

NUWC GOLF LEAGUE RULES 2020

The Rules of Golf published by the USGA will be followed apart from the rules and modifications for the league approved by the committee outlined below. The NUWC Golf League as a committee can adapt local rules and conditions of competition. See here for the USGA Rules:

<http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=pe§ion=rule&rulenum=1>

Summary of 2020 Changes:

We anticipate the following to be only a change for this 2020 season, due to it being shortened, as we try to accommodate as many as possible. Meaning it is also subject to change and you will be notified if it does as soon as possible.

- 8 teams of 8 people each. No byes. (2.0)
- Contingency for missing Thursday during scheduled hours (7.1)
- Gross only for card. (9.1)
- Scoring has changed to hole by hole low net for flight. (9.3)
- No captains this year. (11.0)
- Playoffs updated to newer format. (16.0)
- Local rule for sand traps/bunkers (18.6)
- New Communication App (Band) in addition to Website (20)
- Card uploads though new app. (20)

1.0 LEAGUE OFFICERS

President - Dave Nassaney

Handicapper - Pete Michno

Vice President - Steve Codyer

Secretary/Scribe – Help Wanted

Treasurer - Glenn Donovan

Webmaster - Keith Casey

Members at Large - Nick Decibus, Rick Berube

Card submission will be outlined in the DAILY BLAST emails.

2.0 LEAGUE TEAM FORMAT

The NUWC Golf League is comprised of 8 Teams with 8 players per team.

2.1 DIVISIONS - Each Team is divided into four divisions based on handicap. The four divisions are denoted as A, B, C, and D based on player handicaps. The slots may be adjusted as deemed appropriate by the League and/or President. View the “Teams” menu item on the website to view current teams.

2.2 LOW NET SCORE PER HOLE – Each player plays their own ball for 9 holes. Team points are assigned based on the results of net strokes taken. See section **9.0 Scoring Team Points** for more details.

3.0 – GENERAL DAY OF PLAY INFORMATION

3.1 STARTING HOLES – Most rounds will be started on the first hole at Green Valley. Sometimes Green Valley starts everyone on the back 9 off the 10th hole. During those weeks, the League will start on the back 9 as directed.

3.2 TEES – Men play from the white tees, ladies from the red and seniors from the gold. Gold tee recipients are typically made based upon physical handicap or limitations and the decision is determined at the discretion of the President on a case by case basis. Strictly speaking there is no specific age trigger for transition to the gold tees. The handicap for a gold tee recipient may also be adjusted down by two strokes initially as warranted by the President prior to a recipient's first round being played. Requests to play from the Gold tees should be made directly to the President generally prior to the start of the season. After the start of the season, changing to gold tees will be adjudicated by the President on a case-by-case basis, with the expectation to play the rest of the season from the gold tees. (I.e. cannot switch back and forth).

3.3. SCORE CARDS – Use Green Valley cards for scoring and record gross strokes taken. No calculations are needing to be done by players this year. Please write FIRST AND LAST NAMES on the card. (Since we may be shifting people around – see 7.1)

Check Daily Blast emails for card submission requirements. Hold on to card should there be questions.

4.0 NUWC GOLF LEAGUE EMAIL DISTRIBUTION LIST/COMMUNICATION

The NUWC Golf League has an email distribution list to contact and inform players (both regular and subs) of league information.

4.1 GETTING ON THE OFFICIAL NUWC GOLF LEAGUE DISTRIBUTION LIST – To get on the NUWC distribution list, you must email the President or another league officer with your contact information (daytime phone and email). See “5.0 New League Players” for additional requirements.

4.2 GETTING OFF THE OFFICIAL NUWC GOLF LEAGUE DISTRIBUTION LIST – To get removed from the NUWC distribution list, you must email the President or another league officer requesting to be removed. Your request will be forwarded onto the NUWC Website webmaster and subsequently removed at which point you will no longer receive any further league emails.

5.0 – NEW LEAGUE PLAYERS

Players wishing to play in the league as a regular or a sub will have their starting handicap adjudicated in one of two ways:

5.1 VERIFIABLE - Players can provide verifiable proof of handicap by GHIN or similar service or provide results from another league when asking to join the Distro List and the league will use that handicap.

5.2 NOT VERIFIABLE - After being added to the Distro List and absence of verifiable proof above, will, on their first round of play with the league, be assigned a “99” as a handicap. (99 is simply an identifier to calculate a player's handicap prior to entering the cards in the system and is not an actual starting handicap). After the round, an average of all players handicaps that took the same strokes (+/- 1 stroke) will be the new players starting handicap for the league. Example: If the new player shot a 50, all handicaps of players shooting 49, 50, and 51 will be averaged. If the substitute's score significantly increases or decreases in the next or subsequent round(s), the President reserves the right to adjust the handicap and possibly rescore previous matches if required.

6.0 TEAMS

Each match consists of four players, two each from the same division of scheduled opposing teams.

6.1 – FIELDING A COMPLETE TEAM - Each Team should field one regular Team member per division. The league will place Team members in appropriate divisions to field a proper Team where the handicaps are closely matched as to avoid disproportionate. Exceptions to this rule, e.g. two subs playing as a Team, will be justly adjudicated by the President at the time of roster submittal (President should be notified of the situation as early as possible for guidance).

7.0 SCHEDULE

League matches will be held on Thursday afternoons at Green Valley with tee times beginning at 2:30pm. This year will be a 12 week season with no byes. See the [‘Tee Times’](#) page on the website for the weekly schedule.

7.1 – PREPLANNED ABSENCE FOR THURSDAY – We understand this is a difficult time for many of us and much has changed to affect our daily lives and routine, including our capability to adhere to the tee times set forth in our Thursday schedule. To that end, if for any reason you know you absolutely cannot make it to your scheduled Thursday tee time, the League will allow play the Monday-Thursday prior to your scheduled round, under the following conditions:

- The player must seek AND receive approval from the league President PRIOR to the playing of the round. (Note: Last minute “we’re playing now” may not be in your best interests to allow time for the Prez to respond.)
- The player must play with another member in the league, including Subs. This is to protect the field and witness the round.
- The round will stand towards your team points for that week.
- Be sure to have both players sign the card.
- Because this may leave gaps in our Thursday tee sheets, we ask players to be flexible in allowing (or even inviting) others into your group should you or they not have a full foursome. We may see cases where it’s only one player playing for their team and we want to avoid having one player going out solo.
- Likewise, we may re-arrange some of groups last minute to add/subtract players on the tee sheets, or even at the course. We’ll do our best to notify people of their tee times as far in advance as we can. But, sometimes it will be up to the players to take the initiative as the board cannot be everywhere.

The new scoring structure allows for this – the goal here is to not have one team or one player out by themselves with no competition, need someone else to be able to witness the score to protect the field).

8.0 SUBSTITUTES (SUBS)

Subs are allowed during normal league play. Subs are not allowed for playoff or championship rounds. Finding a sub will be accomplished through the NUWC Golf League website or word of mouth. With no byes this year, we hope more subs can come out and join us as all the regular players are playing every Thursday.

Filling in to be a sub is done strictly on a first come first serve basis through the website using the *Sublist > I Want to Sub* menu items. The password for access is sent in the daily request for subs email.

If/when a sub is needed, he/she will be positioned in the logical division as determined by the League Sub Captain, Steve Codyer, if needed, but usually people do play in slots they sign up for through the website.

HOW IT WORKS...

When someone goes to the website to claim one of the available tee times, the request is recorded in the website and the Steve Codyer will update the roster. It's that easy when you use the website for subs.

All URLs managing this feature password protected to prevent outside parties such as hackers from flooding the site.

Each team member is responsible for finding substitutes for any week they cannot play. Failure to do so as early as possible will put YOUR Team in a bind. Those needing a substitute MUST inform Steve Codyer either verbally or via email in addition to requesting on the website. Hey, it's just good manners.

Substitution requests are encouraged through the NUWC Golf website. Those needing a sub can post their information, and the players wishing to sub can review the available slots. Emails will be sent each morning announcing slots may be available for the week about to be played. Those willing to take the available spot can go the website to claim the open spot.

Of course, you can still arrange for a substitute outside the website, but you MUST notify Steve Codyer as to who the substitute you've secured is. In this case there is no need to post a request for a substitute through the website. If a request is made for a sub on line, and it was filled by other means than the web page, it is up to the requestor or Steve Codyer to fill in the name of sub and accept. This is to avoid two players showing up for the same slot.

A. REQUESTING A SUBSTITUTE – If a team member needs to request a substitute for any upcoming week, they can go to the website (the link is distributed daily through email), fill out the necessary fields (Date Needed, Tee Time and Team Number) and click on the 'Request Sub' button to post the request for a substitute. This will add the open tee time to the list of available tee times displayed on the website. Cutoff time for submitting a request for a substitute on any given week is 1100 on the Thursday of the week being played. At any time from this page you can also go to the page which displays the available tee times that week by clicking on the 'Sub Listing' button. Remember to notify Steve Codyer via email.

B. WANTING TO SUB - Subs wanting to play on any given Thursday should visit the website at (the link is distributed daily through email) and press the "I Want To Sub" link to view the slots available for substitution. Note that individuals who know they will be on TDY or vacation can plan ahead and post the need for a substitute for any date in the future. Thus, you can accept the tee time weeks in advance if you wish. Simply select the 'I Will Sub' button for the appropriate available tee time shown in the list.

After selecting an available tee time, you will be brought to another form which prompts you to enter your name, handicap (if known). Submission is completed by clicking on the 'I Will Sub!' button. Remembering your handicap is not required to substitute, unless it is the first time you have substituted in the league.

Availability of tee times are handled on a first-come-first-served basis and managed by the website. Given the nature of web transactions, there is a small possibility someone else could book the tee time before your acceptance is processed. If this occurs the website will let you know it's rejected your request. When this occurs, try clicking on the 'Sub Listing' button and selecting another available tee time instead. Acceptance of the tee time by the website will remove the tee time from the list of available tee times displayed.

9.0 SCORING TEAM POINTS

Scoring will be done on the standard Green Valley score card provided by the course. Please write, CLEARLY LEGIBLE **First and Last** name of players, **team** and your **scheduled tee time**. This is to avoid confusion of mixing up names/scores.

Person with best penmanship should score the card for the group! This is the easiest it has been in years. After the hole, ask what was scored for strokes, and write that number on the card. No math. No calculations. Just the raw strokes per player.

After the round, submit a photo of the card (text preferred) as outlined in the Daily Blast emails. Hold on to the card if there are additional questions.

If someone is late to the tee time and it is time to go off, they will either catch up, or will be scored as a noah showupa. (See scoring to find out what to do here). Do not be late for your tee time!!!!!!

9.1 –SCORING – Gross strokes recorded on the card as the round is played.

Gross strokes is the number of actual strokes taken by a player. NET score is gross stokes minus NET strokes given to the player based on players handicap.

9.2 MISSING PLAYER (“NOAH SHOWUPA”) OR LAST-MINUTE SUBS - There are times where a “Noah Showupa” may be in the match.

9.2.1 NOAH SHOWUPA – If any flight has only one player for their side and their partner does not show, the single player will be playing for all the points for their flight/team. If a player happens to show up late, they can play with the league group going off the tee if there's room, and still have their round count towards their flights score. (Since this is not match type scoring this year.)

9.2.2 LAST MINUTE SUB – If a last-minute sub is available to play in the place of a noah, hail a league official to inform them, and write their name on the card.

9.3 POINTS. - Up to 8 points will be available for each flight and will be awarded based on the ranking of the best net score from each team, by flight. Each team will have 4 and can earn up to 32 (8x4) each week.

Every player will play the round of golf in the typical team vs team format per the schedule; however, scoring is done within the aggregate flight (A, B, C, D). Each Team's flight (1A, 1B, etc.) will be evaluated to identify the best net score within the pairing, *on a per hole basis*. After getting the low net total for all 9 holes, this score is then ranked against the other seven team's low net total. The best team flight net score will earn 8 points, while the 8th place score will earn 1 point. This process will occur for all flights.

1. In the best-case scenario, a team can earn 8 points, per flight, up to a maximum of 32 points per week.
2. In the worst-case scenario, last place in each flight, a team will earn 4 points.
3. In the event of a net score tie, the applicable points will be equally distributed across those teams.
 - a. Example: three teams tie for 2nd, 3rd and 4th place. We sum those respective points each team would have received (7, 6, 5) and divide by number of teams in that spot. $(7+6+5)/3= 6$ points each.
4. In the event of a single player (partner is not available to play and no substitute), only that player's net score per hole is considered **strokes for a player have been accounted for**.
5. Any flights with 0 players (both players out and no subs) will still receive their share of points.

9.4 – QUESTIONS ON SCORING. Any question of strokes taken on the card by player(s) should be discussed by the playing group and before the card is handed in to the officials. At the end of the match, the scorer will initial the card. A player from the opposing team will also attest to the score and initial the card. This is especially important as cards will only be considered official and final once initialed/signed and dated and turned in to an official for scoring. Once the card is turned in, the only question by league officials may be legibility, in which the officials will try to determine the proper strokes taken.

9.5 – POSTING. Scores will be posted to the NGL Website online shortly after all cards are received and inputted into the spreadsheet. Make sure the numbers are clearly identifiable and legible before handing in to minimize any question on scores per hole.

Green Valley Country Club will allow additional play after league play on a not to interfere basis.

Please turn in your card promptly after your round is complete according to the guidance in the Daily emails.

10.0 HANDICAPS

The handicap system will be the same as last year. Each returning member will start the year with a handicap based on last year's average of all played rounds ((average of adjusted scores-35.5)*.96). This includes returning substitutes. New members and substitutes will start as described in 5.0 "New League Players".

10.1 HANDICAP CALCULATION

- The last five adjusted scores plus the current week's adjusted score are ranked. (For the 1st five rounds, we use your starting handicap + par, rounded, as scores for the weeks not yet played, and continue to drop the highest until you have played 5 rounds.)
- The highest score of the six is dropped and the remaining five are averaged.
- The course rating of 35.5 is deducted from this average and 96% of the difference is your new computed handicap.
- The adjusted score is based on the playing handicap for that score.
- Each hole's score is examined and adjusted for a maximum limit of double net bogey. (par + 2 + allocate HDCP strokes).

11.0 CAPTAIN'S DUTIES

2020 – No captains. Contact Steve Codyer for questions about attendance/subbing, Dave Nassaney all else.

12.0 ATTENDANCE/FORFEITS

A forfeit occurs when both players of a single division on the same team do not play. Any Team that forfeits a division match will be given the points earned through the ranking system, either last place alone, or shared with other forfeit teams, should there be any.

Forfeit time is when the last scheduled tee time (typically 5:00pm) from the assigned tee has left the tee box for the hole. There will be a starter at the tee. If any member of your foursome is late, the players that are there may decide to let other foursomes tee off while they wait, or you may decide to tee off as scheduled.

Since we are playing low net for the hole, when a late player joins the group on a later hole, their first complete hole will be factored from that point.

Tee times work out really well, so there are very few good reasons for being late. If you have a problem, call your partner or Steve Codyer or the Club House and let someone know.

ANYONE WHO FAILS TO SHOW UP FOR TWO TIMES WITHOUT NOTIFYING STEVE CODYER BEFOREHAND WILL BE REMOVED FROM THEIR TEAM AND REPLACED BY THE NEXT PERSON OFF THE SUB LIST.

13.0 DUES

League dues for regulars are due no later than COB July 9th, of the current league season which affords individuals almost 4 weeks from the beginning of the season to become compliant. Payment can be made to any league official at any time.

League dues will be ~~\$45/year, \$40/year~~, \$25 (due to the short year) for 2020. Payment increases to \$30.00 if received after July 9th. Members are responsible for paying their own dues. Payments can be made to Glenn Donovan, Treasurer, to your Team Captain, or to any other League Official. (Checks if, choosing to use, made payable to NUWC Golf League or just "NGL" is fine too).

After July 23rd penalty points will be assessed against each team with still delinquent player(s) at a rate of 2 penalty points per delinquent player per week. Accordingly, points will be deducted off the team's point total every Thursday after 2000 (starting July 23rd) until all players are paid in full. To that effect any player who is in arrears after July 23rd will be replaced by someone off the sublist so as not to unduly punish the remainder of the team. We want to be fair, but we also want committed players in the league.

14.0 WEATHER/POSTPONEMENTS

Postponements will be justly determined by the President or his acting official on league days as close to 1200 as possible, and no later than 1330. We will post it on the site ASAP and may have some other communication avenues available soon.

15.0 ETIQUETTE

Please always observe golf etiquette and adhere to the rules of golf.

The President will resolve all disputes based on USGA Rules, what kind of mood he's in, who the complainants are, etc. Let us try to settle things on the course and not have a lot of whining over little, chicken-shit things. All disputes will be resolved by the President.

16.0 PLAYOFFS (2020 TBD – DRAFT BELOW)

There will be a playoff between the 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place teams.

16.1 The 4 teams with the highest total scores will meet to determine who will complete in the championship. 1st vs 4th, 2nd vs 3rd.

16.2 Each Playoff match is played just like the regular weekly matches... four players, two each from the same division of the opposing teams playing 9 holes at Green Valley Country Club.

16.3 Tee Time Schedule TBD and will be posted on the Tee Times page and emailed when known. The playoff must be conducted on the date identified on the schedule. Rescheduling of matches without president approval is not authorized. This is to ensure the likelihood of completing the Championship before the end of year tournament and banquet (typically the last week of September).

16.4 The league shall strive to place Team members in appropriate divisions to field a proper Team (e.g. A players in A division, B players in B division, etc.) and shall do their best to field their complete team on the day of the playoff. Each division must have at least one regular member. Movement of a player from one division to another is acceptable to ensure that each division has at least one representative from the team and must be approved beforehand by the League President. If the team cannot field at least one member in a division, that match will be ruled a forfeit (See Rule 12) and receive points for last position. Substitutes are not acceptable for playoff rounds. If you want a jacket, you gotta work as a team to get it.

16.5 Playoff scoring shall be in accordance with regular league rules when complete teams are fielded. (Like our regular Thursday Night league scoring). If a player cannot play, the points received by the single player shall stand for that side.

16.6 The winners of the playoff matches will be the two teams with the highest points gained in the playoffs and will meet at the end of the year in the Championship (See Rule 17.0).

16.7 Playoff Tie-Breakers

16.7.1 If more than two teams finish with the same total score for their position, the tie breaker will be team that had the best head to head point total of their 1st meeting of the year (since some teams meet twice. Examples: If teams 2 and 3 are tied, we will use the tie breaker to decide who is 2nd and who is 3rd).

16.7.2 If a tie still exists, the tie breaker will be determined by the head to head record with the next-non-eligible team in the standing (e.g. 5th place team if two teams are tied for 4th).

16.7.3 If a tie still exists, the tie breaker will be determined by the head to head record with the next-non-eligible team in the standings until their places are determined.

16.7.4 Any deviation or special circumstances not covered by the tie break rules will be adjudicated by the President.

16.7.5 Any ties during the playoff rounds will be determined by the team with the lowest total amount of gross strokes (Add up all A, B, C, D players – A Noah will be scored as the single players score for that flight only for determination of this tie breaker). If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined by matching cards beginning with the A division lowest handicap players and the most difficult hole, then the next most difficult hole and so on until a winner is determined.

17.0 CHAMPIONSHIP

The Championship match will be played by the winners of the playoff.

17.1 Each match shall consist of 18 hole head to head matches (1 point per hole match play) between individual team members and their opponents from respective divisions. Marked cards for strokes will be provided by the League.

17.2 The individual matches will be played at Green Valley any agreed upon day after the conclusion of the playoff and flights will be determined from lowest handicap to highest handicap. These can be played together with division partners or separate, *but will still be scored as individual head to head matches.*

17.3 President may suggest scheduling to the players, however it is completely up to the individual competitors in the agreed upon match to schedule play due to differing schedules. (Earlier the better! Don't wait until deadline only to have it rain.)

17.4 Players should ensure that they field a complete team. *No subs.*

17.5 Each player winning the hole will be awarded one point and the opponent zero points. Each player will score ½ point if the hole is tied.

17.6 The team with the highest total points will be declared the NUWC Golf League Champion.

17.7 If the team Championship match results in a tie, the winner will be determined by the best total team score on the back nine. If a tie still exists, the winner will be determined by matching cards beginning with the A division lowest handicap players and the most difficult hole on the back nine, then the next most difficult hole on the back nine and so on until a winner is determined.

17.8 Any deviation or special circumstances not covered by the tie Championship rules will be adjudicated by the President.

18.0 LOCAL RULES

18.1 LIFT-CLEAN-PLACE - Players will be notified if Lift-Clean-Place is in effect by the League President. Rolling the ball is not allowed anywhere on the course. Play the ball down unless Lift/Clean & Place is explicitly announced by President for a specific round.

18.2 NET DOUBLE BOGEY - Players will pick up at Net Double Bogey. (Par + 2 + handicap strokes given) and mark the card as such. If you don't know what your Net Double Bogey calculation is or how to calculate handicap strokes, read/watch this: <https://www.whs.com/articles/2019/max-score-for-handicapping.html>

18.5 CONCESSION OF PUTTS (“GIMMIES”) - We allow the concession of putts by the opposing side if they are considered ‘makeable’. Always a decision made by the opposing side, not the same team/flight. This helps improve up pace of play for everyone playing behind you and the other side in your foursome. Please do not continue to play the hole if you or your opponent concedes the same hole – pick up, move on. Be sure to announce your intention to your group that you are picking up and/or conceding the strokes so other the other players may continue play.

18.5 BALL LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS - (Local Rule -Alternative Stroke and Distance) - When a player's ball cannot be found or is virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or a substituted as shown below.

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:

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

B FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.

C 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.

Example:

- a. If you choose to use this local rule after your initial stroke off the tee box, you would be taking relief and lying 3, hitting 4. If your tee shot was in play and you hit out of bounds or have a lost ball on your 2nd shot, you’d be lying 4 hitting 5, etc., etc.
- b. If you choose to hit a 2nd ball off the tee, you will be hitting 3 and abandon the first ball hit (even if you find it). If both the initial stroke off the tee and 2nd shot go OB or are lost, you must use this local rule that would leave you lying 5, hitting 6, because the 2nd ball is the ball in play.

Once a player leaves the region where the original ball was last played, they forfeit the option to use stroke and distance relief (cannot go back to the tee or last spot hit from) and must proceed under the above ruling or any other applicable options - this includes removal of the stroke-and-distance option for all hazards.

Application case study:

Hole 3 - Tee shot goes into trees on right. You can re-tee, hitting 3, or drop up ahead using the new USGA guidelines of drop location options hitting 4. As soon as you leave the tee box area, you can ONLY use the new rule.

You now have 2 options when you hit a shot OOB/Lost/Unplayable area - use of stroke and distance (until you leave the original shot area) or the new 2-stroke penalty drop

18.5 PROVISIONAL BALL - Players may play provisional balls. (See USGA Rule 18 for more: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/players-edition/rule-18.html>) If a player plays a provisional ball and leaves the tee box forward anticipating to play that ball, **they may not return to the tee**. They are to proceed under local rule 18.3 should the provisional be lost also, factoring number of balls lost. Example: Player hits a provisional ball and leaves tee box. Player cannot locate original ball nor provisional. Player MAY NOT return to tee. Player continues under 18.3, hitting 6 from fairway. (1 lost. 3 lost. Add 2 penalty strokes and hit 6 from fairway). Sometimes it may even just be better to concede the hole then and there, your call.

18.6 BUNKERS – Until rakes return to the bunkers, lift and place within one club length, but remaining in the bunker, will be allowed (No cleaning).

19.0 WAITLIST

19.1 Each year, the League Officers solicit prospective members to join as either a regular or a substitute for the coming year. Based on responses, the number of teams and format may be modified to ensure the league can maintain a balanced schedule and maximize regular player attendance. When this is done, the league may be required to select new regular members based on their ranking on the waitlist and/or also place a person desiring to be a regular player onto the waitlist. In order to make the determination of where the player is placed (e.g. regular or sub) at the beginning of the season, the prospective player ranking will be established as follows:

- For each week played in the previous season, the prospective regular member will receive 3 points towards his/her total.
- For each week played 2 years prior, the prospective regular member will receive 2 points
- For each week played 3 years prior, the prospective regular member will receive 1 point
- Prospective regular members that are NUWC Employees/retirees will receive an additional 10 points towards their total
- Prospective regular members that at any time in the past was a regular member will receive an additional 5 points towards their total

If a prospective player is new and has no history in playing in the NUWC Golf League, they will be prioritized as follows:

- A NUWC Employee/retiree based on order of response to the solicitation requesting players
- All other based on order of response to the solicitation requesting players

19.2 There are times when during the season, a regular member is forced to remove themselves from being a regular member. When this occurs, a member will be moved from the waitlist and become a regular member based on their ranking on the waitlist. Once the season starts, the waitlist ranking will be adjusted on a weekly basis as follows:

- For each week played in the current season, the prospective regular member will receive 3 points towards his/her total.
- For each week played in the prior year, the prospective regular member will receive 2 points
- For each week played 2 years prior, the prospective regular member will receive 1 point
- Prospective regular members that are NUWC Employees/retirees will receive an additional 10 points towards their total
- Prospective regular members that at any time in the past was a regular member will receive an additional 5 points towards their total

19.3 All points are tallied at the end of the season to establish the waitlist ranking for the following season as described in paragraph 19.1. These rules have been put in place to make the selection process as fair as possible for the precious few spots which become available each year.

20.0 BAND APP – COMMUNICATION AND FORUM

20.1 **BAND!** New for 2020, we have added a new arrow into our quiver of tricks for quick and easy communication for all players (Regulars AND Subs – all are welcome!). Since we don't have "Captains", and we may need to get information out in a timely manner. In addition to the website, we have joined the Social Media realm (it's not as bad as you think) using a teams application called "Band".

This will allow us to do a few things...

- 1) Allow instant communication to members regarding weather.
- 2) Allow anyone to post a picture of the card from that week.
- 3) Allow teams to communicate between themselves.
- 4) Allow instant resolution to questions on the course while playing a round.

It can be accessed through either a downloaded app on your phone AND on your computer. So, if you don't have a smart phone (not that there's anything wrong with that), you can still get to it via computer.

20.2 **WEATHER** – If we need to postpone or cancel the round, we will use both the Band app, and the website. Check either. (We will start to rely a bit more on Band for communication as the year progresses). We will still have a banner on the top of the website. Also, we suggest teammates share that info with their team. It may be handy to even have their contact info in your phone, just in case.

20.3 **CARD SUBMISSION** – Using the app, upload a picture of the card to the specified week. There will be a "Topic" to post it in (There's an example for week one already there with a couple cards in it) in which you can reply in, and press the "Upload" button (The "+" sign next to where you would add a comment). You can take a picture within the app, or, take a picture and then upload the file separately. If you don't have a phone to do this with, ask someone else in the league. If you cannot or do not want to use the app, that's fine. Email the card or text it to Pete Michno.

20.4 **TEAM COMMUNICATION** – You can even start private "chat rooms" for your team to chat separately away from the general public. Moderators will have access, so don't say anything bad about Dave. This will also help should you need to find a sub and ask if anyone has suggestions.

20.5 **GENERAL CHIT CHAT/LOOKING FOR SUBS** – It really is social media, anyone can post about anything there, but we would like to keep it NGL specific, don't make us have to moderate anything. "Oh, BEHAVE!" – Austin Powers. Or, say you can't make your round, or looking to find a sub, create a

topic and say you're looking for a sub. (AFTER you've already gone to the NGL Website and posted) Once you find one, they should go to the website and sign up for the spot. Got an idea, or topic you'd like to discuss go for it. Private communication is available through the app too.

Want to post PHOTOS of funny shots for the group to see? Great way to share with everyone. This way, it's not all filtered through one person for the non-existent bully. We're looking at using this as the NEW Bully, but shared by all. Again, keep it NGL specific. Be excellent to each other and keep it courteous.

20.6 HOW DOES IT WORK? – Download the “Band” app onto your phone from your specific app store, or visit [BAND.US](https://band.us) and create an account. All you need is email, phone number, create a password and the invite code (which will be a part of the daily blast email) – After that? You're in. This is for the entire league, but regulars and subs. We WILL keep using the daily emails as central communication, but we will also have those same emails up on Band. Any questions, contact Keith Casey through email 😊 You can also go to the Band Website and search for NUWC Golf League. It's invite only, and we control who gets in. We compare it against our email distro list. Not on our email distro list? See above on how to get on.