

Lyon Oaks 2020 League Information

Thank you for your patience as we have been working through the everchanging puzzle pieces that this pandemic has presented us. My goal from the start has been to create the best experience possible for everyone within the guidelines of the governor's executive orders. As we are rapidly approaching the June 1st start date for our league's we have created procedures/ guidelines in accordance with the current order that we will be putting in place to best mitigate the challenges and provide as safe and enjoyable experience as possible. I apologize for the lengthy communication but I wanted to include as much information as possible to include all of the current procedures as well as address as many questions and concerns that you might have. Please forward this information to all of your league members so that they will have it as well.

Carts and Walking Rotation

Currently we are only permitted to allow 1 bag/rider per cart. That presents a challenge for scheduling all of our golfers but is increasingly impactful on most nights of our golf leagues as we have more league players than carts. As a result of that our best solution to offer league play on a weekly basis to everyone is to have groups that tee off on the front 9 walk and those on the back 9 (a longer more challenging walk than the front) issued single rider carts. Essentially this means that we will be alternating weeks walking and riding. We will have signs on the carts with your league name so please let your players know to only use the carts assigned to your league.

I understand that walking may be a challenge/prohibitive to some and with that in mind we are going to try to issue up to 1 cart per group (front 9 start) to hopefully help with that situation. So essentially if you have 4 foursomes in your league you will be issued 4 carts. I will leave it up to the league president to determine who physically needs them and assign them accordingly. These extra carts will be "bonus" carts and not guaranteed as cart inventories fluctuate due to occasional malfunctions and some days and nights are busier than others. It is possible there could be a delay in being able to assign the "bonus carts" but I feel that with everyone's patience we should be able to provide them by the time groups tee off.

We are however constantly monitoring the orders and will make adjustments to cart access as we are permitted. I believe we will only be able to permit 1 golfer per cart for the foreseeable future, but my hope is that at the very least we will be able to eventually allow 2 bags to be kept on the cart. This would allow 1 person to ride while their partner walks without having to carry or push a cart. I understand that some courses are already allowing this as it is somewhat of a "grey area" in regards to the order. However, our legal department denied our most recent request to allow this style of play.

Pre-League/Cart Return

We will be booking times for pre-league as we have in the past. We are asking that you inform your players that at the time of booking they should identify themselves as pre-league as well as the name of the league that they play in. This will help us to have carts ready for them with the appropriate league signage on the cart so they will know which cart to use when they arrive. Each of the carts that are issued to pre-league will need to be re-used during league play later in the day. On the nights that your group plays the back 9 we ask that the driver just keep the same cart for league play. The passenger in

the cart will then need their own cart. The nights that they play the front nine, we will need them to immediately turn their cart in (unless it will be used as their own "bonus cart"). Please keep in mind that for everyone's safety each cart must be sanitized before being reissued. This process takes around 15 minutes so it is very important that everyone is courteous in turning carts they won't be using, as well as being patient as my staff cleans them prior to re-issuance.

Driving Range

Under the current order driving ranges are still listed as areas that are not permitted to be open. Once we are permitted, properly staffed and are able to ensure that golfers can use the facility safely while maintaining social distancing we will open the range and your group will once again be provided range balls prior to golf.

Clubhouse, Restrooms and Food & Beverage

Currently our clubhouse/proshop is ordered to remain closed to the public. Unfortunately this means that we also cannot provide access to the restrooms in the clubhouse. We have however placed a porta-potty at the cart staging area and the restrooms on the course will remain open. They will be cleaned and sanitized on a daily schedule. In regards to food and beverage, we are currently not open but intend to phase in as much as possible, as soon as the order allows and staffing permits. Please note the current order prohibits alcohol/beer sales at golf courses which I understand is a missing piece to the enjoyment of many. I assure you as soon as that changes we will once again resume sales. In the interim please remind all of your players that bringing their own beer/alcohol is not permitted as it is illegal and a direct violation of the Michigan Liquor Law.

Pre-Post Round Congregating

We are all aware that the premise of the governor's order is to promote social distancing to keep everyone as safe as possible. Our tee time schedule has been adjusted to reflect that and we are asking everyone who schedules times to arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to their time. I understand under normal conditions groups congregate at the tee before the start and often at the final green after play. We are asking that only 1 group be at the tee prior to teeing off and that golfers immediately return to their cars after play. Furthermore, congregating or "tail gating" in the parking lot will not be permitted pre or post round. Again, as the orders change, I hope we will be able to once again return to the more normal social behaviors that we have enjoyed in the past.

Weeks of Play

Our plan is to keep leagues in their normally scheduled starting time blocks but there will need to be a modified schedule for many of the groups who traditionally play 18-21 weeks due to daylight issues. For the week ending September 20th, sunset is scheduled to be about 7:39 (which means with normal weather it will be dark by 8pm). Additionally, we lose about 12 minutes off of the sunset time each week. Furthermore, mother nature doesn't always cooperate throughout the season which often requires weeks to be skipped and added onto the end of the season. Please keep these factors in mind when determining how many weeks your group schedules for the season.

League Fee

Understanding that things are unique this year and some procedures and offerings are different and may change as the season progress's, we have reduced the fee for the 2020 season. The weekly fee per golfer for this season will be \$23 per player/week. As in the past we will require the entire league to be paid in full for the weeks that they pre-schedule. Due to the clubhouse being closed, our normal face to face payment with the option of credit card, check or cash will be adjusted to a credit card only payment. It is preferred that each league president/secretary call the golf shop to provide 1 payment for the entire league. If for some reason this is not possible please have individuals call in payments a minimum of 3 days prior to the start of the league. We need to be able to confirm that the league is paid in full prior to the start of the league and last-minute payments may be very difficult. Our phone lines are extremely busy due to every golfer following the required prepayment protocol which increases phone traffic and call times.

Thank you for taking the time to review all of the information and I appreciate everyone's efforts to follow the guidelines. It is and will continue to be a very fluid situation and we may need/be able to adjust things as we go. As new developments occur, I will contact everyone with updates. I believe that the program we have in place should allow everyone to be able to play, but in the event that it does not work for your group this year I understand and your spot will be reserved for the 2021 season. If you have any question's please do not hesitate to contact Terry or myself directly and we will be happy to assist.

Thank you and I look forward to a great season!

Aaron