



**Little John Golf League is an established *golf club with no real-estate* comprised of members who wish to play and promote the Game of Golf.**

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Little John Golf League is a Greater Houston area traveling golf league. Regular tournament events are held on Sunday mornings and generally are scheduled for every other weekend. We play golf year-round with our season beginning in mid-October and ending with a season ending two day (one weekend) League Championship early the following October.

All events are individual net stroke play events using handicaps established within the GHIN handicapping system. Each event consists of two (2) flights split by low handicaps and higher handicaps. Each event has “closest to the pin” competitions on all par 3s and competition for “most birdies” on each 9 holes. At each event, an optional gross skins game is also available.

“By the Rules” – Little John League play is conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf. There are no “mulligans” and there are no “gimme” putts, signing an incorrect scorecard CAN get a player DQd, failure to sign a scorecard will get a player DQd. It is the responsibility of each member to know the Rules of Golf as set forward by the USGA. Further information about the Rules can be found in this document and on the internet at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org).

Membership is open to anyone, male or female, who is of “amateur status”, as defined by the USGA who loves the game of golf and is aware of how the game itself is played. Age is not a criteria of membership. Ability is not a criteria for membership as all members must have a USGA handicap. If a person seeking membership does not have an established USGA handicap, it only takes 3 rounds in the league to establish a handicap. Members should enjoy playing under the pressure of a competitive net stroke play event conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf and the opportunity to meet and play golf with others who share their love for the game of golf.

An individual is welcome to check the league out without obligation to become a member by playing as a Guest in any regular league event at a reduced rate. Guests are not eligible for prizes.

Membership in Little John Golf League is \$50 annually.

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## **MEMBERSHIP IN THE LEAGUE and DUES INFORMATION**

Membership in Little John League is open to anyone of “amateur status”, as defined by the USGA, and is required for eligibility to, (1) Participate for any regular tournament event competition prizes, including the League sponsored skins game, and (2) Participate in the “League Championship” tournament (other eligibility requirements exist).

**DUES:** Membership dues are \$50.00 per League year, payable by the third (3) scheduled tournament or no later than forty five (45) days after playing your first round of the year with the Little John Golf League. See **DUES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY TOURNAMENT WINNINGS IN THE EVENT DUES FOR LEAGUE YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN PAID** which supersedes this section. **PRORATED DUES:** - Anyone joining the league when there are only 4 events remaining in the season will pay a prorated amount for dues of \$10

**GRACE PERIOD FOR NEW MEMBERS FOR THE PAYING OF ANNUAL DUES:** Little John Golf League realizes that a person may want to come out and participate in an event or two to see if they really like playing in the League. But, they may also want to be eligible to compete for any or all prize opportunities, depending upon their regular or Special Flight status. In order to afford this opportunity to such a person interested in joining Little John Golf League, a new member may elect to not pay their dues at the first event or the second event in which they participate. Before the new member can play in the 3<sup>rd</sup> event, they must pay in full their annual dues. See **DUES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY TOURNAMENT WINNINGS IN THE EVENT DUES FOR LEAGUE YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN PAID** which supersedes this section.

**DUES WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM ANY TOURNAMENT WINNINGS IN THE EVENT DUES FOR LEAGUE YEAR HAVE NOT BEEN PAID:** If a player has not paid his or her dues for the league year but wins place money, birdie money, skins money, or closest to the pin money...the League will hold up to the amount of the unpaid annual dues from the player as partial or whole payment of the dues before the player is paid any tournament winnings.

**GUESTS** – Membership in the league allows members to schedule and bring one or more guests to our tournaments. The guest will be charged \$3.00 over green fee, which will go to our League Championship tournament. The guest will NOT be allowed to play for closest the pin and birdie money. If, the guest wants to play for closest and birdie money they must join the league. Hopefully this will allow individuals to try out the league and they will join the league. Also, guests are NOT ALLOWED to participate in the skins game.

### **DEFINITION OF LEAGUE YEAR:**

The “League Year” begins with the first tournament event following the end of year 2 day League Championship and ends at the completion of the new end of year 2 day League Championship. Generally October to October each year.

## **INCENTIVE TO BRING NEW MEMBERS INTO THE LEAGUE**

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If a member brings in a person who joins the League, for the first time, the member will receive a \$10 incentive reduction in his/her next tournament entry fee once the new member has paid his/her full dues. If the person is coming into the League late in the season and is paying reduced dues, the member will not receive credit until the incoming person pays his full dues the next season. This same incentive is applicable if a member brings back a former member who has not belonged to the league for 2 full seasons and that former member joins again paying full dues.

## **HANDICAPS – LEAGUE and OFFICIAL USGA**

Little John Golf League utilizes the GHIN handicapping system for members to set official USGA handicaps. The maximum handicap a member may have in any Little John event is 36. For each event, the Handicap Chairman, or his designee, will determine each player’s handicap for the event based upon USGA/GHIN rules using his/her established handicap. If a member has both regular and tournament scores mixed into their GHIN handicap, the player will play to the lower of the two (tournament handicap vs. regular handicap) in Little John League events.

### **DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A LJGL LEAGUE HANDICAP AND AN OFFICIAL USGA HANDICAP**

LJGL league handicap - can be established by playing in a minimum of 3 LJGL events and once established player is eligible to compete for place money in any LJGL event other than the League Championship.

Official USGA handicap - requires 5 rounds to be completed and is a requirement to play for place money in the League Championship.

## **LEAGUE HANDICAPS - continued**

### **ESTABLISHING A LEAGUE HANDICAP**

#### **New member with a non-GHIN established, verifiable handicap:**

A new member joining the league with an established, verifiable handicap may join as a full member and is eligible to play for the prizes to be awarded. The first round such a member plays will be played at his established handicap. After round one, the member will play to a handicap based upon the lowest score he has shot in a Little John's event up until the time his/her GHIN handicap is established.

#### **New member with an established GHIN handicap:**

Anyone joining the League with an established GHIN handicap can begin League play as a full member eligible to play for the prizes to be awarded as long as they bring their current GHIN handicap card with them at the time they join. Their current GHIN handicap will be combined with Little John Golf League for GHIN handicapping purposes. The member will be considered to have a "Little John League Handicap" once he/she has played 3 LJGL events.

#### **New member who does not have an established handicap:**

A new member joining the league who does not have an established, verifiable handicap is placed in a "special flight" and is eligible to play for the birdie and closest to the pin prizes but not the tournament net winner prizes. Three (3) scores are required from "special flight" members to establish a member handicap. Members who have completed the 3 rounds as Special Flight members will play subsequent rounds to a handicap based upon the lowest score they have shot up until the time his/her GHIN handicap is established.

### **MAINTAINING LEAGUE HANDICAPS**

League handicaps, prior to becoming official USGA handicaps are maintained by the Handicap Chairman.

### **ESTABLISHING AN OFFICIAL USGA HANDICAP**

Once a player has joined LJGL and has played 5 rounds, player's name will be submitted to GHIN by the Handicap Chairman and player's handicap will begin being updated and tracked thru GHIN.

### **MAINTAINING USGA HANDICAPS**

The Handicap Chairman, or his designee, is responsible for uploading League tournament scores to GHIN. Members are also allowed to post non-League scores to their handicap. All LJGL event scores will be posted as "Tournament" scores for handicapping purposes.

### **NEW MEMBERS FAILING TO REPORT THEY HAVE AN ESTABLISHED HANDICAP ELSEWHERE:**

Golf is an honorable game. Any new member joining Little John Golf League who has an established USGA handicap is expected to report the fact that they have an established handicap, what that handicap is, and what association the handicap is established with. Failure to do so can result in suspension or expulsion from Little John Golf League and forfeiture of dues.

## **GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

### **Tournament Notification:**

**IT IS THE MEMBER'S RESPONSIBILITY TO NOTIFY THE LEAGUE OF INTENT TO PLAY IN LEAGUE TOURNAMENT EVENTS.** Approximately 12 days prior to the next Little John Golf League tournament, members with email addresses will be notified via email requesting the member respond if they intend to play in the next tournament. Little Johns also maintains a "call list" from the member roster of regular members. League officers will attempt to contact those members on the call list to question their attendance at the next League tournament. From the email responses and the call list responses, Little John gives the tournament course a head count for the coming event. The tournament course will adjust the number of tee times allowed Little John Golf League based upon the headcount given the course. Therefore, it is important for members who want to play in league events to confirm with a League officer their intent to play.

### **Tournament Pairings:**

Tournament pairings are done mostly via the Blind Draw method for all non-2day event tournaments. League Officers and/or League Rules Committee members may be placed in specific groups. The results of the "call list" and the members who respond via email are used in preparing the Blind Draw. The pairing list will not be changed at the tournament unless there are no-shows and changes are necessary to balance out the pairings. See section **HOW PAIRINGS FOR 2DAY EVENTS ARE DETERMINED.** As a general rule of thumb, the first group of the day **SHOULD NOT BE A THREESOME.** Unless mandated by the golf course, no group should be a fivesome.

### **Tournament day CHECK-IN:**

All members are required to arrive for the tournament one (1) hour prior to the first tee time for Check-in. The Official Players Roster will be closed thirty (30) minutes prior to the first tee time. Players arriving after the Official Roster is closed, may not be eligible for prize money in the tournament.

## **GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION - continued**

### **Payment of tournament entry fee:**

Members pay all events except the 2 day League Championship on the day of the event. Payment can be in cash or check. **Sorry, the League is not equipped to take credit cards.**

### **Tournament WAITING LIST:**

Tournament courses do not give Little John Golf League an unlimited number of tee times. Once each course is given the headcount for the coming event, the course takes away any unnecessary tee times Little John had originally booked. Therefore, once the headcount is given to the course anyone requesting to play will be placed on a waiting list with no guarantee there will be an opening for him or her on the day of the event. The waiting list will be a first-call/first-serve basis without guarantees of getting to play. No-show spots on the day of the tournament can be filled with any members who are present at the course on the basis of position on the waiting list first, then first to arrive at the course and ask to play.

### **Tournament NO-SHOW policy:**

Once the golf course has been given head count numbers for an event, any player who committed via email or verbally to play in a Little John tournament event and then is a NO-SHOW at the event will be required to pay the cart/green fee for that tournament before they can play in another League event, if the League is charged for no-shows on the day of the tournament. It is understandable that emergencies arise. However, emergency or not, if the League has to pay for the player as a no-show, the player must reimburse the league before the player can play in another League event. Calling to report that you will not be playing in the event after the headcount has been given to the course does not guarantee you will not be charged for being a no-show, if the League has to pay. In the event of multiple no-shows, the amount the League has to pay for any no-shows will be divided up equally between all of those who committed to play and then was a no-show.

### **General information about tournament schedule:**

Little John tournaments will be scheduled and printed from two (2) to six (6) months in advance whenever possible. The schedules will be emailed to those members who have email and will be available at the tournament events upon request. Information contained on the schedule is subject to change due to circumstances that Little John has no control over.

## **CONDUCT BEFORE/DURING/AFTER LEAGUE EVENTS**

Members are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, proper and safe manner when they are on any property associated with the golf course where a Little John event is being held. If a member has a problem or takes issue with anything that has been said or done by a staff member of the hosting golf course, that member is to bring this to the attention of one or more of the League officers as quickly as possible. Under no circumstances is the member to take action themselves without first consulting with a League officer. Under no circumstances should a Little John member ever engage in conversation considered to be disrespectful, profane, vulgar, or argumentative with the course personnel. This includes, and is not solely limited to, the pro shop staff, grounds keepers, cart attendants, beverage cart attendants, snack bar/restaurant personnel or anyone else associated with the golf course. The League officer(s) shall determine if any action is to be taken by the League on behalf of that member.

If a situation has arisen that a member feels needs to be addressed back to the golf course facility once an event is over, that member is to consult with the League Officers and a course of action will be decided upon by the Officers of Little John Golf League in conjunction with that member.

No member should ever take any actions independently that could result in Little John Golf League not being welcomed back to a facility. If a member does take action, independent of the League, they are not to use the name Little John Golf League, must not claim to represent Little John Golf League, and shall not claim to speak on behalf of or for Little John Golf League. Members who do not comply with this rule are subject to losing their playing privileges with Little John Golf League for a period of time, up to and including total expulsion from the League, to be determined by vote of the Little John Golf League officers.

Furthermore, Little John Golf League holds events at many golf courses where residences can be found immediately adjacent to the golf course. Events are normally held on weekends and, as such, many times men, ladies, and children may be outside these residences. Each member of Little John Golf League is expected to use language and a tone of voice that would not be considered disrespectful or vulgar around children. Shouting vulgarities loudly is simply not acceptable behavior. Yes, it is golf on a golf course, but members are expected to be mindful of the surroundings. Members will be warned once. Instances occurring again can result in the loss of playing privileges with Little John Golf League for a period of time to be determined by the officers of Little John Golf League.

Each member must be aware, we are a GUEST, albeit a paying guest, at these facilities. For the most part, we are not doing the golf courses a favor by bringing our events to their facility. It is the golf course that is doing our League a favor by hosting our event. Most courses could just as easily utilize the tee times we reserve for their normal paying clientele.

## **LEAGUE EVENT – “Conditions of Competition”**

*All tournament play is conducted under the USGA Rules of Golf and under Local Rules of the course being played. As permitted by the USGA Rules of Golf Rule 33-1 Little John Golf League may invoke “Local Rules” also that govern play.*

### **A: PACE OF PLAY**

A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke. An additional 10 seconds (for a total of 50 seconds) will be allowed for:

- a) The first player to play a stroke on a par 3 hole.
- b) The first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole.
- c) The first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole.
- d) The first player to play a stroke around the putting green.
- e) The first player to play a stroke on the putting green

The timing of a player’s stroke will begin the player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his ball, it is the player’s turn to play and player can do so without interference or distraction.

Time spent determining yardages and club selection will count as part of the time taken from the allowance for the next stroke.

On the putting green, time spent looking at the line from various angles will count as part of the time taken from the allowance for the next stroke. However, time spent to lift, clean and replace the ball on the putting green; repairing ball marks on line of putt and removing loose impediments shall not count towards the time allowance.

Each group is expected to keep up with the group ahead of them.

For any group who falls more than one full hole behind, every member of that group is subject to being penalized 1 stroke by the Tournament Committee.

For any group who falls more than two full holes behind, every member of that group is subject to being penalized 2 strokes or possible disqualification by the Tournament Committee.

### **B: TEE BOXES**

Determination of what tee boxes will be played at each course is made by the Handicap Chairman. In his absence, a member of the Rules Committee will establish which tees will be used. Such determination will be based upon several factors, including course length from each set of tee boxes, slope and course rating from each set of tee boxes, and equal fairness to all members playing in the event.

### **C: DEFINITION OF SENIOR MEN MEMBERS**

Men members who are 55 years of age and older are defined as Senior Men members for the purpose of determining which tee boxes Senior Men members may play from.

### **D: TEE BOX DESIGNATION FOR SENIOR MEN**

The Senior Men’s tee boxes are defined as one set forward from the tee boxes designated as Regular Men’s tee boxes in Item “A” above, in the Little John Rules and Information, unless that set of tee boxes are determined to be the Ladies Tee Boxes. In the event there is no Senior tee box or a tee box between the Regular Men’s tees and the tee box the Ladies will be using, the Senior members will play from the Regular Men’s tees and their handicap will not be adjusted.

### **E: ADJUSTMENT OF HANDICAPS WHEN WE HAVE PLAYERS PLAYING FROM MULTIPLE TEE BOXES IN THE EVENT**

The USGA Handicap Manual, Section 3-5, dictates that an adjustment must be made for purposes of equalization of handicaps. <http://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/manual/index.html> The USGA also provides, in Appendix D, a sample letter that a Tournament Committee may use to explain to its membership why these adjustments must be made. The USGA also explains in Decision 3-5/2 of the Handicap Manual that a golf club and committee in charge of the competitions, such as Little John Golf League, does not have the authority to waive a Rule of Golf and cannot elect not to apply the adjustments. Further, the USGA Handicap Manual Decision 3-5/1 allows the committee to make a decision as to whether to increase the handicap, per the adjustment formula, of the players playing from the tees with the more difficult course rating or to lower the handicap, per the adjustment formula, of the players playing from the tees with the less difficult course rating. Little John Golf League has made the decision to lower the handicaps of the players playing from the tees with the less difficult course rating. Please be aware, the net effect of the adjustment is no different if a club elects to increase or decrease the handicaps

### **F: OPTION TO PLAY FROM REGULAR MEN’S TEE BOXES INSTEAD OF SENIOR MEN’S TEE BOXES OR LADIES TEE BOXES**

Any player who is eligible to play from the Senior Men’s tee boxes or the Ladies tee boxes may elect to play instead from the Regular Men’s tee boxes. However, the player must make this election at the time they sign-in for the event and their handicap will be established at that time. Once a player makes the election to play from the Regular Men’s tee boxes, their handicap has been computed, and the handicap split for flight purposes has been determined for the event, the player may not change their mind and decide to move up to their normal tee box. Players who play from any tee box other than the box their handicap indicates they are to play from shall incur the applicable penalties as set forward in the USGA Rules of Golf.

**LEAGUE EVENT – “Conditions of Competition” continued**

**G: THE FOURTEEN CLUB RULE**

The fourteen (14) clubs per player rule is in effect. Violation of this rule is covered in the USGA Rules of Golf.

**H: EACH PLAYER MUST HAVE THEIR OWN SET OF CLUBS**

Sharing of clubs or playing from one bag is not allowed. Members shall not start the tournament without a set of clubs for their own use. Use of another competitors club(s) during play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and subject to the penalties described in the USGA Rules of Golf.

**I: PRACTICE ON A TOURAMENT COURSE**

Unless posted as a “local rule” by Little John Golf League for any one particular round, on the day(s) of the tournament a player shall not practice on the tournament course before a round. When two (2) rounds of competition are played over consecutive days on the same course, practice on the tournament course between rounds is prohibited. When two (2) rounds of competition are played over consecutive days on different courses, practice between rounds on the tournament course yet to be played is prohibited. Breach of this rule will result in disqualification.

**J: CRACKS IN THE EARTH – Local Rule**

Many courses we will play, especially in the hot dry summer months, have large cracks in the earth. If a player’s ball comes to rest in a crack in the earth and the ball is not in a hazard, the player may take relief by dropping as close to the original spot but no closer to the hole which give relief from the ball being in a crack in the earth. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course Through the Green.

**K: PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES Changed for 2009-2010 season.**

Other than the exceptions noted herein, the ball shall be played as it lies (as you find it).

Exceptions:

- (a) If relief is granted in the Rules of Golf, you should proceed as indicated in the Rules of Golf. **It is very important for members to be aware that the low handicap person, or any person in your group, is not deemed as being the Rules Official for your group. If you are unsure if you are entitled to relief, just because everyone in your group is either confused, not sure, or simply concurs with you that you should get relief (without first consulting the Rules of Golf), you need to be careful. If need be, play 2 balls and get a ruling after the round is over. Signing for an incorrect score after you have taken an illegal relief drop will get you DISQUALIFIED.**
- (b) Relief is granted via any Local Rule in the LJGL Conditions of Competition.

**L: LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE – Local Rule Changed for 2009-2010 season.**

In order for this local rule to be in effect for any LJGL event, the round must start this way. If the golf course has mandated Cart Path Only (CPO) prior to the commencement of the tournament and prior to the first group having teed off, “Lift, Clean and Place Through the Green except in Bunkers and Hazards” shall be in effect for the entire round, regardless of the status of CPO during the round.

If the round does not start out with this local rule in effect, it shall not be in effect even if CPO is mandated.

**Exception: A player may NOT take relief under this Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a *stroke* because of interference by anything other than an *abnormal ground conditions* or (b) interference by an *abnormal ground condition* would occur only through use of an unnecessarily abnormal *stance, swing or direction of play*.**

If the exception to this local rule criteria has not been met, the player is entitled to lift the ball and move it one club length in any direction that is not closer to the hole. In doing so, the player is entitled to clean the ball and place the ball (rather than dropping the ball) in preparation for the player’s next shot.

**M: AERATION HOLES – Local Rule**

“Through the green”, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course Through the Green.

**N: EMBEDDED BALL RULE – Local Rule**

The Embedded Ball Rule is in effect for all LJGL events. “Through the green”, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than in a hazard, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course Through the Green.

**Exception: A player may NOT take relief under this Rule if (a) it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a *stroke* because of interference by anything other than the embedded ball condition.**

**O: FIRE ANT MOUNDS – Local Rule**

A player is entitled to relief, without penalty, if his ball lies on a fire ant mound. A player is also entitled to relief, without penalty, if his stance requires him to stand on or dangerously close to a fire ant mound. In either of these situations, the ball is considered to be in GROUND UNDER REPAIR and relief is to be taken in accordance with the Ground Under Repair.

**LEAGUE EVENT – “Conditions of Competition” continued**

**P: PROVISIONAL BALL FOR A BALL THAT MAY BE IN A WATER HAZARD – Local Rule**

In a situation where a ball may be in a water hazard (including a lateral water hazard) of such character that, if the original ball is not found, it is known or virtually certain that it IS in the water hazard and trying to determine the fact that it is would unduly delay play, player may play a provisional ball under any options granted in Rule 26-1.

In order to invoke this Local Rule, the following applies:

First, the player must announce to his/her playing partners the intent of playing a provisional ball prior to doing so.

If the original ball is found OUTSIDE the water hazard, the provisional ball is abandoned and play must continue with the original ball.

If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue play with the ball played provisionally under Rule 26-1.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: Two Strokes**

**Q: MARGINS OF A WATER HAZARD NOT MARKED – Local Rule**

Not all courses are marked to USGA guidelines. In the absence of stakes or painted lines defining the margins of a water hazard, (1) The margin is defined to be the natural limits of the hazard, i.e. where the ground breaks down to form the depression containing the water. (2) The hazard is to be played as a Lateral Water Hazard.

**R: RELIEF FROM STONES IN BUNKERS – Local Rule**

Not all courses played in LJGL are well groomed. On occasions, stones may be found in bunkers. Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies) and player is entitled to remove stones found in bunkers. However, prior to removing any movable obstruction, player shall announce his intention to do so to his playing partners and allow them to observe.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: Two strokes**

**S: RELIEF FROM IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN – Local Rule**

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2.

In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the *hole*, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a *hazard* or on a *putting green*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

Relief under this Local Rule is also available if the player's ball lies on the *putting green* and an immovable *obstruction* within two club-lengths of the *putting green* intervenes on his *line of putt*. The player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and placed at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the *hole*, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a *hazard*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE: Two strokes**

**T: CLEANING YOUR BALL**

Other than the exceptions noted herein, generally a ball may be cleaned anytime it can legally be lifted, i.e. from the putting surface, removal from casual water, removal from a drainage ditch, etc. Exceptions where a ball CANNOT be cleaned when legally lifted are: (a) To determine if ball is unfit for play (Rule 5-3); (b) For identification (Rule 12-2), in which case ball may be cleaned only to the extent necessary for identification; or (c) Because ball is interfering with or assisting play of another player (Rule 22-2).

**U: PUTTS**

”NO GIMME’S”...each player must complete the hole by putting their ball into the hole. Picking the ball up or failure to hole out shall result in either penalty stroke(s) or disqualification as stipulated in the Rules of Golf.

**V: OUT OF BOUNDS MARKERS, POSTS, AND FENCES – YOU DO NOT GET RELIEF**

The Rules of Golf do not grant relief from anything that denotes OUT OF BOUNDS (OB). This includes property fences, fences separating residential property from golf course property, OB stakes, or any other item that denotes OB. Player may elect to take relief under the unplayable ball rule but such action will result in a penalty situation.

**W: FLIGHTS AND HOW FLIGHTS ARE DETERMINED FOR THE EVENT**

League events will be divided into 2 flights for purposes of determining winners. The determining of flights will not be done whereby a predetermined group of handicaps constitutes each flight. Flights will be determined at each event and it will be based upon the number of players and their handicap index. The number of players in the event (excluding Special Flight players and guests) will be divided by 2. One half of the players should be in the A flight and one half in the B flight. There should never be more than one player more in either flight.

**LEAGUE EVENT – “Conditions of Competition” continued**

**X: LOCAL RULE PERMITTING THE USE OF ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICES (EMDs)**

In accordance with Rules Decision 14-3/0.5, Little John Golf League has established a “Local Rule” permitting the use of approved electronic measuring devices, or EMDs, more commonly known as “rangefinders” at any Little John Golf League event. A player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a tournament round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., compass, gradient or elevation changes, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used or not. Additionally, it is permissible for a player to borrow another player’s rangefinder per Rules Decision 5-1/5.

**Y: BALL DROP AREA / ABSENCE OF A BALL DROP AREA**

If a ball drop area is available to you, you may use it or replay from where the original shot was played. **HOWEVER, in the absence of a BALL DROP AREA designated and marked by the Golf Course or an area designated by the League Tournament Committee, you, and other members of your group, may not deem that a hole should have a ball drop area and simply drop your ball somewhere that provides a safer next shot. This constitutes playing from the wrong place and most probably will get a player DQ’d along with the members of that group for agreeing to waive the rules or for attesting an incorrect score card.**

**Z: DO NOT OVERLOOK A PENALTY INCURRED BY SOMEONE ELSE IN YOUR GROUP AS YOU TOO COULD BE DISQUALIFIED FOR DOING SO:**

Each player has a responsibility to “protect the field” and if you know a person has violated a rule, you must call it. Players do not have the right to waive the rules, agree to waive the rules, or simply ignore that someone has broken a rule. Signing a player’s scorecard as the “scorer” and knowing that you have not added penalty strokes to the player’s score can get you DQ’d also.

Each player should be aware of the following 2 situations. These are taken directly from the USGA Rules of Golf decisions....

***Decision 6-6a/5 Marker Attests Wrong Score Knowingly But Competitor Unaware Score Wrong***

**Question:** In stroke play, a competitor returned a wrong score because his score card did not include a penalty he had incurred. The competitor was unaware that he had incurred the penalty. The competitor’s marker (a fellow-competitor) was aware of the penalty but nevertheless signed the card. The facts were discovered before the result of the competition was officially announced. The competitor is, of course, disqualified — Rule 6-6d. **Is the marker also subject to disqualification?**

**Answer. Yes.** The Committee should disqualify the marker under Rule 33-7.

***Decision 1-3/6 Marker Attests Wrong Score Knowingly and Competitor Aware Score Wrong***

**Question.** In stroke play, B failed to hole out at a hole. A few holes later he realized he had erred. A, B’s marker and fellow-competitor, was aware both that B had infringed the Rules and that B knew this, but nevertheless he signed B’s card. B was disqualified under Rule 3-2 (Failure to Hole Out). **Should A, who knowingly overlooked the breach, be penalized?**

**Answer. A should have been disqualified for a breach of Rule 1-3.**

**Z1: RULE QUESTIONS OR DISPUTES**

Rules Committee and the use of the current USGA Rules of Golf handbook will settle all rules questions or disputes. In the event a rules situation occurs during the course of play and the player is unsure how to proceed or there is a disagreement between the player and his fellow competitors, the player should play a second ball, record score made on both balls, **DO NOT** sign or attest the scorecard. Once play is completed, the player and his group of fellow competitors shall present the situation to the Rules Committee who will make the final determination as to the proper score to record. Then the scorecard can be signed and attested.

**Z2: TIE OF NET SCORE**

**All events other than League Championship:**

In the event of a tie for one, or more, of the places being paid, the flight place winners will be determined by a “net score” scorecard playoff starting with the #1 handicap hole until the tie is broken. In the event the tournament is held on a course that has multiple 9’s resulting in a number one handicap hole for each 9, the handicap hole number will be determined using the table found below.

**League Championship:**

In the League Championship, “net score” scorecard playoffs will only be used to determine the 1<sup>st</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup> places, when necessary. Any ties beyond 5<sup>th</sup> place will be considered ties and the prize amounts for those places tied will be added together and divided equally between those who tied. Scorecard playoff for the League Championship will begin on the #1 handicap hole of the course played the first day. In the event the tournament is held on a course that has multiple 9’s resulting in a number one handicap hole for each 9, the handicap hole number will be determined using the table found below.

**LEAGUE EVENT – “Conditions of Competition” continued**

<i>Front 9 handicap hole</i>	Tournament handicap hole	Back 9 handicap hole	Tournament handicap hole
1	1	1	2
2	3	2	4
3	5	3	6
4	7	4	8
5	9	5	10
6	11	6	12
7	13	7	14
8	15	8	16
9	17	9	18

**Z3: AWARDING OF PRIZES**

At the close of every tournament, the prize's won will be awarded, and the books will be closed on that tournament event. If a player has any issue with the awarding of the prizes for that event, any such issue is to be cleared at the event. Once the prizes are awarded and participants have left the golf course, the books on that event are closed and all decisions made are final. The exception to this rule is the League Championship. Due to the fact that the field will get prizes, we will hold the books open on the League Championship for 2 weeks, thus time does not permit the books to be closed on this event before leaving the golf course.

**Z4: NUMBER OF NET PLACE WINNERS PER FLIGHT**

Normal tournament events shall pay out 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places in 2 flights as per the “REGULAR EVENT PAYOUT SCHEDULE” included in this document. Exceptions to this rule are as follows.

- (A) The League Championship
- (B) Tod Bushee Memorial

**Z5: LOCAL RULES PARTICULAR TO THE COURSE BEING PLAYED**

Little John Golf League may establish “Local Rules” particular to a given golf course. These “Local Rules” will be posted on the Little John website and members shall be notified of those Local Rules at the event prior to play. If there are Local Rules for a course, a copy of the Local Rules in affect for the tournament to be played will be available for review at the Sign-in table.

**Z6: OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT SCORECARDS**

USGA rules will apply. However due to the severity revolving around inaccuracy of scorecards and the penalties resulting from inaccurate scorecards, the following information is provided. It is intended to answer questions as to League Rules established about scorecards and penalties resulting from inaccurate scorecards. All of this information is based upon USGA Rules. (See USGA Rule 33-1).

**DOES EACH PLAYER HAVE AN OFFICIAL SCORECARD? – YES**, each participant will be issued an official tournament scorecard to be used for recording of his/her official score for each tournament day. (See USGA Rule 33-5).

**CAN A PLAYER KEEP THEIR OWN SCORE ON THEIR OWN OFFICIAL SCORECARD? – NO**, each player must exchange official scorecards with a fellow-competitor, who will be considered to be that player's *marker*. A player may not keep and record his/her scores on their own official scorecard. Failure to do so is **DISQUALIFICATION** (See USGA Rule 6-1).

**HOW MANY SIGNATURES ARE REQUIRED ON A SCORECARD FOR IT TO BE OFFICIAL? – 2**, the signature of the *marker* and the signature of the player. (See USGA Rule 6-6b).

**WHEN IS A PLAYER'S CARD OFFICIALLY RETURNED (TURNED-IN)? - WHEN THE CARD IS GIVEN TO ONE OF THE TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR, OR HIS DESIGNEE, DURING THE SCORING PROCESS WITH 2 SIGNATURES ON THE CARD.** For this reason, the League cautions the players not to sign their scorecard unless they are sure it is totally correct. Please note, since we do not have a “scoring tent” situation, once the card is turned in...it is official, regardless of whether the player is still in the area or not as all the players typically are still there. (see USGA Rule 33-1 and 6-6c/1 grants the League the right to establish this condition)

**TO WHOM SHOULD THE OFFICIAL SCORECARDS BE TURNED IN? – TOURNAMENT COORDINATOR**, or his designee. (see USGA Rule 6-6c/1)

**CAN SOMEONE ELSE TURN IN A PLAYER'S OFFICIAL SCORECARD? – YES.** For this reason, the League once again cautions players not to sign their card unless they have verified that the scores are correct hole by hole.

**ONCE A SCORECARD HAS BEEN OFFICIALLY TURNED IN, UNDER THE DEFINITION ABOVE FOR OFFICIALLY TURNED IN, CAN THE SCORECARD BE ALTERED BY THE PLAYER? – NO**

## **LEAGUE EVENT – “Conditions of Competition” continued**

WHAT HAPPENS IF A SCORE *HIGHER* THAN THE SCORE ACTUALLY MADE ON ONE OR MORE HOLES IS WRITTEN INCORRECTLY ON THE OFFICIAL SCORECARD AND IS NOT CORRECTED BEFORE THE PLAYER SIGNS AND RETURNS THE SCORECARD? – **THE INCORRECT SCORE WILL STAND FOR THAT HOLE OR HOLES.** (See USGA Rule 6-6d).

WHAT HAPPENS IF A SCORE *LOWER* THAN THE SCORE ACTUALLY MADE ON ONE OR MORE HOLES IS WRITTEN INCORRECTLY ON THE OFFICIAL SCORECARD AND IS NOT CORRECTED BEFORE THE PLAYER SIGNS AND RETURNS THE SCORECARD? – **PLAYER IS DISQUALIFIED** (See USGA Rule 6-6d).

IF A PLAYER IS DISQUALIFIED FOR TURNING IN AN INCORRECT SCORECARD, IS HE DISQUALIFIED FROM ALL FACETS OF THE COMPETITION? – **NO**, while he is disqualified from the Net Competition, he is still eligible for the Birdie and Closest to the Pin competitions.

IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR THE PLAYER TO ASSURE THAT HE HAS A TOTAL SCORE ON HIS SCORECARD. WITHOUT A TOTAL SCORE, THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE HAS NOTHING TO VALIDATE THE HOLE BY HOLE SCORES TOTALS TO. NOT EVERYONE WRITES LEGIBLY.

WHAT SHOULD THE PLAYER DO IF HE IS NOT IN AGREEMENT WITH A SCORE OR SCORES RECORDED ON THE OFFICIAL SCORECARD BY HIS/HER MARKER? - Most importantly – the **PLAYER** should not sign the scorecard. The situation should be brought to the attention of the League Officers in the presence of the Marker and as many members of the Player’s group as possible. The League Officers are the Tournament Committee and will offer a decision. Only after a decision is reached should the player sign the official scorecard.

## **ADDITIONAL LITTLE JOHN GOLF LEAGUE INFORMATION AND RULES**

### **1: TOURNAMENT FEE FOR SPECIAL FLIGHT PLAYERS**

Players who participate in Little John one-day events in the Special Flight category will pay a fee for the event reduced by \$15. Players who participate in Little John two-day events in the Special Flight category will pay a fee for the event reduced by \$30.

### **2: LEAGUE SPONSORED OPTIONAL GROSS/NET SKINS GAME** **Changed for 2009-2010 season.**

The League sponsors an optional skins game. It is a combination Gross and Net skins game. The cost to enter the skins game competition is \$20 which gets divided evenly (\$10 each) into the Gross pot and the Net pot. The skins game is not open to guests who have not committed to join the League. It is straight skins competition where the winner of each hole is the person with the lowest score (gross in the Gross game and Net in the Net game) on that hole who is participating in the skin game. There are no carry-overs. Skins pot is divided by the number of holes won to determine the dollar amount won for each skin won.

### **3: INSUFFICIENT FUNDS CHECK(S) FROM LEAGUE MEMBERS/GUESTS**

In the event a League member or guest gives to Little John Golf League a check in payment of any dues or fees and that check is returned by the bank for insufficient funds, the member or guest will not be allowed to play in any further League events until he/she pays the League, in full, the amount of the check plus any bank charges associated with the returned check.

### **4: ELIGIBILITY FOR END OF THE YEAR 2-DAY LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP** **Changed for 2009-2010 season.**

There are 3 requirements for eligibility to play for place prizes in the League Championship. First, the member must have an established official USGA handicap, minimum of 5 events to establish this. Second, the member must have paid his/her full \$50 dues. Third, the member must have played in at least one half (1/2) of the events in the season between the event where he/she joined/renewed their membership in the league and the League Championship. Since a member has 3 events in which to pay their dues, if the member joins and pays dues, for computation of number of events, the first event the member played in as a non-guest is considered to be their first event of the season.

### **5: LIMITED PARTICIPATION IN LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP**

Anyone who has not fulfilled all the requirements to play in the 2-day League Championship, may still play in a limited capacity.

If the player has an established USGA handicap but did not meet the number of rounds played requirements, that player may play and pay the “special flight” rate to compete. He/She would be eligible to play for everything but the place prizes.

If the player does not have an established USGA handicap, he or she can play in the League Championship in the “Guest” category and is not eligible to compete for any of the prizes.

## **ADDITIONAL LITTLE JOHN GOLF LEAGUE INFORMATION AND RULES-continued**

### **6: HOLE-IN-ONE DURING TOURNAMENT PLAY**

A player carding a Hole-In-One during a Little John tournament round will be awarded an exemption from paying his/her combination green and cart fees for the next 10 consecutive non-League Championship rounds. The player will still be responsible for any and all other fees, i.e., dues, prize entry fee, skins fee, etc

### **7: HOW PAIRINGS FOR 2DAY EVENTS ARE DETERMINED**

#### **First Day:**

First day of a 2 day event, pairings are via Blind Draw (see Tournament Pairing section for exceptions).

#### **Second Day:**

For the second day, pairings will be done in reverse with the leaders of each flight tee off in the last group of the day. The final pairing should consist of the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place players of flight A and the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> place players of flight B. The next to last pairing should consist of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place players of flight A and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place players of flight B. Similar pairings will be made up until all players have been placed in a pairing. Anyone who is playing in the event who does not qualify to be one of the net place winners shall be placed in the first tee time of the day. Determining of position is by net score for day one. In the event of net score ties on day one, later tee pairings will be made first upon lower of the gross scores for those tied and the by scorecard playoff (only if gross scores were tied also).

### **8: TOD BUSHEE MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT**

The Tod Bushee Memorial Tournament is an event normally held during the early part of April. The event is held in honor of Tod Bushee, a long time member of Little John Golf League who died of cancer at a very early age. None of the entry fee from the Tod Bushee event goes towards the League Championship. 100% of the entry fee is returned in the form of prize money for this particular event. A minimum of \$100 from the League treasury is added in the form of prize money for different types of competitions. Payout in the Net Stroke Play competition is computed the same as it is for any other Little John League event. The League will add other forms of competition that will enable more members a chance to win the additional money available for prize money in this event.

## **INTERESTED IN BECOMING A LITTLE JOHN LEAGUE OFFICER**

### **TERM, ELECTION, PERKS & INFORMATION, DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **WHO ARE THE OFFICERS OF LITTLE JOHN GOLF LEAGUE?**

Please refer to page 1 of this document

#### **WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TERM FOR EACH OFFICE?**

All officer terms are one year.

#### **ARE THERE "TERM LIMITS" FOR THE OFFICERS?**

Not at this time.

#### **HOW ARE OFFICERS NOMINATED FOR ELECTION/RE-ELECTION?**

A nominating committee puts together a list of names for each office prior to the League Championship. Nominations for each office are also taken from the floor during the election process.

#### **HOW ARE LEAGUE OFFICERS ELECTED?**

By a vote of the membership in attendance on the final day of the League Championship.

#### **WHAT ARE THE OFFICES WITHIN LJGL?**

President, VP, Secretary/Treasurer, Handicap Chairman, Tournament Coordinator. All of these have voting rights.

#### **WHAT ARE THE DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF EACH OFFICER?**

President – Officiates over all officer meetings; sends out email reminders to members and potential new members prior to each event; signs up members from their emails if the member does not sign up themselves for events; research avenues to solicit new members; using available golf member websites, contacts potential new members with information about LJGL; stays in contact with former members to encourage them to return to League; contacts current members who have not played with LJGL in several weeks; responsible for obtaining awards for League Championship; maintains and updates LJGL Rules and Information document as required.

**Vice President – Responsibilities include: building the season event schedule; negotiates course rates (to include cart/green fee/ range balls) and books all tournament events; keeps website updated for all upcoming events including rates to charge; at least 4 weeks prior to each event shall contact the course to verify nothing has changed and our booking is still valid; notifies the course the week of our tournament what our headcount for the event will be; handles all “at course” issues that may arise related to rate, time of start, type of start, or any other issues that pertain to what was negotiated with the course at the time of booking; selects the nominating committee (2 members) who will nominate new officers for following season.**

**Secretary/Treasurer –collects monies at tournament events; responsible for having cash on hand to perform the payout at tournament events; responsible for the payout of all monies at tournament events; responsible for payout monies for members who have left the course prior to event payout; responsible for accuracy of LJGL bank account and all banking activities; keeps website updated with financial information; pays all outstanding bills; determines the amount of place money payout for the League Championship event; determines the amount of payout for any special competitions held at any event; reviews all booking contracts.**

**Handicap Chairman – Responsible for maintaining course/slope rating for all golf courses to be played during season on website; determines what tee boxes to use for each event; responsible for all communication with GHIN handicapping system including setting up of new members within GHIN; responsible for accuracy of handicaps used at each event.**

**TERM, ELECTION, PERKS & INFORMATION, DUTIES & RESPONSIBILITIES continued**

**Tournament Coordinator – Responsible for set up of the pairings for each tournament event; responsible for printing scorecards for each tournament event; maintains the proximity markers and tape measures used with the proximity markers; passes out the scorecards at each event once the player has paid his/her fees.**

**If an officer cannot attend a tournament event, it is up to that officer to make sure that his/her responsibilities are covered leading up that League event and at the actual event.**

**DO THE OFFICERS PAY TOURNAMENT FEES FOR EACH EVENT?**

**Yes, officers pay the same entry fee as do regular members at each event.**

**WHAT INCENTIVE IS THERE TO BECOME AN OFFICER OF LJGL?**

**As an incentive to get members to serve in League Officer positions, the League offers the following incentive. If an officer holds a position for 10 months during any given League season, his/her dues will be waived by the League for the following season. An officer has the right to refuse the waiver of his/her dues and pay their own dues.**

## REGULAR EVENT PAYOUT SCHEDULE

Number of Players	\$15	Total for payout	"A" FLIGHT			"B" FLIGHT			Total of Payout	Diff caused by rounding		
			1st	2nd	3rd	1st	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup>				
42	\$15	\$630	\$183	\$91	\$41	\$183	\$91	\$41	\$630	\$0		
41	\$15	\$615	\$178	\$89	\$40	\$178	\$89	\$40	\$614	-\$1		
40	\$15	\$600	\$174	\$87	\$39	\$174	\$87	\$39	\$600	\$0		
39	\$15	\$585	\$170	\$85	\$38	\$170	\$85	\$38	\$586	\$1		
38	\$15	\$570	\$165	\$83	\$37	\$165	\$83	\$37	\$570	\$0		
37	\$15	\$555	\$161	\$80	\$36	\$161	\$80	\$36	\$554	-\$1		
36	\$15	\$540	\$157	\$78	\$35	\$157	\$78	\$35	\$540	\$0		
35	\$15	\$525	\$152	\$76	\$34	\$152	\$76	\$34	\$524	-\$1		
34	\$15	\$510	\$148	\$74	\$33	\$148	\$74	\$33	\$510	\$0		
33	\$15	\$495	\$144	\$72	\$32	\$144	\$72	\$32	\$496	\$1		
32	\$15	\$480	\$139	\$70	\$31	\$139	\$70	\$31	\$480	\$0		
31	\$15	\$465	\$135	\$67	\$30	\$135	\$67	\$30	\$464	-\$1		
30	\$15	\$450	\$131	\$65	\$29	\$131	\$65	\$29	\$450	\$0		
29	\$15	\$435	\$126	\$63	\$28	\$126	\$63	\$28	\$434	-\$1		
28	\$15	\$420	\$122	\$61	\$27	\$122	\$61	\$27	\$420	\$0		
27	\$15	\$405	\$117	\$59	\$26	\$117	\$59	\$26	\$404	-\$1		
26	\$15	\$390	\$113	\$57	\$25	\$113	\$57	\$25	\$390	\$0		
25	\$15	\$375	\$109	\$54	\$24	\$109	\$54	\$24	\$374	-\$1		
24	\$15	\$360	\$104	\$52	\$24	*	\$104	\$52	\$24	*	\$360	\$0
23	\$15	\$345	\$100	\$50	\$22		\$100	\$50	\$22		\$344	-\$1
22	\$15	\$330	\$96	\$48	\$21		\$96	\$48	\$21		\$330	\$0
21	\$15	\$315	\$91	\$46	\$20		\$91	\$46	\$20		\$314	-\$1
20	\$15	\$300	\$87	\$44	\$19	*	\$87	\$44	\$19	*	\$300	\$0
19	\$15	\$285	\$83	\$41	\$19		\$83	\$41	\$19		\$286	\$1
18	\$15	\$270	\$78	\$39	\$18		\$78	\$39	\$18		\$270	\$0
17	\$15	\$255	\$74	\$37	\$17		\$74	\$37	\$17		\$256	\$1
16	\$15	\$240	\$70	\$35	\$15	*	\$70	\$35	\$15	*	\$240	\$0
15	\$15	\$225	\$65	\$33	\$15		\$65	\$33	\$15		\$226	\$1
14	\$15	\$210	\$61	\$30	\$14		\$61	\$30	\$14		\$210	\$0
13	\$15	\$195	\$57	\$28	\$13		\$57	\$28	\$13		\$196	\$1
12	\$15	\$180	\$52	\$26	\$12		\$52	\$26	\$12		\$180	\$0
10	\$15	\$150	\$44	\$22	\$9	*	\$44	\$22	\$9	*	\$150	\$0

**LITTLE JOHN LEAGUE EVENT SCHEDULE INFORMATION**

Little John League event schedule is assembled as early in the league year as possible. The majority of the golf courses allow tournament bookings by leagues and associations, such as Little John Golf League, well in advance of the date the event is to be played. In order to book courses the membership of Little John has indicated they would like to play, we must make these bookings well in advance. It should also be noted that the vast majority of the courses require a signed contract and deposit to hold the date open that we have requested from them. Additionally, from time to time, the same courses we have booked may run advertised specials that may well be lower in cost than the cost we have been quoted when we booked and signed the contractual agreement with the course. In the event this happens, Little John officers attempt to negotiate a new lower rate with the course, more in line with their offered special(s). In some cases we will be successful in getting a lower rate but in other cases we may not. Again, you must remember that generally we will have a rate we have agreed to in a contract that was negotiated and signed months earlier to reserve the date and time we wish to play.

Please refer to [www.littlejohngolffleague.com](http://www.littlejohngolffleague.com) for a full season schedule.