



City of Milford, Connecticut

2024 RULES AND REGULATIONS – ADULT GOLF LEAGUE AT THE ORCHARDS

1. Administrative Fee: \$80.00 per team. Individual player registration is free.
2. Players must be 18 years of age. All players must register online at www.milfordrecreation.com in order to be eligible to play. There is no Milford residency requirement.
3. Players must supply their own equipment and pay own greens fees for nine holes.
4. Roster size is unlimited. Only four people per team compete officially each week. Completed rosters must be submitted to the League Director 24 hours prior to your first scheduled match.
5. Additions or substitutions to rosters can be made **any time prior** to your match via www.milfordrecreation.com.
6. Substitutions, transfers, or additions to rosters will be permitted until June 19th of the current year.
7. Matches will be Nine Hole Match Play. A total of six points may be won in a match. 1 vs 1, 2 vs 2, 3 vs 3 & 4 vs 4 for 1 point each, scored using handicaps – totaling 4points. The remaining 2 points are “best ball,” scored without handicaps 1 & 2 vs 1 & 2 for 1 point and 3 & 4 vs 3 & 4 for 1 point. The league Director is responsible for tabulating results.
8. USGA rules will govern except where local course rules or special league rules are specified.
9. Starting times are contracted through The Orchards Golf Course. Teams are responsible for fielding a team each week during their contracted starting time.
10. **All matches will be played rain or shine.** The Milford Recreation Department makes no decisions regarding cancellations, they are solely at the discretion of The Orchards. Please do not call the Recreation Department; **if there are any questions regarding the postponement of a week's match, contact The Orchards directly at 203-877-8200**, no earlier than 3:00 please.; The Orchards are responsible for making all weather-related decisions. The Recreation Department will send a notification to all participants in the event of a known schedule change made by The Orchards.
11. If The Orchards cancel or you are called off the course...all un-played matches will be scored using **next week's results** (double “paper” match). If you completed your round

and wish to submit your card as is, just leave your scorecard in the cigar box as normal, your score will be calculated as normal the following week. Any cards left in the cigar box WILL BE SCORED (complete or incomplete round).

12. If a team knows that they cannot play during their scheduled tee-time on a particular day. Teams **MAY**, with approval from The Orchards, move their tee-time to earlier in the day/week. **Rule of thumb:** Teams may play their round off schedule if needed, if approved by The Orchards to do so. Regardless of when you play, the scorecards are due in the cigar box weekly on Thursdays by 7:30p. The League Director reserves the right to make any decision he feels to be in the best interest of the league.

Your scorecard **MUST BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS:**

13. Player's last name and first initial must be listed on the scorecard in order of handicap (lowest first, highest last).
14. Each player's handicap must be listed on the scorecard next to each player's name. **FAILURE TO SUBMIT SCORECARDS PROPERLY WILL RESULT IN A FORFEIT.** Completed scorecards also are to be left in the cigar box at the conclusion of your round.
15. Captains or designated representatives are responsible for submitting correct scorecards after each match and HE/ SHE MUST SIGN SCORECARD (all players should, but are not required to sign the scorecard).
16. New players will be given a handicap of **six (6)**. This is based upon the average handicap of all returning players. **Players will be re-handicapped every week through the final week of the regular season.**
17. Ties in Playoffs shall be broken as follows: 1. A team competing with less than four players shall be declared the loser 2. Total team score minus handicap. 2. Team net score by hole difficulty.
18. PENALTIES: LOST BALL, OUT OF BOUNDS - All penalties are one stroke. This is a league rule only, intended to speed up play.
19. Drop in approximate area where ball entered.
20. The maximum handicap strokes per round a player can receive is **five (5)**.
21. All regular season matches are "paper" matches. Your scorecards shall be signed and submitted to the clubhouse (cigar box) at The Orchards. The following day the scores will be tabulated against your opponent's. Please submit your actual scores. Scoring/ results are based upon our handicap system and the honor system. If cheating is found out by any one player: that player's whole team risks expulsion from the league.
22. Dress code recommends shirts with collars and metal spikes are prohibited.
23. ETIQUETTE: (To speed up play)
- Slow groups should permit faster groups to play through (continued slow play will result in the re-assignment of your tee time).**
 - Play all shots promptly and leave green immediately after all players have holed out.

- c. Short putts should be putted out rather than having the farthest from hole putt next.
 - d. **Call the team behind you onto the green where holes indicate to do so.**
 - e. No provisional shots.
 - f. The Recreation Department reserves the right to modify the number of matches played in the event of multiple rainouts. This includes the altering of the schedule and the league format.
24. Those that play in any other Golf League run by the Milford Recreation Department are not eligible to participate in this league.
 25. In the event of cancellations or inclement weather, the League Director reserves the right to re-assign tee-times in order to play necessary matches to determine league champion.
 26. THE RECREATION DEPARTMENT RESERVES THE RIGHT TO MAKE ANY DECISIONS IT FEELS TO BE IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE LEAGUE, THE MILFORD RECREATION DEPT. AND/OR THE CITY OF MILFORD. THIS INCLUDES BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO THE REASSIGNMENT OF TEE-TIMES, ALL DECISIONS OF THE LEAGUE DIRECTOR ARE FINAL.
 27. A forfeit is declared if a team fields a lineup of less than three players. Two or more forfeits warrant expulsion from the league unless extenuating circumstances exist.
 28. It is the coach's responsibility to make these Rules & Regulations available to all of his teammates.
 29. Coaches are responsible for assigning a proxy in the event of his/her absence to ensure that scorecards are completed and submitted correctly. ALL LEAGUE CORRESPONDENCE WILL BE SENT ELECTRONICALLY.