

# **Gastrau's Winter League Rules**

## ***New Rules for 26'-27' Season***

- During the regular season, any league matches that are cancelled won't be made up. Instead, golfers will receive a voucher for a Toptracer Medium that they can use at their convenience.
- This year there will be a cut for the playoffs. At the end of the regular season, only the top 32 teams will be in the playoffs and the bottom 8 teams will not make it.

## ***Teeing Off***

You can only use a tee for your tee shots!

- It is the players responsibility to make sure that they have the correct flag (representing the target line) selected before they hit. It isn't on your playing competitors to switch it back beforehand.
- So Before every shot **always**,
  - Aim the target line
  - Make sure the flag representing the target line is correct and what you want
  - If you don't select the correct flag and hit your shot, you are not allowed to rehit

## ***Pace of Play***

- **The max score anyone can take on a hole is 5 over par!** Unless everyone is shooting poorly and the winner of the hole isn't guaranteed, golfers will have to forfeit the hole once this number is reached.
- If a hole is automatically won based on someone's shot, all players should "pick up" their shot. On Toptracer, the only way to move onto the next hole is to "forfeit" the hole.
  - For handicap purposes, golfers who didn't hit their "putting" shot should add 2 strokes to their current score at the time that the hole is won and not solely take the +5 that Toptracer automatically gives a golfer when a hole is forfeited.
- Any team matches that go over 2 hours from the scheduled start time will result in a 5 point deduction for each team depending on the circumstances.
  - If one team is primarily responsible for slow play, the opposing team will not be penalized. Katie or Brent can enforce this penalty at their discretion.

## ***Misreads***

The Toptracer system is accurate with its readings about 99% of the time, but it can misread shots. If you and your playing competitors are in agreement that the shot wasn't accurate, the player will be able to use the mulligan button on the system to rehit that shot.

- **This should only be used for blatant misreads.** If you think it was off by a few yards, that's not what this rule is intended to be used for.

## ***Duffed Shots***

Due to the limitations of the camera's, they aren't able to pick up ground runners, or shots that are topped. This means that the Toptracer system won't add that shot. On the scorecard, you'll have to add an additional stroke per duff, so that the scores are accurate.

- For a punch shot / shot intended to be hit low, the golf ball needs to fly at least 50 yards in the air and you do not have to add an additional stroke to your scorecard
- If a player hits a worm burner, skulls a shot, or the ball is topped, no matter how far it goes that player need to add an additional stroke to their scorecard
- For all other shot types, the player does not need to add an additional stroke that is not picked up by the system
- **Use your best judgment and be fair. If someone needs a ruling, Brent/Katie can always make a final decision as well.**

## ***Putting (30 yards and in)***

When putting, players will usually have the option to hit at two of the closer flags set out at 50 yards. The Toptracer system can only pick up shots that travel at least 30 yards and get 10 feet or higher. With this in mind, a shot that is 10 or so yards short of the flag won't get picked up. In this case, a player must add 3 strokes total to their score as if they missed both circles.

- If it appears that they hit it in one of the circles, everyone must be in agreement as to which circle it landed in, otherwise that player has to rehit without taking a penalty stroke.
- Each time someone is putting they will select a flag they want to aim at and rings will only appear around the selected flag.
- If a shot is shanked, that person automatically must take the highest score.

## ***Subs***

If a player on your team can't make it, you are able to play with a sub! We have a sub list to play for someone, but you can also find your own too. We just need an email address, phone number, and a full name. All subs have to play scratch unless they are already in the system.

- **Subs aren't allowed to be used in the playoffs so plan accordingly.**
- **If you tell us the day of league that you have a sub, the scorecard will be incorrect on paper as we make the scorecards the day before. We will add the sub when we put their scores into the system.**

## ***Max Score***

To play faster, players are only allowed to have up to five over par for a particular hole. If a player reaches this shot count, they must hit "concede" on the Toptracer screen and move on to the next hole.

- Only keep playing if all players are having a really high scoring hole and conceding could affect the outcome.

## ***Scoring***

The format is best ball match play. The lowest score including handicaps between you and your competitors wins the hole. The team who wins more holes wins the match. If you win, your team receives 5 points and 0 for a loss. If you tie you get 2.5 points. You also get 1 point for every hole won and .5 if you tie the hole!

- If a team forfeits, the team that shows that evening, will receive 10 points total.
- The 1st week of the regular season, teams will only get points for holes won and not points for winning the match. This is to help make it fair since not everyone has a handicap.

## ***Contesting Scores***

Players only have 24 hours from when the scores are entered to contest whether an error was made. After this period has ended, all scores will be finalized and can no longer be contested.

## ***Sunset Rulings***

At sunset, some of the Toptracer screens stop working temporarily. If this occurs while you are playing, please stop for 10-15 minutes before resuming as you have to wait for the sun to go down. If this occurs while putting and everyone is in agreement as to where it landed, you can also just put that down on the scorecard.

## ***Spot Selection and Team Pairings***

All bays where you play at and team pairings are completely randomized, so please do not ask for special requests to play in specific spots.

## ***Hitting Out of Turn***

If you hit out of turn, that's a 1-stroke penalty and you must press "rehit" and have the correct player hit the shot.

## ***Playing the Wrong Course/Tees***

Golfers who play the wrong course, or tees will have to forfeit all holes where this error occurred. For example if they didn't notice until hole 4, holes 1-3 will have to be forfeited.

## ***League Makeups***

Due to timing, there won't be makeups available during the regular season. You can always get a sub if needed to cover for weeks that you can't attend. During the playoffs, we will be more lenient in rescheduling rounds if an individual can't make the match as long as teams can agree to an alternative time before the following week's round.

*Any weeks during the regular season that are cancelled due to weather won't be made up.* Each player will instead receive a voucher for a Toptracer Medium that they can redeem at a time of their choosing.

### ***Playoff Seedings***

At the end of the regular season, only the top 32 teams will be in the playoffs and the bottom 8 will not make it. For any tie breakers from the regular season rankings to the playoff seedings, they will be determined by the following:

1. Head to head match up between the teams, whoever won will be the higher seed.
2. If teams didn't play each other, it will be based on the regular season win-lose-tie records. Whoever has the better record will be the higher seed.
3. If teams didn't play each other and the records are the same, it will be based on the combination of players' lower net score on average for the season. Whichever team has the lower net score will be the higher seed.

### ***Handicap Calculations***

Any first-year league members will start without a handicap for the first week. After that, every player will be given a handicap that's updated weekly. Handicaps are based on the lowest five scores of your last 10 rounds for the regular season and playoffs.

### ***Lastly, Please Be Respectful!***

Please be respectful of your playing competitors. This is for fun at the end of the day.

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