

2022 Best Damn Golf League Format:

1. **LEAGUE START DATE-** Monday April 25th and ends September 19th (19 weeks) with no golf on Memorial Day, July 4th and Labor Day.
2. **LEAGUE SCHEDULE-** The league will consist of 18 weeks of golf and a championship/fun night/banquet. League play will be divided equally into 2 halves with a first half champ playing the 2nd half champ in a week 19 championship match. Point totals will reset to zero to start the 2nd half. The championship match at the end of the year will consist of a match play format. 1 point per hole with 2 points earned for low net on the match, therefore 11 points total.
3. **DIVISIONS-** There will be 3 divisions based on skill level. You will be matched up weekly against your division opponents ONLY.
4. **MATCHES-** Each week you will compete in a low net (shots under handicap) match vs. the other players in your division. With 15 players in each division. The player who is most shots under their handicap each week will be 1st place for the week and receive the most points. For example, 15 points for 1st, 14 for second place and so forth. Actual handicaps will be used.
5. **SKINS, PINS and LOW NET-** There will be 2 skins divisions based again on skill level. League is split in half according to entering league handicaps. We will NOT handicap skins this year.
 - \$2.00 per entire league to cover the 2 pin shots.
 - \$1.00 per each player, for low net in each division. Divided accordingly by number of players in each division.
 - Remaining pot for skins. Divided accordingly by number of players in each division.You must be in all 3 to participate. You must also be there on Mondays to be included and tee off after 4pm. ALL payouts will be done via Venmo after each Monday.
6. **TEE TIMES-** A tee time schedule will be sent out weekly, usually over the weekend. Groups must tee off with 4 golfers at all times. If a group only has 3 golfers and are heading to the tee box, a golfer may move up and join them. You must get the ok from John Rogers, Jim Mirtich or myself. No sneaking your buddy in and cutting someone out. Please do not be late for your tee time. But if you are running late, send a group email out asap. If you are going to miss on a Monday and know in advance (vacation) email me asap, please don't wait until the last minute after I put you on the tee time schedule if at all possible.
7. **SPONSORSHIP-** Bennetts sports bar at 19616 W.130th St in Strongsville (2 minutes from course) will be our sponsor this year. Robin is very excited to see us all back there. We will meet at Bennetts directly after you finish your round each week. If you can't make it over, send your scorecard over with another golfer. Bennetts will be providing all of our food at the midpoint of the year (at Bennetts) so please do your best every week to patronize. Please don't be that guy who doesn't come up to Bennetts all year then shows up on free food night wondering where all the free food is. Pine hills will pay us out cash at the end of the year based on league weekly attendance. This becomes pretty substantial. I need that money for our end of year banquet so please do all you can to golf and show up at Bennetts for at least 1 beer. We do track your weekly attendance at Pine Hills for the entire year.
8. **THREE MAN PANEL-** A 3-man panel of JOHN ROGERS, JIM MIRTICH and myself will handle any and all golf/match related issues and respond within a 24-hour period if possible. JOHN YANTEK has volunteered to assist at Bennetts in collecting score cards and entering your scores.

9a. USGA RULES- We will use MOST USGA rules, but we ask that you talk within your group during your match to try and resolve issues regarding: lies, point of entry, lost ball (not in hazard) and OB rules. Going back to the tee will not be used on lost tee shots out of bounds or on any shots for that matter, instead a 2-club length drop at point of entry plus 1 stroke penalty will be used. "Point Of Entry" is defined as where the ball begins to go out of bounds or over water, NOT WHERE THE BALL ENDS UP. Or at the players discretion can take a lateral drop from point of entry into the middle of the fairway with a 2-stroke penalty. We ask that you come to an agreement and play on. A ball coming to rest in a sand bunker that has standing water is the only time a ball can be removed and dropped outside the bunker area.

9b- THIS YEAR- COURSES CAN ISSUE A LOCAL OB RULE WHICH ALLOWS YOU TO DROP Laterally IN FAIRWAY IN DIRECT LINE FROM ENTRY BUT 2 STROKE PENALTY. so you will now have the option of 1 stroke penalty at point of entry + 2 club lengths or 2 stroke fairway drop in direct line.

10. OTHER PLAYING RULES- Pick and clean will be used in fairways only. No touching or moving the ball in rough, sand or opposite fairways. No grounding the club when hitting out of the hazard.

UNDER BAD WEATHER CONDITIONS - Winter rules apply in your own fairway, you may pick up and move your ball up to 12 inches -no closer to the hole.

PICK AND CLEAN EVERYWHERE if pine hills has a "cart path only rule" for that day....

NO GIMMIES on par or birdie putts. I repeat NO GIMMIES ON PAR OR BIRDIE PUTTS!!!

11. HANDICAPS- Handicaps will be based on your last 7 rounds minus your high and low rounds. So it's more of a current average not season average. Until week 7, high and low rounds will not be subtracted.

12. LEAGUE FEES- A \$75.00 league fee will be collected by Jim Mirtich this year via venmo, cash or check. League fee must be paid by APRIL 25th 2022 in order to earn any points. No exceptions.

13. MAKE UP ROUNDS- You can make up a round you know you are going to miss prior to that Monday but no more than 7 days in advance (vacation/business travel) you must call the course (we have no arrangement with pine hills on make ups) to set up a tee time. Usually Saturday or Sunday evenings are best. You will probably pay weekend rates. When you're done, take a picture of the scorecard with the date you are making up and your last name on card. This year we will have a separate email address for scorecards to be sent. SEND MAKE UP ROUND CARD PHOTO TO: BestDamnGolf@icloud.com and richcorso9@gmail.com...

14) Our end of the year golf banquet this year will be Monday Sept.26th at around 6:30pm (no scheduled golf that day) at Grindstone Taphouse in Berea at 826 Front St. Where we will pass out our divisional winners awards, prizes for everyone, end of the year stats, great food and lots of beer, so hold this date as you don't want to miss out.

15. And finally-don't hesitate to call or email with any questions you may have regarding this format sheet or anything else. Richie-216-802-8302//email-richcorso9@gmail.com