

**2022 OFFICIAL RULES OF THE
LONG ISLAND INDUSTRIAL RECREATION ASSOCIATION GOLF LEAGUE
(USGA RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY)**

1. Management of the league shall be vested in the League Committee under the direction of the League Chairperson. The committee shall consist of the League Chairperson and the Chairperson of each division.
2. Teams participation must be representative of a paid-up member of the Long Island Industrial Recreation Association (L.I.I.R.A.). An entrance fee of \$150.00 per team must accompany each entry. A Company may enter more than one team.
3. A team roster must be completed by the team Captain and submitted to the League Chairperson by the due date noted at the beginning of the season. The team rosters will be distributed to the team captains and should be shared with all team members. The roster will be limited to 13 players to primarily include active employees and retired employees of the Company he or she represents. Additionally, non-employees or non-retirees are permitted on a roster in order to assist the team to remain in the league. Once an employee is entered on a team within a division, he or she cannot play on any other team in that or any other division for the duration of the current season. Any addition or substitution to a roster will be permitted only during the first half of the season. It is the responsibility of the team captain to maintain and up-to-date roster and to report any changes in accordance with these league rules by sending timely updates of the roster to the League Chairperson. Any roster change during the second half of the season is not permitted unless there is a special circumstance that might cause a team to forfeit their remaining games. In that case an appeal can be made to the League Chairperson.
4. The league will be comprised of two divisions, A-B1, and B-C1. The committee will place teams into the appropriate division based upon team average handicaps. Any new team must submit three attested 9-hole score cards (or two 18-hole score cards) for each player on their roster, in order to assure proper placement in one of the divisions. M.G.A. Handicap Index Numbers are acceptable and preferred.
5. Schedules for each division will be published each year prior to the start of the season. Team play will commence in May or June and continue through completion of schedule, generally August. Prepayment of the green fees for the 1st Half of the season is due by April 15, 2022 and prepayment of the green fees for the 2nd Half of the season is due by June 15, 2022.
6. All matches WILL BE PLAYED ON MONDAY, with Wednesday as the rain date, providing Bethpage can reschedule our permits (reserved tee times). **NOTE: All matches must be played as scheduled unless plans to re-schedule are presented to the League Chairperson by agreeing captains at least 7-10 days in advance of the scheduled match. NO OTHER RESCHEDLNG OF MATCHES WILL BE PERMITTED.**
7. Each Division will have a Scheduling Coordinator that will obtain the reserved tee times from the Chairperson. The Scheduling Coordinator will work with the team captains to provide the tee time for the match on a weekly basis (approximately one week prior to the match). If a team does not field a team of at least TWO (2) players at the scheduled time, then that team forfeits the match. The team winning by forfeit must still play the match and the scorecards must be turned in to the League Chairperson. If the scorecards are not turned in, both teams will receive a loss by forfeit.

8. Inter-divisional matches will NOT be played in any of the divisions for the 2022 season. The number of matches to be played will depend on the number of teams within each division. The season will be somewhere between 8 to 16 weeks long. Each team will only be competing for the championship of its own division.
9. Each division will rotate among the Red, Blue, Yellow as available. The Green course will be used to fill in for courses that are closed or unavailable. For 2022, all divisions will rotate in order to provide an opportunity to play different courses.
10. At the end of the season, the team with the most victories will be declared the champion of their division (NOTE: A tie in a match will count as .5 in the win column). In case of a tie number of wins, the fewest losses shall be the first tie breaker. If a tie still exists, team points shall be the final tie breaker. If a tie still exists, the teams involved shall be declared co-champions.
11. If a team drops out of the league after the season starts, then the matches played by this team will only count up to the point that each team is played an equal number of times.
12. The format for all divisions will be as follows:
 - a. All matches are scheduled for 9 holes.
 - b. 5 holes constitutes a completed match.
 - c. For Championship matches, the match must be a complete 9-hole match

13. Method of play:

13.1 **"A-B1" Division**

- a. All member teams will field a four man team.
- b. Each team will play a 2 man partners best ball match (Four Ball Match Play).
- c. These matches will be played over 9 holes, unless prior to commencement, both team captains agree to play less.
- d. Each team will compete without handicaps and no strokes will be given until one team is losing by two (2) holes, except as identified in section 13.1.e below. Once a team is losing by two (2) holes, the losing team shall receive 1/2 stroke on the subsequent hole. The losing team shall only receive 1/2 stroke per hole while they are losing by two (2) holes. If the losing team is losing by three (3) or more holes, they shall receive one stroke per hole. At the time the losing team is only one (1) hole down, no strokes will be given until such time that one of the teams is losing by two (2) holes.
- e. An "A Division Handicap Stabilization System" will be used and shall apply to the personnel in attachment A "A-B1 Division A Player Listing by Team".

1. If the two-person team does not include a player identified for the "A Division Handicap Stabilization System", then only section 13.1.d will apply and NOT the Handicap Stabilization System for that two-person team. NOTE: An "A Player" shall be defined as a player with a GHIN of 9.0 or less. Players can move to and from an "A Player" classification (i.e. players that move to a 9.0 and below can get classified as "A Players" and players that are classified as "A Players" that have a GHIN that increases to 9.1 and above, can be removed from "A Player" designation). Therefore, it is the responsibility of the team captain

to report to the league director/chairperson all players on the roster with a GHIN of 9.0 or less. If a player is declared as an "A Player" and the GHIN of that player increases above 9.0, then the team captain is also responsible to report to the league director/chairperson the player is no longer classified as an "A Player". If a player's GHIN improves to a 9.0 or less, the captain must report this player as an "A Player" to the league director/chairperson. The reporting shall be done by the Captain by using the official team roster and updating it accordingly and sending it to the league director/chairperson.

The definition of the "A Division Handicap Stabilization" system is as follows:

2. When the opposing B Team is losing by 1 hole, the losing team shall receive 1/2 stroke on the subsequent hole. If the losing team is losing by two (2) or more holes, they shall receive one stroke per hole.
 3. If an opposing B Team is winning by 2 holes or more, then the scoring system identified in section 13.1.d applies to the A Players (i.e. if the B Team is winning by two (2) holes, then the A Team gets 1/2 stroke on the subsequent hole and so on).
 4. When the "A Player" competes against an "A Player", they shall follow the scoring system identified in section 13.1.d.
 5. The "A Players defined in section 13.1.e.1 above shall also give an additional two (2) strokes to the opposing team on the two (2) most difficult handicap holes as identified on the score card for the course being played, however, the "A Player" shall never give greater than 1 ½ strokes on any one hole. NOTE: An "A Player" shall be defined as a player with a GHIN of 9.0 or less.
- f. Each team will compete for match points as follows:
1. Two (2) points for each of the TWO PERSON TEAMS with the most holes won.
 2. Two (2) points for the FOUR PERSON TEAM with the most holes won (combined TWO PERSON TEAM).
 3. One (1) point for TEAM TIES (TWO OR FOUR PERSON TEAMS).
 4. Total points in a team match is six (6).
- g. All players 70 years of age and older shall be permitted to tee off from the "Red Tees".

A-B1 Division - New Weekly Reporting Requirement

14. In the A-B1 Division ONLY, a legible scorecard with the first and last names, team names, date of match, hole by hole score for each player, and total score for each player for the 9-hole match must be sent via text **by the winning team** to Jim Klepper, L3Harris at (631) 495-1452. This will be done by taking a picture with a cell phone and texting it to Jim. Jim Klepper will post every 9-hole score of every player week by week in the A-B1 Division to a spreadsheet.
15. Player scores will be monitored and cross checked as required to the information reported on the A-B1 Division roster by the team captain. For all A-B1 players that are NOT "A Players" identified on their roster, after the most recent three rounds submitted per player, if a pattern of low scores is found (40 or less), then that player will be declared an "A Player". The excel file of all scores posted by Jim will be shared with all captains so there is full transparency.

13.2 **"B-C1" Division**

- a. All member teams will field a four man team.
- b. Each team will play a 2 man partners best ball match (Four Ball Match Play).
- c. These matches will be played over 9 holes, unless prior to commencement, both team captains agree to play less.
- d. Each team will compete without handicaps and no strokes will be given until one team is losing by two (2) holes. Once a team is losing by two (2) holes, the losing team shall receive 1/2 stroke on the subsequent hole. The losing team shall only receive 1/2 stroke per hole while they are losing by two (2) holes. If the losing team is losing by three (3) or more holes, they shall receive one stroke per hole. At the time the losing team is only one (1) hole down, no strokes will be given until such time that one of the teams is losing by two (2) holes.
- e. All players 70 years of age and older shall be permitted to tee off from the "Red Tees".
- f. Each team will compete for MATCH POINTS as follows:
 1. Two (2) points for each of the TWO PERSON TEAMS with the most holes won.
 2. Two (2) points for the FOUR PERSON TEAM with the most holes won (combined TWO PERSON TEAM).
 3. One (1) point for TEAM TIES (TWO OR FOUR PERSON TEAMS).
 4. Total points in a team match are six (6).

14. Scoring procedure:

- a. Each two (2) man team will keep score of their match.
- b. In the **A-B1 and B-C1 divisions** - record only the best ball score of each two (2) man team.
- c. **In the A-B1 and B-C1 Divisions**, at the end of a scheduled 9-hole match, the team with most holes won, wins 2 match points.

15. The winning Team Captain is required to Call or E-Mail the information **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday or 12:00 noon on Friday (for rain days)**. **Failure to comply will result in a forfeit (loss) for both teams.**

16. Failure of a team to field at least TWO (2) players will constitute a forfeited match (see section 7).

17. If lightning begins after the match has already commenced, the teams **do not have** to mutually agree to walk off the course. A team can leave the match without the threat of losing the match.

18. Inclement weather - regardless of the weather, if Bethpage is open, you must show up and play. Rain outs will only be called if the course is closed or during a round if there is lightning before a completed match.

CALL IN/E-MAIL PROCEDURE

Winning Teams Captains Only

(In the event of a tie match, the two teams shall agree on designating the reporting of the match to one of the teams)

Please E-Mail in the following information to john.ward@comtechpst.com

1. Your name.
2. Your team's name.
3. Your opponent's team name.
4. Course played.
5. Your team's TWO scores (in terms of how many points each team won/lost). It is preferred to have both team score cards faxed in.
6. Your opponent's total points.
7. The names of the players from each team (winning and losing).

A-B1 an B-C1 Divisions Sample Scoring Summary

Reported By: Ron Gulmi - National Grid - II
National Grid - II vs. L3Harris
Blue Course - 5/3/21
National Grid Team 1: +2 holes - 2 Match Points
National Grid Team 2: -1 hole - 0 Match Points
Overall: National Grid +1 hole - 2 Match points
National Grid - II wins the match 4 points to 2 points.

Losing team captains should make sure that the scores and points are correct and accurate before leaving the golf course, because once the results are called in, they are final.

If you can't e-mail the scores, please call John Ward at (631)486-4160 to provide the information **no later than 12:00 noon on Wednesday or 12:00 noon on Friday (for rain days)**.

U.S.G.A. rules will govern all play with the following exceptions:

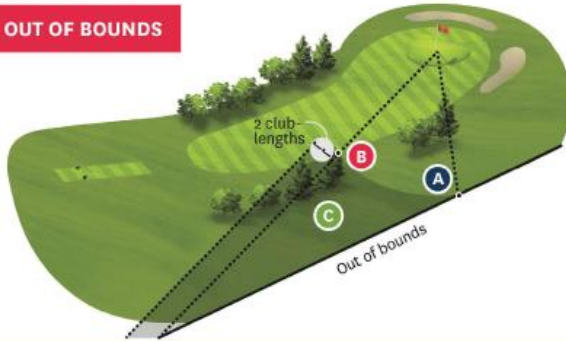
1. Because of the use of Public Courses, it will be necessary to play "WINTER RULES" in the B-C1 Division ONLY, the A-B1 Division will NOT play "WINTER RULES".
2. For the B-C1 Division ONLY, Winter Rules will only be allowed in the fairway of the hole in which you are playing.
3. For the B-C1 Division ONLY, you may improve your lie, in your own fairway, by moving the ball with your club head a limited distance and no nearer the hole. That distance shall be no greater than **ONE FOOT**. After this is done, the ball is **NOW IN PLAY** and all U.S.G.A. rules apply. In the A-B1 Division, you must play the ball "down" or as it lies with no improvement except in rule 4 below.
4. A ball resting in a bunker may be lifted without penalty using the following procedure:
 - a. Smooth the sand with the rake. If there is no rake, use your foot.
 - b. Place the ball as close to the original spot as possible.
 - c. After this is completed, the ball is **NOW IN PLAY** and all U.S.G.A. rules shall apply.
5. If you find that your ball is lost or out of bounds and you choose not to return to the original hitting spot, under stroke and distance penalty, you may drop a ball in accordance with the new Stroke and Distance rule as detailed on page 7 of these local rules and resume play from that spot with a **TWO STROKE PENALTY (see the new USGA rule on page 7 that is adopted as a LIIRA local rule)**. NOTE: It is advisable to hit a provisional ball whenever you think your ball is lost or out of bounds.
6. A player whose ball is in a washout or bare ground around the greens caused by carts or people, shall be allowed relief without penalty as noted in U.S.G.A. rule 16.1b (former rule 24-2b "Immovable Obstruction") then be allowed a free drop as noted in U.S.G.A. Rule 14-3 (former rule 20-2).
7. **In the B-C1 Division ONLY** - The match will be played in accordance with Match Play rules with the exception of playing out of turn on the greens. It is accepted that a player may play out of turn through the green when it will help speed up play and the player does so willingly. This includes continuous putting on the green when a player chooses; he may do so without objection.

All players should carry the 2022 USGA rules of golf (either the physical book or the downloaded app on your Smartphone). The rules should be referred to in the event of a dispute or ruling during the course of play. The two teams should discuss and attempt to reach an agreement on the issue at hand. Whatever is agreed to on the course by the two teams at the time shall be final; even if it is determined the rule interpretation may be different afterwards. If agreement can't be reached, then play out your balls the best you can and mark your scorecard and file a dispute with the league chairperson. The league chairperson shall confide with the league committee as defined in rule number 1 for a final decision. This is also described in the USGA Rules for match play in Rule 20.1b "Resolving Rules Issues During Round; Rulings by Referee & Committee; Rules Issues in Match Play" (page 168).

GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule will provide an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds. This new Local Rule will be available beginning January 1, 2019.

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you will now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:



DETERMINE SPOT where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).



FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.



DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.



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When a provisional ball has not been played, significant issues with pace of play can result for a player needing to take stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is out of bounds or cannot be found. Be sure to see whether your Committee in 2019 adopts this new Local Rule, which will provide an extra relief option allowing a player to play on without returning to the location of the previous stroke. This Local Rule is appropriate for general play and not for competitions limited to highly skilled players.

LIIRA GOLF LEAGUE 2022 SEASON

A-B1 DIVISION LISTING OF "A Players"

<u>Teams</u>	<u>Captain</u>	<u>E-mail</u>	<u>Telephone</u>
1 - National Grid - I	Captain John Felder	john.felder@pseg.com	(516)449-9741 cell
A-Players:	John Felder Joe Felder Kenny Knessile Greg Noone Jamison Skala Rob O'Connor		
2 - L3Harris - I	Captain James Klepper	james.klepper@L3Harris.com	(631) 630-4108 (631) 495-1452 cell
A-Players:	Brian Stanley		
3 - National Grid - II	Captain Ron Gulmi	ronald.gulmi@eaesi.com	(516) 359-6038 cell
A-Players:	None		
4 - Long Island Power Solutions (LIPS)	Captain Matt Debardeleben	Matt@gopowersolutions.com	(631) 449-2366 cell
A-Players:	Richard LaForce Tom Orr Charles Clausen		
5 - Comtech	Captain John Ward	jward@comtechpst.com	(631) 486-4160
A-Players:	Walter Koprowski Dave Stein		
6 - Northwell Health Systems - I	Captain John Rodriguez	jrodriguez1@northwell.edu	(516) 233-0764 cell
A-Players:	Mark Pinto		
7 - Northwell Plainview Hospital	Captain Sam Fischer	Sfischer@northwell.edu	(516) 351-9168 cell
A-Players:	Sam Fischer Anthony Brito Christopher Fischer		