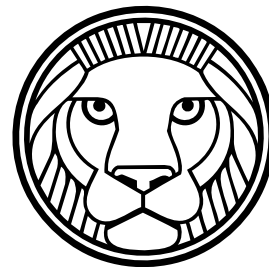




# Westerville Lions Golf League



Greetings fellow golfers,

The new golf season is upon us, so it's time to prepare for the 2009 Westerville Lions Golf League. The league returns to Table Rock Golf Club and will play on Wednesday evenings at 5:00 PM beginning April 29<sup>th</sup> and continuing for sixteen weeks through August 12<sup>th</sup>. Table Rock Golf Club is located approximately 18 miles north of Westerville at the intersection of State Route 3 and Wilson Road just south of Centerburg. The green fees are unchanged from last year. Specific fee information can be obtained from Jim Shively. As we did last year, all players will pay the fee directly to Table Rock Golf Club. The fee must be paid prior to any play, and can be paid the first night of the league or the first night you play.

The first three evenings of the league will be used to establish handicaps. After that a schedule of matches consisting of two players on a side will be drawn up for the remainder of the league season. Your partner will change each week. Scoring will be determined by the better ball of you and your partner against the better ball of your opponents. Each partner will receive the points earned in the match.

There is a link on the Westerville Lions website homepage to golf league information. Click on the text in the lower left corner of the page that reads "Golf League Information." You may have to scroll down to see the link if you have a small monitor or the screen resolution is set to a low value. Because contact information for league members and other sensitive information will be placed in the golf league section of the website, a login will be required. Once you have committed to participating in the golf league, you will be given the login information.

I'm looking forward to having you in the league, and to a fun and rewarding season of golf.

Jim Shively  
Westerville Lions Golf League Secretary

P.S. If you would like more information on Table Rock Golf Club, you can visit [www.tablerock.com](http://www.tablerock.com) on the worldwide web.

# Westerville Lions Golf League Application

Please fill in the following information and check the appropriate box(es). When completed, return to:

Jim Shively

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact me.

Telephone numbers:

Email addresses:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Business Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be a fulltime member of the Westerville Lions Golf League,  
and will make my payment for green fees to the Table Rock Golf Club

I wish to be a substitute player for the Westerville Lions Golf  
League, and understand I may be asked to reimburse the green fee for each time I  
play directly to the player for whom I am substituting.

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## Rules and Information

**Format:** Nine hole matches, with handicap.

**Scoring:** Matches are scored on a five point system. One point for match play on the first three holes, one point for match play on the middle three holes, one point for match play on the last three holes, one point for match play for all nine holes, and one point for the low net stroke play score for the nine holes. In the event of a tie for any of the five categories, each player receives one half point.

**Prizes:** Prizes will be awarded for low gross and low net scores each week. Additionally, there will be a skin pot each week. Any player wishing to participate in skins will pay \$1.00 into the pot at the beginning of the round. At the end of the round, the skin pot will be divided by the total number of skins won. The resulting amount will be paid for each skin won. There are no carry-overs in league skins.

**Rules:** **General**

Play is governed, essentially, by USGA rules with the following exceptions. Because of the sometimes marginal course conditions, it will be allowable to improve your lie in your own fairway only. This means that if your ball lies in the fairway of a hole other than the hole you are playing, or in the rough or a hazard, you may not improve the lie of the ball. The procedure for improving your lie consists of moving the ball using the club head (not your hand) no more than 12 inches from its original lie, and no closer to the hole.

### **Understanding the rules for some common situations.**

The following explanations are for dealing with penalty and relief situations which most commonly arise in league play. Please refer to USGA rules for more detailed explanations of penalty and relief procedures. Most golf course pro shops have pocket rule books for just a couple of dollars. The complete rules with examples and diagrams are available online at [www.usga.org](http://www.usga.org). More information about this topic will be provided at the first night of the league, and on the website.

### **Ball hit out of bounds or lost**

The normal penalty for a ball out of bounds or a lost ball is stroke and distance. However, in our league we use a common practice of playing the next shot, after hitting a ball out of bounds or a ball which becomes lost, as closely as possible from the point where the ball last crossed the boundary of the course, or, in the case of a lost ball, from the last point that can be determined the ball was seen. In either case, the ball to be played next is dropped using the same dropping procedure for a ball in a hazard. Also, a penalty of two strokes is added to your score. The reason for the two stroke penalty is to better emulate the stroke and distance penalty, since most balls that end up lost or out of bounds have traveled a distance comparable to a full shot before passing out of bounds or becoming lost. The main reason for this alternate procedure is to speed up play.

### **Ball hit in a hazard**

When a ball is hit into a hazard, there is often confusion about where the ball may be dropped when electing to drop on a line behind the point where the ball went into the hazard. This line is **not** the line the ball traveled entering the hazard or what is commonly referred to as line of flight. It is a straight line from the hole to the point at which the ball last crossed the boundary of the hazard, and extending back behind that point as far as the player chooses.

### **Relief from an immovable obstruction**

The common immovable obstructions encountered in our league are cart paths, sign posts and, on the back nine, bridges over creeks and ponds. Relief without penalty is allowed when the obstruction interferes with your stance or the area of your intended swing. For example, if your ball lay on a cart path, the path obviously interferes with the area of your intended swing. If the ball is next to the cart path on grass and the path doesn't interfere with the area of your intended swing, you may still be entitled to relief if the path interferes with your stance. In either case, find the nearest point no closer to the hole where if the ball were there, the interference would be removed. Then drop the ball within one club-length of that point.