

River Oaks Municipal

Men's Morning League Players Guide 2026

River Oaks invites men to participate in a weekly game on Tuesday or Wednesday mornings. Teams will compete for weekly team low totals and individuals will try to 1 up the rest of the field each week. New in 2026, Teams will earn River Points for weekly Team Score.

Entry Fee \$137 player - Includes prizes, GHIN, HIO fund & 3 lunches (\$97 Prizes/ \$40 GHIN handicap)

Play begins April 28th/29th - Sept 15th/16th (21 weeks of play)

Weekly Green Fees:

- Adults: \$44 Green Fee & optional \$22 cart per rider
- Seniors (62+) \$31 Green Fee & optional \$17 per rider cart fee

Registration: **Players/Teams from 2025 Leagues have a pre-registration window to secure a spot/tee time between Jan 15th-Feb 15th.** All Registration will be online through the River Oaks online store, in person or mail check with application.

Active GHIN handicap is required; River Oaks is pleased to activate or get you set up with a GHIN handicap.

New players/ teams will be placed on the sub/waitlist and active team captains will have an opportunity to draft you for the season or on a week-to-week basis. Subs are not required to pay league fee, unless drafted to a team or participate in over 30% of rounds for a team. If you have a new group, any open tee times will be shared to new teams in March.



League Guidelines for play

Check in/ Scorecards: Please check in to the golf shop 15 minutes prior to tee time and proceed to starting hole a min of 5 minutes before your start time.

Scorecards will be available on the pro shop table during check in.

Shotgun Starts: A few days will require a shotgun start for play. You will be informed of any changes to start time in a timely manner. Please refer to schedule below.

Pace of Play: Arguably the most frustrating feature of league play, Players are required to keep pace. Our league Pace of Play will be set at 2:10 hours per nine. If players/pairings begin to fall behind, 1 verbal warning, if not corrected 2 strokes will be added to the 18th hole. To assist with pace of play, if you get to a net double bogey on a hole, you may pick up. ESC scores will not exceed Net Double Bogey.

Handicaps: All players must have an established GHIN Handicap to participate in games. Playing handicaps will be based on tees being played.

SCORES WILL BE POSTED TO GHIN BY RIVER OAKS at the completion of play each week.

League player: Defined as a player participating in a team or organized group a minimum of 40% of the rounds.

No Show policy. Since we provide standing tee times for league players, it is expected that players will participate each week or provide a substitute for any absences. Players will be required to have a credit card on file. In the case of a player no show, a \$15 no show fee may be charged to any player that does not play or provide a substitute.

Subs: If you are unable to participate during the week, please provide a sub. Anyone may sub, with or without handicap. Please cross off absent players and add Subs name and GHIN # (if known) on scorecard.

- Subs with no handicap will be given a handicap using Callaway system.
- Subs with handicaps will receive full handicap IF the sub provides GHIN # (not index) on scorecard.
- Subs are responsible for any green or cart fees.
- Subs are eligible for team and course game prize \$.
- River Oaks will provide each Team with a list of subs that have registered online. It is each team's responsibility to secure subs for play from subs list or from pairings decision.

If a team is short a player for the duration of the league, they may find a permanent player to replace the loss. Please inform River Oaks staff of permanent league players. At that time the permanent player must pay the league registration fee and only then will he be eligible for individual prizes.

Cancellations: If severe weather is imminent during league, play may be cancelled, and an email notice will be sent to players before 6:00am or in the timeliest manner as weather progresses. The cancelled week will NOT be rescheduled. If the weather clears, and you wish to play, you may do so by calling the golf shop to secure a tee time. No prize money or games will be awarded on cancellation weeks. River Oaks reserved the right to pay out if All players have played a minimum of 9 holes.

Suspensions: If severe weather approaches during league day. *Play will be suspended.* If you are on the course, 2 horn blasts will signal a suspension of play. Please mark your ball and seek shelter. River Oaks will evaluate on a 15-minute basis to inform players of suspension or cancellation of play. River Oaks reserves the right to play out any event where all players have completed a minimum of 9 holes.

Rainchecks will be given on any green fee and cart fee. Rainchecks will be given in a CREDIT for any unplayed holes. Rainchecks expire in 365 days from issue date.

Eagles Grill – We invite all players to come early or stay after their round at the Eagles Grill. We look forward to having some specials during the season and will offer League Happy Hour Drink Specials.

Flights: Flights between 9- 12 players will be created based on current GHIN index (2 days prior to contest) and based on number of participating players each week for each set of tees being played. Flights will be used to score many of the Individual games of the week. Please refer to posted schedule. Do not be surprised if multiple players rotate between flights week after week.

Senior Championship: Full time league players 62+ playing from the GOLD Tees are eligible to compete in the River Oaks Sr Championship on Aug 4th or 5th Low Gross and Low Net Winners will be crowned. More details are provided when league begins.

USGA Rules will govern play unless local rule is posted below.

- Summer Rules unless modified before play.
- Limit searching for ball to 3 minutes max.
- Hitting Powerline is a required re-hit – no penalty.
- Free Relief from unrepaired irrigation sod seems and Tree Stumps
- Drop area on Hole #12 is in play – (Rule 17)

If doubt a ruling situation, decide as a group or seek golf professional for interpretation of rule.

- (Rule 17) Penalty Area – defined by red or yellow stakes/paint.
 - **Long Grass Areas higher than rough height that are not marked will be considered “penalty area.”**
- (Rule 18) Out of Bounds – lost ball, use of provisional. Defined by White Stakes Players may use the formal rule of Stroke and distance or ... Inside edge of road on hole #1 defines OB until first white stake.
 - Modern Local Rule – see below - **2 Stroke Penalty** for lost or ball Out of bounds when using this option.

GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

2 club-lengths
Out of bounds
A
B
C

LOST BALL

2 club-lengths
A
B
C

If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

A DETERMINE SPOT where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

B FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.

C DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

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Games/Contests

- 1) TEAM GAME – Each week will be a TEAM game consisting of 3 of 4 NET Best Ball for each pairing to make a little extra \$\$\$.
 - a. SUBS are encouraged and invited to play. Subs with handicaps will be allowed to use for the team game. – If you are unable to participate, it pays to secure a sub!!!
 - b. New in 2026 – **River Season Points**. River Points will be awarded each week that an eligible format is conducted. *Think of Fed Ex Cup points- Teams will earn points based on place vs the field. Cumulative points will determine team winners. We will have 3 Periods of points to determine winners.* Sheet chart below for periods of play, awards chart and payout.
 - c. We have dedicated Team Scramble weeks during the season – players will pre register for team scramble events using Golf Genius.
- 2) Weekly Individual Games –
 - a. Each week there will be an individual game. Contests may include, low net, Stableford, Quota etc....
 - i. Flighted by index- players are flighted by index – Winners will be declared by top 2 gross scores(points) in each flight.
 - ii. Some will be field scoring using GHIN handicap for fairness.
- 3) Course Games: Each week we will have a minimum of 6 course games. These may include CTP, long Putts, accuracy driving etc....
- 4) All Prize Money (River Bucks) will be awarded to your profile in our reservation system. River Bucks may be redeemed for **in stock pro shop merchandise**. River Bucks will be put in players accounts within 24 of event. River Bucks expires on October 31,2026.
 - a. **Note: End of Season Special Orders will be limited to Custom Golf Clubs and shoes. Special orders will have a \$25 flat shipping fee on all orders.**
 - b. Special orders must be EMAILED to bboe@cottagegrovemn.gov no later than Oct 12th.

In a nutshell – 3 games each week – Play Golf , have fun – WE WILL FIGURE OUT SCORING!

1. Team 3 of 4 Net Best Ball – Earn Points Each Week to win \$\$
2. Individual Weekly Game (see schedule below)
3. Course Games

Preliminary Individual Weekly Event Schedule

Official Game will be Declared before play

Tuesday	Weekly Event	Wednesday
April 28 th	#Warm Up Team Scramble 8:00 Shotgun LUNCH after Play	April 29 th
May 5 th	Stableford v field (1)	May 6 th
May 12 th	Quota Points vs field (1)	May 13 th
May 19 th	Low Net vs flight (1)	May 20 th
May 26 th	Low Gross v flight (1)	May 27 th
June 2 nd	Low Net v field (1)	June 3 rd
June 9 th	Stableford v field (1)	June 10 th
June 16 th	#Team SCRAMBLE option Tee Times	June 17 th
June 23 rd	Low Net vs flight (2)	June 24 th
June 30 th	Quota Points v field (2)	July 1 st
July 7 th	Low Gross v flights (2)	July 8 th
July 14 th	Low Net v field (2)	July 15 th
July 21 st	Stableford v field (2)	July 23 rd
July 28 th	Low Gross v flights (2)	July 29 th
Aug 4 th	Sr Championship (62+) GOLD TEES Lunch After Play All other players – Low Net	Aug 5 th
Aug 11 th	Stableford vs field * (3) Champ Make up date if needed	Aug 12 th
Aug 18 th	Quota Points v field (3)	Aug 19 th
Aug 25 th	Low Gross vs flights (3)	Aug 26 th
Sept 1 st	Low Net v field (3)	Sept 2 nd
Sept 8 th	Stableford v flight (3)	Sept 9 th
Sept 15 th	#Team Scramble 8:00 Shotgun and Lunch after play	Sept 16 th

River Oaks will post scores to GHIN. Remember net double bogey is the highest score you can take, to assist with pace of play, if you get to a net double bogey on a hole, you may pick up.

() is the River Point Team Game Period of Play 1, 2 or 3

**# = Players will Register using Golf Genius for playing in Scramble events.
To ensure equal teams, some groups may be paired to make equal teams.**

River Point Team weekly Point Chart – Based on Team 3 of 4 Team Net Place vs field	
Ties will be split between teams.	
Each Week	
1st	20 pts
2nd	15 pts
3rd	11 pts
4th	8 pts
5th	6 pts
6th	5 pts
7th +	4 pts

River Team Game Payout Per Period	
1st Team - \$120	
2nd Team- \$80	
3rd Team- \$60	

Scramble Events		
40,30,20,10 % of A,B,C,D player handicaps to determine team handicap for scoring.		
•	1st Team	\$100
•	2nd Team	\$80
•	3rd Team	\$60
•	4th Team	\$50
•	5th Team	\$40

Weekly Events vs Flight		
In each flight	1st	\$10
	2nd	\$7
Weekly Events vs Field		
▪	1st	15%
▪	2nd	12%
▪	3rd	10%
▪	4th	9%
▪	5th	8%
▪	6th	7%
▪	7th	6%
▪	8th	5%
▪	9th	5%
▪	10th	5%
▪	11th	4%
▪	12th	4%
▪	13th	4%
▪	14th	4%
▪	15th	3%
▪	16th	3%

CTPs - \$6 Each Par 3
Long Putts \$6 Each (2 per event)

Application for Morning Men's Club-

Name _____ Date _____

Phone _____

Email _____

League(s) Registering for: _____ Tuesday AM _____ Wednesday AM

_____ Returning Player _____ New Player

2025 Tee Time _____ or I would like to request a new time @ _____

My Team includes: _____ & _____ & _____

Handicap Status:

_____ Renew at River Oaks (\$40 annually)

_____ I have a GHIN at another Facility GHIN# _____

_____ I do not have a GHIN handicap – please register me (\$40)

Tees Playing (playing handicap will be adjusted based on tees being played)

_____ Gold

_____ White

Age Classification

_____ I am a Sr (62+)

_____ I am under 62

Fee Work Sheet

\$97 Registration \$ _____

\$40 Handicap \$ _____ (do not pay if GHIN at another facility, list GHIN # above)

(only 1 GHIN fee is required to cover all leagues at River Oaks)

Total Due \$ _____

_____ Cash or Check included with application _____ pd cc

Sorry, to comply with Credit Card restrictions, we may only accept cc payments online or in person. You may declare River Oaks to charge your card on file with approval below.

I authorized River Oaks to charge my card on file the above amount _____ (initials)

Received by RO Staff _____ Added to GHIN _____ League _____