

2023 Mad Russian Men's Golf League General Information

1. USGA Rules of golf will apply in all circumstances with adaptations by the Men's League to unique conditions on The Mad Russian Golf Course. (Standing water, erosion, maintenance, weather, etc). Members must putt out...no "gimmees" and the "double par" pick up rule will apply.
2. Entry Fee is \$100.00. \$35 goes towards the player's Golf Handicap and Information Network (GHIN). If you have an active GHIN the fee is only \$65 and we will transfer it to our club. The \$65.00 is utilized for operating expenses. (i.e. Tournaments, catering, prizes, trophies, paperwork etc.)
3. Each league member will pay \$6.00 to the Men's League each time they golf. A portion of this money will be utilized as a Gross and Net and Stableford prize fund (can't win both!!). A portion will also be used to establish members "pro shop credit" at the end of each session.
4. An optional Gross and/or Net "Skins" competition is available each week. Cost is \$3.00 for each and a sign-up entry sheet is at the cashier's station. Players must sign up BEFORE you play!! Pay-out will occur the following week after all scores are recorded and analyzed. You may be a winner in both if entered in both gross and net skins.
5. GHIN scores from members will be utilized to establish Flights (divisions). New members without GHIN scores will receive them after playing two nine hole sessions. (Average of both sessions minus par will indicate handicap). Computer will then establish member's course handicap over the season. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER HOME AND AWAY GOLF SCORES TO ESTABLISH AN ACCURATE HANDICAP. SANDBAGGERS WILL BE PENALIZED. Weekly scores will be posted on the clubhouse bulletin board.
6. Three Flights (divisions) will be established via handicap via the GHIN computer software. Generally: Flight 1 are members with handicaps below 18. Flight 2 are members with handicaps 19 to 29, Flight 3 handicaps higher than 30. A champion from each flight will be determined after results of the League Club Championship are calculated. The "Men's Golf league Champion" will be the member scoring the lowest gross score and will have his name engraved on the Mad Russian wall plaque.
7. The 2023 schedule for the Men's nine hole League will consist of four (4) six week sessions with a mid-season "**Match Play**" tournament and end of season 36 hole League Club Championship tournament. Designated Front or back nine hole course play will be altered each week as per conditions allow. Wednesdays are designated as the "day of play" for the men's League. Members cannot play the "designated" 9 hole course as practice on the Wednesday of play.(If the front nine is designated, you can still play the back nine for 18 holes but can't start on the back nine as a warm-up. Vice versa is permitted though!). Members must play with another member, attest scores and write both first and last names on the score card. Failure to do so will

- forfeit your score. Schedules and course rules will e-mailed and posted on the League bulletin Board.
8. Member's best four rounds of their six round scores per session will be utilized by the League. There are no make-up days.
 9. If rain becomes a factor, members will **finish their remaining holes** the following "playable" day, determined by the golf course, completing their partial scorecard without additional cost or penalty.
 10. A single elimination Match Play tournament will be offered to all members. A TENTATIVE entry fee of \$40.00, (\$30 for golf, \$10 for prizes...still to be determined) pays for **ALL** your rounds of golf with cart. **All players must complete play by the "bracket dates" posted on the club bulletin board or forfeit the match.**
 11. All conflicts will be decided by the League Executive Committee.

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"Equitable Handicap Index and Stroke Control"

Equitable Stroke Control ([ESC](#)) is part of the USGA Handicap System, and is a feature of that system that is designed to minimize the effects of "disaster holes" on a golfer's [handicap index](#). You know that one hole per round where you put three balls in the water and then 5-putt.

Equitable Stroke Control Chart (Now Net bogey +2)

Course Handicap	Maximum Score
0-9	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 or more	10

Note that even when ESC limits are in use, golfers must still count all their strokes. If you score 89, you don't get to claim to your buddies that you shot 79 because of ESC limits. Your score is the number of strokes you used. But the score you submit to a handicap committee or enter on a GHIN computer is the total that results after you apply Equitable Stroke Control (and that figure is known as your [adjusted gross score](#)).