULE, depending upon rounding, we may end up with a negative \$1 or overage of \$1 from the total payout. This means at any event, from the payout, we may have \$1 more added to the LC pool or \$1 being used from the LC pool to even out the payout.

WHERE DOES THE MONEY FOR THE LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP PAYOUT COME FROM

The money that is paid out at the League Championship is from the following...

- Dues
- Rounding up of green fee/cart fee/range balls
- \$3 or \$4 from each player's regular event entry fee, depending upon number of par 3s.
- \$1 from every player's regular event entry fee if no one hits a par 3.