**Southern Chautauqua FCU 2023 Monday Night League Rules**

**GROUND RULES:**

1. 4TH Hole: Ditch at right and behind green is a free lift, play as casual water, no closer to hole.

2. 7th Hole: The driving range on the right side of fairway is considered playable area. However, if a ball cannot be found, a drop with penalty stroke is required.

3. 9thHole: The driving range on the right side of fairway is considered playable area. However, if a ball cannot be found, a drop with penalty stroke is required.

4. 12th Hole: Free lift from right side area near culvert above or below, no closer to hole. If approach shot into the green enters the pond, players have the option of playing next shot with penalty stroke from the drop zone or to play the ball line of flight from the hazard line back to where the previous shot was hit from. (also, with a penalty stroke)

5. 14th Hole: Free lift if swing or stance is obstructed by flower or rock garden in right rough, no closer to hole.

6. 18th Hole: Free lift from right side area near culvert above or below, no closer to hole.

7. You can roll the ball (in the fairway) only to ID your ball, unless the playing conditions are too bad and the weather committee states that you can roll or lift, clean and place per USGA rules. (If playing from wrong fairway play ball as is)

1. The weather committee is made up of Jim Casini and John Felton. They, along with the management of the course, will have the final say on if we can play during inclement weather. The decision to play will be made before 5:00 PM. If the decision is made to play, and weather turns bad, the players on the course (before 5:00 PM) scores will count. Matches that are not complete will be split evenly from point of stoppage. If the decision is made not to play, the match will not be rescheduled. The matches will be considered splits and we will continue play the following week according to the printed schedule.

2. There is a maximum of double par per hole allowed to be recorded for handicaps. The score is recorded as a maximum double par.

3. Placement of a ball reserving a spot on the first or tenth tee can be made only when all **four players are present**. **The golf course also reserves the right to put other customers on the course with our league. They will follow the ball placement procedure as well. If players are making the turn during league play, they have the right of way. Please be courteous to them.**

4. If in the first two weeks of play, a new player is playing without a handicap, each player will play as if he is establishing a handicap. The handicap is 85% of the difference of your score and par. Please make this known on the score sheet.

5. If a substitute golfs in a week other than weeks one or two, he must have an established league handicap, turn in a 9- or 18-hole Cable Hollow scorecard for his handicap, or golf scratch. See Rule #4 for the first weeks of the season.

6. Handicaps used in the first two weeks of league play will be the prior year-end handicap for returning players. New league members will receive 80% of the week 2 better ball event to establish a handicap.

7. All players will use the white tee area unless the player is **60 years of age or older**. The senior players are allowed to use the gold tee. Once a senior player begins play, they must use the first tee color selected to complete a round.

8. When determining skin winners, only one stroke is allowed on Par 3’s.

9. Anyone accused of cheating will need to meet with the league officers and the accuser to discuss the infraction.

10. Please observe all USGA Rules and Regulation while playing. **Most of all please have fun.**

Jim Casini – Co-President John Felton – Co-President