

Nicolet Country Club (NCC) Thursday Men's League Rules  
Revised: May 2023

1. All golfers shall pay \$60.00 (in cash or check) prior to the beginning of league play. Anyone who has not paid in two weeks will not be allowed to play (NO EXCEPTIONS). This amount will cover league play, prizes, and the season-end dinner party.
2. The modified Stapleford scoring system shall be used in the NCC Men's League and head-to-head competition shall be added. A team (playing "head-to-head") shall get an additional two (2) points per team by obtaining more handicap goal points than their competitors. Teams playing a "bye" shall earn +2 points if they earn their required total scores.
3. If a team cannot play their Thursday match, they must contact the opposing team to reschedule the match (before the following Tuesday). Alternatively, a substitute (sub) may be assigned for each absent team member. If you do not golf each Thursday, you may make up your round with another person attesting to your score. No team match points shall be given unless you play "head-to-head" against your opponent. If one team plays on a day other than Thursday, the other team playing on Thursday will be eligible to earn +2 match points if they earn their required total scores.
4. All matches shall be played each week, including those designated as a "bye" (i.e., not "head-to-head" play). In case of unsafe weather conditions (lightning, etc.), call Terry Lukas via the NCC clubhouse for an official weather ruling.
5. At the beginning of each season, each returning player shall have their handicap carried over from last year. If a new player or a sub has no prior handicap, this player shall be required to obtain at least 9 points to get plus points and be limited to + or -2 points. Subs and new players without established handicaps will have their future handicaps determined as per all other players.
6. PLAYOFF RULES: Subs shall be able to play in the final playoff rounds IF they have established handicaps on both nines. Playoff teams must schedule tee times by the Wednesday prior to playing. Teams must play with their scheduled opponents or both teams may be disqualified in the playoffs. If teams cannot play with scheduled opponents, they must play with other league members. Playoff money awards will be divided among the top eight (8) teams. In case of a tie, money will be divided according to position ranking.
7. "LOST BALL" RULE: If a ball is lost in the woods, drop a new ball along the line of flight nearest the point of entry. Take two (2) club lengths of relief, drop the ball no nearer the hole, score one (1) penalty stroke and proceed. If ball is lost in the rough adjacent to the fairway, place a ball at the estimated point of loss, score one penalty stroke and proceed.
8. "BALL FOUND IN THE WOODS" RULE: Hit the ball from the "found" position with no penalty point or take an "unplayable lie" option. Along the line of flight to the point of entry, take two club lengths of relief no nearer the hole, score one penalty stroke and proceed.
9. "OUT OF BOUNDS" RULE: If the ball is hit out of bounds from either the tee or fairway, player must go back to point of his original shot and re-hit a new ball with one stroke penalty. If a player hits a shot that appears to go out of bounds, a "provisional" ball may be announced and played.
10. WINTER RULES: Winter rules apply for balls within the fairway to the green. A player may move his fairway ball up to six (6) inches to the nearest point of relief but not nearer to the hole.
11. "BALL IN THE ROUGH" RULE: Winter rules do not apply to balls in the rough except those balls lying on bare dirt.
12. CART PATHS, DISTANCE MARKERS, TRASH CANS, BENCHES, & REPAIR AREAS: A player may move his ball one club length from the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole and proceed with no penalty stroke.
13. SAND TRAPS: Play the ball as it lies. However, if a ball comes to rest in a deep footprint, a player may pick up his ball, rake area, replace the ball in the same location and proceed with no penalty stroke.
14. "CONFLICT OF OPINION" RULE: If there is a disagreement regarding these rules, the player shall play two (2) balls and announce the identification of each ball played. One ball shall be played from each point of conflicting opinion and the score shall be noted for each ball. After the match is complete, all players shall personally notify the Rules Committee members, who will decide and assign a final score. The Rules Committee decision(s) is (are) final.
15. PUTTING: NO "gimme putts" are allowed. Pin removal while putting on the green is optional (per USPGA 2019 rules).
16. All other disputes will be settled "in-person" at a scheduled meeting with the Rules Committee members.
17. All questions concerning prizes and handicaps shall be referred to Andrew Harrison, league secretary.
18. If a team misses a week of golfing without a valid excuse, each team player will lose 5 points for that week.
19. Players must be 75 years of age to use the Red tee markers and 65 years of age to use the Yellow tee markers.
20. All league members must be 18 years of age or a high school graduate.
21. Subs will be able to participate in the year-end steak feed for a fee of \$10.00.
22. TEAMS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR VERIFYING THEIR SCORES & POINTS. SCORECARDS MUST BE SIGNED!