

- The \$100 entry fee may be paid by:
  - Credit card (write on entry form, or call Shauna Newren at 801-563-0400)
  - Check (mail to 4444 South 700 East, Suite 105, Salt Lake City, Utah, 84107)
  - Cash (please don't mail cash office hours are 9am-4pm Monday thru Friday)
- Each team must designate a team captain who is responsible for all communications with their team and the UGA. The team captain's contact information must be included on the team entry form. Entry form available on the UGA 8-man page and must be completed online.
- **Signup deadline is March 15,2019**

## **UGA 8-Man Team League Rules**

### **Public At-Large and Senior Divisions**

#### **Important new info regarding the program Golf Genius**

1. The Seclude in Golf Genius reflects the end date of each match window. Matches official will start for the 2019 season Wednesday May 15, 2019 **with the exception start of AT Large Division 2 April 15** and all matches complete by Tuesday, August 13,2019. Matches can be played earlier if both teams agree.
2. **The home team is on the left-hand side of the schedule.**

The UGA 8-Man Team League is under the direction of the Utah Golf Association. All play shall be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and the current UGA Local Rules and Conditions of Competition.

1. The UGA Public Links League is open to all active UGA members, including juniors and women.
  - i. The Senior Division is open to all active UGA members over the age of 50 as of May 1.
2. Teams will consist of eight players; the team captain, or head professional, will decide who is on the team and what order they will play in.
3. All team players must hold their UGA membership at the club they are representing. The entire team is subject to disqualification if all players are not current paid members of the UGA with their working club at the club they are representing.

- i. UGA members holding multiple memberships may only participate on one team in any year.
4. For a player to be eligible to play for his team in the playoffs, he must be a member of the club's men's association and have participated in a minimum of *two* men's league events before the conclusion of the 8-man regular season.
  - i. Staff will contact the pros of each playoff team to verify if their playoff roster meets this requirement.
  - ii. If any players do not meet the requirements, they will not be eligible for the playoffs; if it is discovered that a player has played in a playoff match and does not meet the eligibility criteria, the team will be disqualified from the playoffs and the player and team will not be eligible to participate in the following season.
5. A player may not play on more than one UGA 8-Man team during any season.
  - i. Private, Private Senior, Private Super Senior, Public At-Large, and Public Senior are all UGA sanctioned leagues.
  - ii. If a player sells or buys an equity membership at a private club, he may switch teams.
6. A club may enter more than one team into the league, but the rosters cannot be interchangeable.
  - i. Once a player, including the club professional, plays for one of their club's teams, he cannot play for any of their club's other teams.
7. All players should post their scores for handicapping purposes.
8. The UGA will be the arbitrator of any disagreements about the Rules and forfeits.

### Scheduling

9. The UGA will divide teams into divisions with all teams playing home-and-away schedules.
  - i. If a team withdraws from the league after the UGA has sent the season schedule to all captains, that team is suspended from the league the following season.
10. All regular season matches must be completed by Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019.
  - i. The UGA will provide a schedule with windows (including weekends) for each match. The first day of each window is the date the UGA recommends for each match.
  - ii. If a match cannot be completed within the window, both captains must agree *in writing* (email between captains with [shauna@uga.org](mailto:shauna@uga.org) CC'd) to reschedule the match outside of the window set by the UGA.
  - iii. If both captains cannot agree on a schedule change, the last day of the window will stand as the default match.

- iv. After Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, incomplete matches will result in zero points and a loss for both teams.
11. A scheduled match should not be postponed because of minor weather problems. If serious weather is likely, the home team captain is urged to reschedule the match in as far in advance as possible.

## Play

12. Each player is responsible for his own green fees and cart fee.
- i. The host club is encouraged to host a brief social after each match. Players should be responsible for the cost of any food or drinks that they consume.
13. The home team will determine the yardage to be played when they host a match.
14. The visiting team has the honor on the first hole.
15. The team captain shall determine their team lineup. It is not mandatory, but they are encouraged to determine the order of play by skill level.
16. The team captains must simultaneously exchange lineups prior to the start of the match.
- i. The UGA recommends captains enter lineups in the online scoring module prior to each match, but the order of the roster is not finalized until captains exchange rosters at the match site.
17. The head professional, or one of the assistant professionals, must play in the number one position.
- i. Only professionals that are affiliated with the club may play on that team.
    - 1. **A professional is someone who is employed by the club (green grass facility). Only teaching lessons at a facility is not considered to be employed by the club. Professionals may not be “employed” with the club for the sole purpose of participating on the UGA 8-Man team.**
  - ii. If there is not a professional playing on the team, an amateur may fill the spot.
  - iii. If both teams do not have a professional playing, the team with a professional may play him/her by skill level (see Rule 15).

## Scoring

18. Each foursome will play for 9 points:
- i. Example:
    - 1. Player 1 from Team A plays Player 1 from Team B
    - 2. Player 2 from Team A plays Player 2 from Team B
    - 3. Players 1 and 2 from Team A play Players 1 and 2 from Team B

- a. In each match the front nine is worth 1 point, the back nine is worth 1 point, and the total 18 is worth 1 point.
19. In case of inclement weather, if every foursome has completed at least nine holes, but can no longer proceed, the team with the most points after nine holes will be granted a win.
  - i. Any points scored will not be reflected in their season-long point total or match average.
20. The *winning* team captain will be responsible for posting the results of the match online. If he neglects to do so within seven calendar days of the completed match, the *winning* team's points may be forfeited.

### **Forfeits**

21. A match is considered a forfeit if a team fails to have at least *seven* players.
22. Forfeits should be avoided at all costs, but if one happens, the team forfeiting will receive zero points and a loss for that match. The winning team will be awarded a win and their average number of points per match for that match at the conclusion of the regular season.
  - i. If a team forfeits more than *two* regular season matches, that team is suspended from the league the following season.

### **Playoffs**

23. The UGA will no longer schedule playoff matches. Captains of playoff teams are responsible for scheduling dates, times, and *neutral* locations of matches. The UGA will email all captains seeds for playoffs and the date, time, and *neutral* location of the final match.
24. The UGA committee will determine the tees and yardage for playoff matches.
25. The UGA committee will seed teams for the playoffs.
26. For an individual to be eligible to compete in the playoffs, they must have played in at least *one* regular season match.
  - i. Breach of this rule will result in team disqualification from the playoff bracket.
  - ii. Captains are responsible for knowing the playoff eligibility of their players.
27. Win-loss records will determine the division champions. In case of a two- or three-way tie for the division championship, the tiebreaker method will be as follows:
  1. Head-to-head won-loss record
  2. Total points earned in head-to-head matches
  3. Scoring average for the season (excluding forfeits and 9-hole matches)

28. **At-Large Division** – The At-Large playoff bracket will consist of eight teams competing in a single elimination playoff. The winner from each division will advance to the playoffs with the remaining playoff spots being selected by the committee based upon the following in the order they appear:
1. Winning percentage (minimum of five matches played and recorded)
  2. Average points per match (excluding forfeits and 9-hole matches)
  3. Lot
29. **Senior Division** - The Senior playoff bracket will consist of six teams competing in a single elimination playoff. The division champions will have a bye week the first round of the playoffs. Seeding will be based on winning percentage. The winner and the runner-up from each division will advance to the playoffs with the remaining playoff spots selected by the committee based on the following order:
1. Winning percentage (minimum of five matches played and recorded)
  2. Average points per match (excluding forfeits and 9-hole matches)
  3. Lot
30. In case of ties for all playoff matches except the league final, the UGA will use the following method to find a winner:
- i. All individual matches on the last nine holes will be tallied and the team that wins the most individual matches will be declared the winner.
  - ii. If there is still a tie, the same procedure will be used on the four-ball matches, first on the last nine holes, then on the first nine holes.
  - iii. If there is still a tie, the winner will be decided by lot.
31. If there is a tie at the conclusion of the league championship match. A hole by hole sudden death playoff will take place immediately follow play. Each team will select one player to represent the team in the playoff. The starting hole will be determined by UGA staff and the golf shop.