

2026 Crystal Lake Men's League Captains Meeting

April 30th, 2026

Meeting is optional

League Rules and Information

USGA rules govern all league play.

- League will play the entire course as lateral hazard, 2 club lengths from point of entry and incur a one stroke penalty. We are doing this for a few different reasons.
 1. The course is not marked that well.
 2. To speed up play.
 3. To get everyone on the same page and playing the same way.
- Maximum individual score on any hole triple bogey. Once you have reached that score, pick your ball up and give 'er a shot on the next hole.
- PLAY READY GOLF – This is not the PGA Tour, however all putts must be holed for skins.

Substitutes

- Only official men's league substitutes can participate in the men's league. See sub listing or website for contact information. For last minute sub needs check with the starter. It is up to the individual teams to find their own subs. See sub listing on website for contact information. For last minute sub needs, check with the starter.
- League subs are encouraged to show up on Thursdays and check in with the starters who will keep a list of who is available. Subs will NOT be allowed to check in until 4:00
- If you cannot find a sub, each shot a player takes counts. No extra shots may be taken for missing players.
- If your entire team is gone, please send us an email to let us know. If we are notified early enough, we can try and fill the tee time with subs.

Price and Rules for Additional Play and Carts

- Golf prior to league – you may play nine-holes prior to league play on Thursday. Pricing for 2026 early golf TBD, you must make a tee time.
- Golf for subs after league play – Subs that show up but do not get on the course during league play must pay the regular nine-hole weekday rate to play.

Weather

- Rainouts – if league night is cancelled due to weather, we will have a makeup night, Wednesday, August 5th. You would use the same tee time as the night that was rained out.
- Golf league will take place unless there is potentially harmful weather, or the course is closed due to course conditions. Temperature, rain, and wind are not usually factored into the

decision. The decision is based on safety and condition of the course and is made by Crystal Lake.

- Decisions to cancel league play are typically made at 3:00. Plan on coming to the course. If you have a late tee time you can call the pro shop if you are concerned.
- Do not contact the league officers.

Handicaps

- The Crystal Lake Men's League uses its own handicap system for league play. The league's software calculates handicaps based on league play only.
- League handicaps are published on your preprinted scorecard and on the website.
- Returning league members' handicaps will carry over. New members will establish theirs in the first two weeks.
- Subs may submit a scorecard (drop in men's league box) to create their league handicap, so they do not start with zero if they wish.
- All league members have been submitted to the course for inclusion into the USGA handicap system. You should already be entered into the computer at the course. See the course for questions. Questions or issues should be directed to the golf course (Lynn).
- Handicaps are subject to adjustments by committee members as deemed necessary.

What to Expect Each Week

- Get to the course early; be ready to tee off when it is your turn.
- Check the website crystallakemensleague.org for league information.
- If your preprinted scorecard does not have the players that are playing that week, simply cross out and write in the players **first and last name** of the person who will be playing. Please make sure your writing is legible.
- A starter will be at hole 1 and hole 10. They will have the scorecards and a list of subs that are available for the night.
- Play ready golf. All putts should be holed. (Skins)
- After your round is complete, sign your scorecard and turn it in. Scorecards are picked up Thursday @ 9:00 p.m. If you do not have a card in, no points or awards will be given. Late cards are not accepted.
- Have fun!!
- The format for this year will be the same as last year. We will again be doing different events every week. We will tee off from the white tees. We will be doing skins this year on selected events. All skins will be net skins and we will be using half shots for the skin game only. The handicaps used for the skins will be half of your handicap for that hole. For example, if your

handicap determines you get 1 stroke on the first hole (a par 5) and you par that hole, your net score for the skin game would be 4.5. Similarly, if you are allowed 2 strokes on the first hole and par that hole, your net score for the skin game would be 4. Skin winners will split the monies from each side on the weeks we have skins (subs are not eligible for skins).

- For weekly event payout, teams will be limited to collecting prize money for a maximum of 2 events per year. After that we will go to the team that placed next highest in the event to award the money to.
- All prizes for the league will be given out on banquet night. At least one team member must be present to win their prizes or make arrangements with Jeff Barum prior to banquet night.
- If you do not understand an event, ask before Thursday.

LEAGUE SCHEDULE (EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

Thursday, April 30 th	Optional Captains Meeting
Thursday, May 7 st	Just play golf (establish your handicap) (skins)
Thursday, May 14 th	Just play golf (establish your handicap) (skins, proxy)
Thursday, May 21 st	123-321 Best Ball (skins)
Thursday, May 28 th	123-321 Best Ball cont. (skins)
Thursday, June 4 th	Shamble (3 flights)
Thursday, June 11 th	Shamble cont. (3 flights)
Thursday, June 18 th	Stableford with handicaps (skins)
Thursday, June 25 th	Stableford cont. with handicaps (skins)
Thursday, July 2 nd	No Golf- July 4 th Holiday
Thursday, July 9 th	Four-Man Scramble (3 flights) scoring and keg on deck
Thursday, July 16 th	Four-Man Scramble (3 flights) scoring and keg on deck
Thursday, July 23 rd	Cha Cha Cha (skins)
Thursday, July 30 th	Team Quota (skins)
Wednesday, August 5 th	Makeup night for rainout (if necessary)
Thursday, August 6 th	Team Quota continued (skins)
Thursday August 13 th	4 man choose'em and lose'em scramble
Thursday, August 20 th	Low gross/Low net (skins)
Thursday, August 27 th	Final Night and banquet. Event to be determined.