

Tournament Rules and Information

Welcome to The Greatest Golfer - Youngstown. Here's an overview of our 2023 Spring Singles event.

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GREATEST GOLFER OF YOUNGSTOWN

Greatest Spring Singles • 11 am tees start • Youngstown Country Club

These events are for players aged 18 and older; the listed time is the first playing group's tee time for the day. The fields will be limited to 80 players. \$100 Entry Fee.

Event will be an 18-hole stroke play tournament

Players must submit their most recent handicap when registering. There is a maximum individual handicap of 18.

Flights will be created based upon the total number of players participating. Goal is flights of 15 or so players. Players will be assigned a Flight based upon their handicap.

Cash prizes in EACH FLIGHT will be paid for gross and net scores. The number and amount of cash prizes will be based on the size of the field and sponsor funds.

(A player cannot win both low gross and low net. We're not Old Country Buffet.)

In addition, the overall low gross individual in each flight will win free entry into the Farmers National Bank Greatest Golfer 54-hole tourney in August.

Play will be from the Men's tees, except that those aged 60+ may elect to play from the Senior tees. Ladies will play from the Ladies tees.

All rules on the RULES tab above under the INFORMATION tab.

For questions, email golfergreatest@gmail.com.

Tournament Overview

- All players must have a handicap either through the sanctioned system like GHIN or Greatest Golfer Handicap or a local course league handicap.

- There will be cash prizes based on size of field. Flights of 15 players is our goal based on a mostly equal split of the number of players to register.
- In addition, the overall gross champs in each Flight will win entry into the Farmers National Bank Greatest Golfer 54-hole tourney in August.
- Play will be from the Men's Tees, except that those aged 60+ may elect to play from the Senior tees. Ladies will play from Ladies tees.
- **All putts must be holed. NO GIMMIES. This is not your weekday league event. It is a rules violation to not hole out.**
- USGA and local rules will govern play except where noted below.
- We aspire to use digital and scorecard scoring formats:
Digital scoring from GolfLeagueSite will be the primary score for each player. Download the app before arrival, please. Your sign-in starts with the email address you used to register. The app is free, simple and it's the future.
One player in the group will keep a paper scorecard for the group. Players should agree on scores at each hole on the card AND the app, then finalize scores together as a group after 18, then immediately visit tourney rep to submit card and digital score.
During the round, if two players are both using the app in a group, the software is set up to immediately flag incompatible scores and will ALERT both players/phones.

LIVE SCORING WILL ALLOW YOU TO WATCH THE FIELD AND ALL THEIR SCORES WHILE IN PLAY. USE IT PLEASE.

- Any discrepancies with play/scoring/results must be addressed with rules committee before scores are signed/submitted. If you have a problem with play that day, you must introduce the issue with tourney officials before scores are finalized.
Once the scorecard has been verified by a competitor and marker and signed, no alterations will be made. Use of measuring devices is permitted, with the exception of tools that detect elevation.
- If there is a doubt as to a rules procedure, a player should play two balls and the rules committee will make the ruling after play. Please report the issue before signing your scorecard.
- Playoff system:
 - Scorecard playoff will break all ties using this order: Your back 9 score; your back 6 score; your back 3. If still tied, then hole-by-hole starting with No. 1 handicap until tie is broken.
- Pace of play is crucial. Our goal for this competitive format is 4 hours and 40 minutes. Staff will monitor play and issue warnings. If you are out of position, Todd or Ted will hang out with your group and you will be really annoyed by their presence because you know why they are there. And your group will receive a warning and asked to play ready golf you catch up. Ready golf kinda sucks at times. A two-stroke penalty can be

assessed.

- **Seriously, pace of play is a big deal.**

No 5-hour rounds. Most of our rounds are not. But every year, a few groups go Lewis & Clark exploring on us.

If you are not on heels of group in front of you, we suggest: 1) Play ready golf; 2) head to next tee box upon finishing hole; 3) Walk/ride faster; 4) Talk less

- The tournament committee and course officials may adjust format due to weather conditions, course conditions or other circumstances.
- Players will be advised of any local rules at the start of play.
- Smile. Breathe. Enjoy.

More Rules of Play (Cuz people ask for more ...)

1- Golf Balls and Clubs: Only golf balls on the current list of USGA Conforming Golf Balls may be used. All clubs must meet USGA specifications. Penalty - Disqualification.

2- Out of Bounds:

If at the original hit position, you suspect you are OB, you have the choice to hit a provisional at that time or elect to the 2-shot rule noted below.

Once you leave the original shot area and discover the ball is OB or is lost, you can play the 2-shot penalty from the agreed upon lost/OB spot. A player must drop in the nearest fairway point no closer to hole if you had not hit a provisional at the site of the initial hit.

3- Doubt as to rules procedure: If you and your group cannot agree on a ruling, play two balls and play both balls until hole is complete. The incident should be reported to the rules committee *before* the scorecard is signed.