

# Aurora Couple's League

## 2023 Information

### Welcome

Thank you for considering the Aurora Couples League. Please find a registration form and Schedule of events form attached.

Couples League was developed for a **FUN 9-hole** opportunity for players of all abilities. All our events are set up with the spirit of an all-inclusive field in mind. From players NEW to competition, to Seasoned Golfers, we provide a social, weekly golf event environment for all.

Registration begins on the receipt of this packet. The league is open to all interested couples. The fee for registration is \$60 per couple. (or \$30 per player). All application must be submitted with both partners and fees on a single application. We can not pair you. This fee covers the use of Golf Genius and "Special Games", (closest to pin, long putt, etc.).

League play for "WEEKLY GAME PRIZES" is allowed only with your **registered** partner.

Regular Season games will be played at Meadow Hills, Aurora Hills and Springhill. There will be a chance we will have some post season games at Murphy Creek and Saddle Rock if carts and staffing are available. Meadow Hills will sponsor our Champion games. Aurora Hills will sponsor our end of year shotgun and banquet.

### Divisions

There will be two divisions. The "Competitive Division", and a "Casual Division" It is the choice of each couple which "Division" you play in. The basic difference between the divisions are: The "Competitive Division" is for a slightly more experienced/competitive golfing pair. In this division we require each person to use a minimum of 4 drives or 4 scores per game. For "Casual Division" we require 3 drives or scores per game.

Members who have USGA or GHIN handicaps please use that number when registering. For members who do not have GHIN numbers we ask that you start the league events, with what you believe, to be the average of your 9-hole score. Team "handicaps" will be maintained by using a handicap based on your team's ability, not individual HDCP after team ability is assessed. Everyone's handicap on your team will be adjusted to reflect the overall ability of the team. We will update that on a monthly basis. Teams that over perform multiple times above the average will lose handicap, teams underperforming consistently will be given additional handicap. Last years team HDCP will be used for returning members. If any returning members feel their HDCP should be adjusted, please let me know on your registration form.

### Weekly Games

Our goal is to provide FUN, team-oriented games each week. We will provide game descriptions each week to guide you and will have staff on hand to answer questions. All contests are played under the USGA rules of golf. For competition, rules keep the contest fair, however, we ask all couples to help each other as this may be the first formal competition for some and we want to keep the tone of the league FUN! If you see something let the couple know and if questions arise ask a professional for clarification. Teaching/Learning moments in golf are priceless.

Weekly games may only be competed for by registered couples. If your partner is unable to play on a given week, you are welcome to come and play and bring a guest. You will not be included in the "WEEKLY GAME PRIZES" The MEMBER may play along with the league for the "SPECIAL GAME PRIZES". If this situation arises, we ask that you allow couples playing in the nightly game, to have the 1<sup>st</sup> opportunity to book tee times. Single members or

members playing with a guest are asked not to register before the Wednesday before the game and to leave all times prior to 4pm for weekly game participants.

Preseason games for 2023 will began April 14<sup>th</sup> and end April 28<sup>th</sup>. Regular Season starts May 5<sup>th</sup> and ends August 25<sup>th</sup>. Extended League play will begin Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> and end Sept. 29<sup>th</sup>. League Championship will be held August 18<sup>th</sup> and August 25<sup>th</sup>. Extended league play games will be paid out 100% of all moneys collected each night of play. All games are played on Friday evenings.

## **Tee Times**

Tee times will begin at 2pm and run until 6pm. Most of the courses will give us 10-minute times. Some will be 9 minutes. All tee times will made through GOLF GENUIS. After you are registered, we will send you and invitation for using the Golf Genius software. Every Saturday, at 2pm the portal will open, portal closes at 12pm on Thursdays. You will be able to sign up yourself and 3 other players. Tee times go fast, so set your alarm.

## **Tees**

Tees used weekly will be determined according to which course is played. Meadow Hills, ladies play SILVER tees, men play WHITE. Aurora Hills, ladies play RED tees men play WHITE. Springhill, Ladies play GOLD tees, men play GREEN.

## **Prize Winning**

If you win during the season your winnings will be allocated to a credit book. Each member of the team may have their own credit book account or you can pool all winnings into one account. Winnings placed in two separate accounts cannot be combined to use on a purchase. Please let us know your preference on the registration form. These winnings will expire on December 31, 2023. Winnings are redeemable at any/all Aurora Golf courses. Be prepared to show identification when utilizing credit book for purchasing.

If you currently have separate accounts and wish them to be combined, please inform Rose.

## **Event Night Fees**

In addition to greens fees and cart fees (if desired) all participants will pay a \$5.00 league fee. This will cover the weekly prize fund and 2 mulligans per player. These fee's go into the prize pool for that night's contest with a portion allocated to the league championship. 100% of these fees will be paid out to league members during the season. (90% paid out each for each weekly event, 10% reserved for Club Championship).

## **Pace of Play**

**MAXIMUM TIME LIMIT – 2hrs/2hrs 15min.- or less for 9 holes. Depending on the course.** The Aurora Couples League is dedicated to being an inclusive-socially-competitive-fun-atmosphere, but we need to be sticklers for pace of play. We want to insure all groups finish in a reasonable time, so later groups have adequate time to finish. Please do your best to keep up with the group in front of you and finish at or under the specified time. If repeated failure to maintain reasonable pace, you may be required to take one of the last times.

**Thank you for considering the Aurora Couples League as a playing option for you in 2023. Please don't hesitate to ask any questions that you may have. We are here to help!**

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