

## **2026 Raintree Ladies League Rules**

**DATES:** WEDNESDAY NIGHTS (APRIL 22 – AUGUST 26). SEE DETAILED SCHEDULE FOR DATES. THE LEAGUE PLAYOFFS WILL BEGIN ON AUGUST 12.

**TIME:** LEAGUE PLAY BEGINS PROMPTLY AT 5:00 & 5:30 P.M. YOUR TEAM MUST SELECT ONE OF THESE DESIGNATED START TIMES FOR THE ENTIRE SEASON. WITH TWO START TIMES OCCURRING, TEAMS MUST START AT THEIR DESIGNATED TIME AND ASSIGNED HOLE.

**LEAGUE FORMAT:** FOUR LADY SCRAMBLE FORMAT WILL BE PLAYED EACH WEEK. EACH FOUR PERSON TEAM WILL PLAY TOGETHER AND COMPETE AGAINST AN OPPOSING FOUR LADY TEAM'S SCORECARD EACH WEEK IN A ROUND ROBIN COMPETITION.

**TEAM FORMAT:** IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE TEAM CAPTAIN TO SCHEDULE THE FOUR PLAYERS FROM THEIR TEAM TO PLAY EACH WEEK. A MINIMUM OF 3 PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY. **PLAYERS ARE REQUIRED TO PLAY IN A MINIMUM OF 4 MATCHES DURING THE SEASON TO BE PLAYOFF ELIGIBLE.** DETAILED SCRAMBLE FORMAT RULES BELOW WILL APPLY.

**LEAGUE CANCELLATION:** IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF EACH MEMBER TO NOTIFY THEIR TEAM CAPTAIN OR GOLF COURSE IF THEY ARE UNABLE TO PLAY.

**LATE FOR MATCH:** IF A MEMBER ARRIVES LATE FOR HER MATCH, SHE MAY JOIN HER MATCH AND RESUME PLAY IN THE SCRAMBLE SHOT ROTATION WITH HER TEAM

**FORFEITING A MATCH:** IF A TEAM CANCELS DUE TO NOT HAVING 3 OR MORE PLAYERS, THE OPPOSING TEAM WILL AUTOMATICALLY WIN THE MATCH.

**CONCEDING A MATCH:** IF A TEAM STARTS A MATCH AND DOES NOT COMPLETE 9 HOLES, THE SCORECARD WILL NOT BE RECORDED. THE OPPOSING TEAM WILL AUTOMATICALLY WIN THE MATCH.

**INCORRECT SCORECARD:** ONCE THE SCORECARD IS SIGNED, IT IS FINAL. THE SCORECARD WILL STAND AS CORRECT. ALL POINTS WILL BE RECORDED BASED ON THE RESULTS ON THE SCORECARD.

### **COMPETITION & SCORING:**

- EACH WEEK, 2 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR A WIN
- EACH WEEK, 1 POINT WILL BE AWARDED FOR A TIE
- EACH WEEK, 0 POINTS WILL BE AWARDED FOR A LOSS
- TEAM HANDICAPS WILL BE FIGURED AND COUNTED EACH WEEK. EACH TEAM MEMBER WILL HAVE AN INDIVIDUAL HANDICAP BASED ON PRIOR PLAY. TEAM MEMBERS INDIVIDUAL HANDICAPS WILL BE ADDED TOGETHER EACH WEEK TO COME UP WITH A TEAM HANDICAP FOR THE NIGHT.
- REGULAR SEASON PLAY AND PLAYOFF FORMAT WILL BE DETERMINED AFTER IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED HOW MANY TEAMS WILL PARTICIPATE THIS SEASON.

**Playoff Tie Breaker Rule:** 1<sup>st</sup> scenario – Head to head match of teams during regular season 2<sup>nd</sup> scenario- net score of last regular season match played 3<sup>rd</sup> scenario-net score of next to last regular season match played 4<sup>th</sup> scenario-Coin Flip

### RULES OF PLAY:

1. ORDER OF PLAY: A PLAYER MAY PLAY OUT OF TURN TO SAVE TIME AND SPEED UP PLAY! THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR DOING SO. (USGA RULE)
2. LOST BALL: "TO MAINTAIN PACE OF PLAY", IF A BALL MAY BE LOST, ONLY THREE MINUTES ARE ALLOWED TO SEARCH. (USGA RULE)
3. OUT OF BOUNDS: IF A BALL IS LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS, TO SAVE TIME THE TEAM/PLAYER HAS THE OPTION OF PLAYING A BALL, UNDER PENALTY OF TWO STROKES, WITHIN TWO (2) CLUB LENGTHS OF WHERE THE BALL WENT OUT. (LEAGUE RULE)
4. DITCH: IF A BALL FALLS IN AN UNMARKED DITCH NEAR CART PATH ON HOLE 3,5,7,15 AND 18, YOU CAN TAKE A FREE DROP OUTSIDE OF THE DITCH, WITHIN TWO (2) CLUB LENGTHS OF WHERE THE BALL LAYED IN THE DITCH. (COURSE RULES)

### LEAGUE RULES

1. The maximum score per hole is double par.
2. The two putt rule is in effect. This occurs once you have reached the green itself. If your first putt does not go in the hole, pick up the ball and add one stroke (the second putt). This DOES NOT mean to putt two times and then add a third stroke if the second putt does not go in the hole.

### GOLF SCRAMBLE RULES: (all golf rules shall conform to USGA Rules):

1. A scramble means that all team members tee off on each hole and then decide which tee shot they like the best and mark the spot with a tee or ball marker.
2. The other team members pick up their balls and place them within one club length (no closer to the hole) of the marked spot. Each team member hits their next shot from the chosen spot of the prior shot.
3. If the ball you choose to play is in a hazard (sand, water, etc.), the rough, or out of bounds, you cannot drop the ball outside of the hazard or rough even if relief is within one club length away.
4. This procedure is followed on every shot for the remainder of the hole, including putts. The ball should be marked on the putting green also.
5. All women to play from the red tees.
6. Only 4 players are permitted to play each week as a 4-person scramble team. Threesomes are permitted to rotate a fourth shot from each ball location. In other words, one person will be hitting twice from each position. However, the person hitting two shots cannot do so consecutively. (For example, it's Player A's turn to hit two shots. The other team members must play their ball in between Player A's two shots.). The rotation should be set at the beginning of the round and remain constant throughout.

### GOLF ETIQUETTE:

1. Play with a sense of urgency. Your 9 hole round should be played in under 2.5 hours which is about 15 minutes per hole.
2. Please observe all local course rules.
3. Observe cart rules of the day – Carts are never to be driven in rough (except entering or exiting fairway at green post) or within 30 yards of green
4. Enjoy the day and your fellowship with other golfers!