

2021 UGA Private Team Play Rules & Regulations  
(Regular, Senior & Super Senior Leagues)

**8man is subject to change with all that is going on with the Coronavirus, as things are change rapidly each day.**  
**If a team is unable to host home matches due to Covid-19 restrictions at their club and subsequently cannot finish their season, all matches previously played for them will be cancelled and all points/wins/losses will be erased.**

1. The UGA Private Team Play Leagues are under the direction of the UGA. The Private League is open to all equity and junior dues paying members who are at least 21 years of age. The Senior League is open to those 55 and older. The Super Senior League is open to those 65 and older. **A player is eligible to compete on a Senior/Super Senior team once he/she has turned the appropriate age. Once a player has begun to play for a specific division, he/she is not eligible to change divisions during the season if he/she reaches the appropriate age for a different division. All players, regardless of gender, must play the same yardage.**
2. **If a player is eligible for multiple divisions; At or before a player's first match, a player must designate to a team captain which age division is the player's primary division. If the player does not so designate, the division in which the player plays his/her first match is that player's primary division. That is the division in which the player must play in the finals. A player may play out of his/her primary division, if age eligible, no more than twice during the season.**
3. **At-large and Senior teams will consist of eight (8) players and the Super Senior Teams will consist of four (4) players. A club may only field one team per division (At-Large, Senior, Super Senior).**
4. **Teams paid in 2020 the \$100 fee has been put to the 2021 season.**
5. **Payment due March 20, 2021. Unpaid teams will not be on the schedule. Teams that paid for the 2020 season payment will be carried over to the 2021.**
6. **Each team shall designate a team captain for all communications. The team captain must complete entry form online. Updating Caption info be done by contacting the UGA at (801) 563-0400 or email shauna@uga.org to provide us with his/her contact information.**

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

1. **The schedule in Golf Genius reflects the end date of each match window. Matches will start for the 2021 season Tuesday May 25, 2021. Matches can be played earlier than May 25<sup>th</sup> if both teams agree.**
2. **The home team is on the left-hand side of the schedule.**
3. **Both Captain's must enter a roster win/loss No Roster will result in no points for the match.**

## Scheduling

7. The visiting team captain is responsible for contacting the home team captain two days prior to the match to confirm the schedule.
8. **All regular season matches must be completed by Wednesday September 1, 2021.**
  - 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 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 Wednesday, September 1st, 2021, incomplete matches will result in zero points and a loss for both teams.**
9. The official time of each match is at 1:00 p.m. when appropriate. Any team that desires to make a change may do so with the consent of the other team. Please make schedule changes prior to the start of the year. Do not make changes just to accommodate a player or two who cannot be there as there are many players who will be interested in participating.
  - a. All schedule changes must be made and documented *in writing* (email between captains with shauna@uga.org CC'd) *before* the official start time of the original match. If two teams cannot agree on a schedule change, then the time and date of the original match stand.
10. A scheduled match should not be postponed because of minor weather problems. If serious weather is likely, captains should reschedule the match as soon as practicable.
11. If the course condition is unplayable due to extenuating circumstances, a team may designate another site to host its home matches. The site and extenuating circumstances must be approved by the UGA.
12. Each league will be divided into two divisions. The teams in each division will rotate on an annual basis.

## Home Course Responsibilities

13. The home team waives the green fees for the visiting team, but cart fees are may be charged at the discretion of each club. Everyone should pay for his/her own cart if cart fees are charged.
  - The *winning team captain* will be responsible for posting the results of the match online. **Both Captain's must enter a roster win/loss No Roster will result in no points for the match.**

## **Food & Beverage Expectations**

14. The home team is not required to host on-course food and beverage. The UGA encourages the home team to host a brief social after each match. Players should be responsible for the cost of alcoholic beverages.

## **Play**

15. All matches should begin in reverse order, i.e. the 7th and 8th players should be in the first foursome. The visiting team has the honor on the first hole.
16. Captains should agree on a yardage to be played prior to play.
17. A player may not play on more than *one* 8-man team during the season. However, if a player sells or buys an equity country club membership, he/she may switch teams.
  - a. All team members must be members of the club and have their UGA membership dues paid for current year before a match begins. The entire match is subject to disqualification if all players are not current paid members of the UGA.
18. The professional, or one of the assistants, must play in the number one position unless they cannot play, in which case an amateur will fill the number one position.
  - a. Only professionals that are affiliated with that course are eligible to compete on the team.
  - b. A professional who is an equity member of the club may also play, but only one professional can play in each match. A professional may compete in the leagues according to his/his age, but only on one team during the season.
19. The captains shall determine the playing positions and are encouraged to determine the order of play by skill level, but that is not mandatory. 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 the captain's exchange rosters at the match site. The captains shall exchange lineups simultaneously prior to the start of the match.
20. All play shall be governed by the USGA and R&A Rules of Golf and the current UGA Hard Card. You may access the UGA Hard Card at [UGA.org](http://UGA.org). The four-ball match, not the individual matches, shall determine order of play.

## **Substitutions**

21. In case of emergency, a team may substitute up to two eligible players (players must meet age criteria) from another division of their club to fill their roster. This may be done in a maximum of two matches during the regular season and is not allowed during the finals.

## **Forfeits**

22. A match is considered a forfeit if a team fails to have at least *seven* players (three players for Super Senior).
23. 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 team winning will be granted a win and its average score in its other matches or the average score of the opponents of the forfeiting team, whichever is higher. The calculation will include all matches for the year. **If a forfeit happens, the winning team should enter into the module a 36-0 win and email shauna@uga.org informing her of the forfeit.**
24. The UGA will be the arbiter of any disagreements on Rules and forfeits. In determining disagreements on forfeits, the UGA will lean heavily toward the originally scheduled match.

### Scoring

25. The scoring in the matches will be nine points per foursome. Player A1 plays Player B1 for one point for the front, one point for the back, and one point for the 18. Player A2 plays player B2 for the same, and Player A1 and A2 play players B1 and B2 in a four-ball match for one point for the front, one point for the back, and one point for the 18. All other foursomes play under the same point system.

### Championship Match

26. In all divisions, the division champions will playoff for the league title.
27. Won-loss percentage will determine division champions advancing to the final matches. In case of ties, the team scoring the most average points during the season will be declared the winner. If there is still a tie, the team with the best record against each other will be declared the winner, first by wins and then by points. If still tied, the winner will be decided by lot.
28. **After Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 all Incomplete matches will result in zero points and a loss for both teams.**
29. 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.
30. Rotating finals amongst participating clubs: The finals for each division will be held at a participating club on a rotating basis. Each club will be required to host the final matches (At-Large, Senior and Super Senior) once every 9-years. All divisions will have their final on the same day with back to back tee times. **On playoff hosting years, the host club's entry fee to each league will not be accepted until a finals dated/time has been submitted to the UGA.** Host clubs will not charge a course use fee for the finals. League dues will be put towards the social at the end of the finals. If a club elects not to host, they will no longer be eligible to participate in any of the leagues. The cycle of clubs has been chosen at random and will be updated yearly to reflect the current list of participating clubs.
  - **2021: The team with the best winning percentage of the two division winners will host the finals of their division. If there is a tie for winning percentage, the highest average points per match will determine who will host. If there is still a tie, the host will be decided by lot.**

- 2022: Hidden Valley CC
- 2023: Logan G&CC
- 2024: Riverside CC
- 2025: Alpine CC
- 2026: The Country Club
- 2027: Jeremy Ranch G&CC
- 2028: Ogden G&CC
- 2029: Willow Creek CC
- 2030: Oakridge CC

### **Pace of Play Policy**

- Procedures
  - The host professional is responsible for setting and recording the starting times for all groups.
  - The host professional is responsible for setting a reasonable pace of play for the competition.
  - The host professional is responsible for gathering the finish times for each group and determining if they are over the allotted pace of play set for the competition.
  - If any groups finished the round over their allotted pace of play time, the host professional should inform the group they were over the pace of play and the UGA will be notified of the breach of the policy.
  - For a breach to be recorded, the host professional must email the UGA staff person in charge of team play competitions within two days of the competition where the breach occurred. If a pace of play breach has occurred and is reported, the breach will be against both teams in the match, not a singular team.
  - The UGA will only work with club professionals on pace of play matters.
- Penalties
  - First Breach
    - Written warning from the UGA
  - Second Breach
    - 15-point deduction from end-of-year points total
  - Third Breach
    - Win-loss record reduced by one (1) win at the conclusion of the regular season
  - Fourth Breach
    - Disqualification from playoffs
  - Fifth Breach
    - Disqualification from the league
- Appeals
  - If a host professional has submitted a pace of play breach to the UGA, there will be no appeal.