**Okeana Whackers Golf Association**

## **Official Rules & Format**

### **📍 League Overview**

* **Location:** Indian Ridge Golf Course
* **Day/Time:** Friday Evenings – First group tees off at **5:00 PM**

### **💰 Entry & Fees**

* **League Fee:** $100 per player (due before season start)
* **Weekly Green Fees:** $29 per player
* **Optional Weekly Skins Game:** $20 per team
  + $10 each or one player can pay full $20 to collect all potential winnings

### **🏌️ Format & Pairings**

* **Play Style:** 2-Man Scramble
  + Both players hit each shot and choose the best of the two, then both hit again from that spot
  + If an **odd number of players**: one solo player plays two balls for each shot
* **Weekly Pairings:** Based on **running average + current rank**
  + 1st ranked player is paired with the last ranked, 2nd with 2nd to last, etc.
* **Season Rank:** Based on **prior year’s results**
  + Rank is used for pairing and tie-breaking purposes
* **RSVP Deadline:** Wednesday evening each week
  + If you do not RSVP by the deadline, you are **not guaranteed a spot**

### **🏆 Regular Season Scoring**

* **Total Weeks:** 12
* **Scoring Weeks Counted:** Best 6 scores
  + If more than 6 weeks are attended, only lowest 6 scores are counted
  + **Rainouts affect scoring:**
    - 1 rainout = 5 best scores count
    - 3 rainouts = 4 best scores count

### **🏌️‍♂️ League Rules & Conduct**

#### **🔹 Pace of Play**

* Groups must keep up with the group in front of them.
* Maximum time to search for a lost ball: **3 minutes**
* **Ready Golf is encouraged** – If you're ready and it's safe to hit, go ahead — no need to wait for honors or order.
* **Keep it moving** – Limit pre-shot routines, take no more than 3 minutes to find a lost ball, and aim to finish 9 holes in under 2 hours.
* **Max Score Per Hole: Double Bogey** – pick up and move on

#### **🔹 Lie & Relief Rules**

* **Lie Improvement:**
  + You may **place** your ball **within 1 club length** of the selected shot **no closer to the hole**, staying in the **same cut** (fairway-to-fairway, rough-to-rough, sand-to-sand)
  + **No placing on fringe/green if original shot was in rough or vice versa**
* **Unplayable Lies:**
  + If a ball comes to rest in a clearly unplayable lie — such as:
    - Against the base of a tree or exposed root
    - In standing water not marked as casual water
    - Embedded in thick natural vegetation, such as honeysuckle or dense brush near the tree line
  + You may take free relief of 1 club length, no closer to the hole, within the same condition (i.e., rough-to-rough, fairway-to-fairway, dirt-to-dirt, tallgrass-to-tallgrass).
  + **This does not apply to light tree lines or normal rough — it must be a situation where a reasonable swing is not possible or where there is a high risk of injury or equipment damage.**
* **Out of Bounds/Lost Ball:**
  + **Lateral OB/Lost Ball Rule:** If a ball is lost or goes out of bounds, take a **1-stroke penalty** and drop the ball **within 2 club lengths of where it last crossed the boundary or was last seen**, **no closer to the hole**.
    - Hole 10 both players hit over the pond they would play where the ball went from going over land to going over water.
  + **Exception – Hole 7:** If **both players hit into the pond** on Hole 7 off the tee, you must **re-tee with a 1-stroke penalty** (traditional stroke-and-distance applies here only).
* **Ground Under Repair:**
  + Use course markings or group consensus; **free drop allowed** within 1 club length
* **Putting Surface:**
  + Mark and clean ball before putting is allowed
  + Both players may putt; if either makes the putt, the team proceeds

#### **🔹 Miscellaneous**

* **Tees:**
  + Men: standard men’s tees
  + Seniors (65+): forward tees
* **No Mulligans**
* **All putts must be holed unless within a putter grip and conceded by the other group.**
* **Previous 2 champions** will play from the tips during the regular season. On championship day they will play from normal tees.

### **🎯 Championship Rules – August 23**

* **Format:** 18 Holes
  + **Partners switch at the turn (after 9 holes)**
* **Participation:** **Mandatory** to win payouts - If you cannot attend, you forfeit your league fee and chance for payout.
* **Payouts:**
  + Top 8 finishers
  + Front 9 Champion Partner(s)
  + Back 9 Champion Partner(s)

### **👑 Defending Champions:** Zak Curry - 2024 Randall Bulach - 2025