

# 2025 St. Lawrence Golf League Rules

**Play:** Wednesdays April 23 – Sept 17 (22 weeks). 20-week regular season, 2-week playoff.

**Communication:** “[golf.stlawrence13.com](http://golf.stlawrence13.com)” (Schedule/Winners/Standings/etc.)

**Format:** Weekly 9-hole round: (prices set by Dauphin Highlands Golf Course) \$27.00 to ride/\$19.00 to walk, paid before each 9- hole session to Dauphin Highlands.

**Teams:** The league shall consist of 16 two player teams. Players must sign in prior to play each week. A sign in sheet will be available in the pro shop.

1. Entry fees of **\$75.00** per player, which must be paid prior to the start of the league, covers: League and Individual prizes: weekly “skins” (\$60) and “closest to the pin (CTP)” (\$40), for 20 weeks of the regular season.
2. A three-point scoring system will be used based on match play with a total of 18 individual points available per team (9 per player) during each match. For each hole, 1 “Individual Point” is awarded to a player who beats their opponent’s score after each player’s handicap has been deducted; a  $\frac{1}{2}$  “Individual Point” will be awarded to each player if both have the same score after handicap has been deducted. The A player match is worth 1 point and the B player match is worth 1 point. The team with the higher “Individual Point” total after the match is over will be awarded 1 additional point. In the event of a tie for that match, each team will be awarded  $\frac{1}{2}$  “Team Point”. The A players on each team will play each other and the B players on each team will play each other, the A player being the player with the lesser handicap on each team. Team standings will be determined on a “Team Point” basis with a maximum of 60 “Team Points” possible for the season. The top 4 teams from the regular season will be seeded into the playoffs round. Tiebreakers (if necessary) to determine the top 4 positions shall be as follows: 1. tiebreaker is the total of “Team Points” AND “Individual Points” won for the season: 2. tiebreaker is the winner of the regular season” head-to-head” matchup (if applicable): 3. Coin toss.
3. There will be two weeks of playoffs beginning after the 20 weeks of regular season play. The teams ranked at #1 and #4 will play, and teams ranked #2 and #3 will play the first week. The following week, the winners of those matches will play to determine the league champion, and runner up. The Championship team will be paid \$250, Second Place receives \$150.
4. All returning Player’s will use their current handicap from last (2023) season. Any new Player’s handicaps will be established after the completion of 2 rounds within the first 3 weeks of the current season. Individual and Team points from matches for the first 3 weeks will not be determined until all players have a 2023 handicap established. If a player fails to establish a handicap in the first 3 weeks, the player will receive a 0 handicap for those matches played in the first 3 weeks plus any additional weeks until a handicap is established (for new players, it is important that you play 2 of the 3 weeks so that you get a handicap established to avoid getting a 0 handicap).
5. If an opponent fails to show or get a sub, the player in attendance will play against his/her own handicap. For example, if a player has a 5 handicap, that player will get a stroke on the 5 lowest handicapped holes of the 9 holes to be played that day. If the player gets a par or better after the handicap is deducted for the hole, the player gets 1 “Individual Point”. If the player is 1 over par after handicap is deducted, the player gets a  $\frac{1}{2}$

“Individual Point”. No points are awarded for double bogeys or higher. If neither player shows, no individual match points are awarded.

6. Substitutes are eligible for playoffs, however, only substitutes that have met the necessary requirements to have established a current season handicap are eligible (meaning he/she has completed 2 scoring rounds prior to the playoffs within the current season). During the regular season, if a sub has played less than 2 rounds, the sub will use the lower of either a 7 handicap, or a handicap based on his/her actual score for the round, until the sub establishes a league handicap after 2 rounds are played by the sub. (i.e. If a sub plays for the first time and shoots 36, his handicap for that round is 0. If the sub shoots 50, his handicap for that round is 7). League players are not eligible to be a substitute at any time. If a substitute has not established a current handicap during the 2023 season he/she will not be eligible to participate in the playoffs.
7. Prizes are awarded weekly for “Closest to the Pins (CTP)” on two par 3 holes and for “skins” (lowest scratch score on a hole). Substitutes are eligible for prize play each week. If any weeks are canceled the “skill” prize money will be rolled over to the following week.
8. Schedule: There will be 15 weeks of regular play in which each team will play each other once. There will be 3 additional scoring weeks and 2 non match weeks throughout the season. Scoring weeks will not be made up if cancelled due to the weather.
9. Players shall take a drop within 2 club lengths of approximately where a ball went out-of-bounds or was lost and add 1 stroke to their score. Do not return to the location from where the out-of-bounds or lost shot was originally hit from. If you believe your ball may be lost, you may play a provisional shot. If you end up using the provisional shot, you must add one stroke to your score.
10. To speed up play, double par is the maximum score on any hole. A player shall pick their ball up when their best possible score is double par on any hole no matter where the player is on the hole. For example, if you are still in the fairway and best score you can get is double par for that hole, then the player shall pick their ball up and take a double par for their score and stop playing on that hole. This is necessary to speed up play. If both players are double par on a hole, the hole is halved regardless of any strokes received by a player.
11. Equitable stroke control is a procedure that reduces high hole scores for handicap purposes to make handicaps more representative of a player’s potential ability. The following chart shows the maximum score for any given hole based on handicap:  

Less than 5	= 2 over par
5 – 9	= 7
10 – 14	= 8
15 – 19	= 9
Greater than 19	= 10

Players must still mark their actual scores on the scorecard. Adjustments for handicapping purposes will be made later when entered into the system.
12. Players are allowed to improve their lie no more than 12 inches from the original location for all shots other than those on a green or in a hazard. Improving a lie in “ground under repair” situations or unraked bunkers, competing players must agree prior to moving the ball however, the ball must remain in a like condition (i.e. ball in rough must stay in rough and not moved to fairway. Balls in bunkers must be played out of the bunker).
13. Players aged 65 and over may hit from the senior’s tees.

14. All other players (64 and younger) will play from the white tees. Any player choosing to play from the blue tees may do so, however, that decision needs to be made prior to the first round of the league and that player must play the blue tees for the entire league including playoffs. No player, including seniors will be permitted to switch playing tees once the league begins. Once a player establishes his/her tee, playing from a different tee will be treated as forfeit of that round of play and no points can be earned or prize money awarded.
15. Inclement weather policy: Dauphin Highlands management (717-986-1984) will decide whether a round is canceled due to weather. Generally, if the course is open, we play and the matches remain scheduled unless a course closure is determined by Dauphin Highlands management. If a player decides to leave during any delay in play for any reason that player receives 0 points for the entire match. In instances where rules contradict or conflict, the order of enforcement shall be the rules of the St. Lawrence Golf League first, local rules second and then USGA rules. If a scheduled week is canceled prior to play beginning, that scheduled match will be played during the next scheduled week of play. The scheduled matches will remain and the next scheduled scoring week will be removed. If play is suspended during play and unable to resume on that day, the entire match will be canceled and the match will be replayed during the next scheduled week of play. The schedule will continue and the next scheduled scoring week will be removed. This format for canceled matches will be observed for the regular season. There are three scoring weeks built into the schedule. If the situation occurs where there are no more scoring matches available to cancel and a scheduled match is canceled for any reason then the regular may be extended if possible. If a cancellation occurs during a playoff week the match is canceled and rescheduled for the next week.

## **Teams:**

1. Kyle Wise, Blake Wise
2. Jack Jimmink, Mate Krpan
3. Rich Kepp, Jeff Hanshaw
4. Bob Williamson, Sam Homsher
5. Andy Marinak, Steve Cretella
6. Pere Krpan, Alexis Hartwick
7. Dave Spizzirri Jr, Jeremy Falcone
8. Dave Spizzirri, John Avery
9. Scott Otstot, Kyle Otstot

- 10. Greg Hindermyer, Bob Fanus
- 11. Tony Hindermyer, Steve Besic
- 12. Dave Chibnik, Ryan Vernet
- 13. Dennis DeFrank, Tom Bierma
- 15. Matt Lescanec, Michael Ofak
- 16. Greg Gustin, Ted Lubic