

New to Texas League Play

Texas League Play can seem like a big undertaking to those clubs that have never participated before. Utilizing a well-organized Golf Professional, Team Captain, or MGA can make League Play run easily.

Below you can find a brief overview:

- Match Teams are made up of eight (8) players, one of which can be a full-time club professional employed by the club.
- Matches utilize player's current handicap index from the day prior to schedule match date.
- For each club team there will be four (4), two-man teams, established by handicap index (low to high).
- Each match day will consist of four (4) matches total.

League Play Registration

Teams must be registered and paid in full by the published entry deadline to compete in Texas League Play.

- Entry Fee/Form: Clubs wishing to compete in League Play must register and pay in full through Golf Genius.
- Conference: Clubs will be responsible for finding three (3) like clubs to compete in the same conference against each other. If a club needs help establishing a conference, please contact the TGA directly.

Once a conference has been formed, clubs should start working together to establish a schedule for the regular season. Clubs will play each team in their conference twice (home/away). A club will be responsible for hosting three (3) home matches throughout the season. It is recommended each conference established the same fees, parameters, and expectations for matches. While not required, it is recommended matches are played on the same day of the week and have the same starting time.

League Play Regular Season

The regular season will start in early March and end in early May. All matches must be completed by the last day of the regular season. Exact start and end dates for the regular season can be found online at <u>www.txga.org</u>.

- Each match day will consist of four (4) matches total.
- One (1) scratch match and three (3) handicapped matches. If a team has a club professional, that professional must play in the scratch match (Match 1). Handicap matches will use handicap strokes based off the lowest handicap in the group. For example, Player A is a 2 hcp, Player B is a 4 hcp, Player C is a 6 hcp, and Player D is an 8 hcp. The match would play off Player A's hcp, and

he would be a 0 hcp for the match. Player B would receive 2 strokes, Player C would receive 4 strokes, and Player D would receive 6 strokes.

- Match 1 & 2 should be played from approximately 6,800 yards and Matches 3 & 4 should be played from approximately 6,500 yards.
- All matches are scored using a NASSAU format (front 9/back 9/overall 18). Each match is match is worth three (3) points total. One (1) for the front 9, one (1) for the back 9, and one (1) for the overall 18. A tie for a side or overall will results in half of the available points.

League Play Playoffs

Texas League Play Playoffs will a single elimination bracket style playoff event.

- Conference winners will be decided by overall regular season conference record. Points
 accumulated throughout the season will be used to determine bracket seeding for the playoffs
 and add additional teams to the playoffs if needed. Please review the Texas League Play Policies
 & Procedures for more information online at <u>www.txga.org</u>.
- There is no consolation bracket for the Texas League Play Playoffs. Eliminated teams may have additional playing opportunities based on availability.

For additional information, please contact <u>TGA Tournament Director – Justin Guthrie</u>