

FARMINGTON WOODS GOLF CLUB

Senior Men's League

2024 Season Operating Norms

We Want to Be Your League of Choice For Your Kind of Golfing Fun

As senior golfers, our first objective is always to HAVE FUN. We want to maximize the opportunity for fun and thereby strengthen our Club, by making Farmington Woods:

The club of choice for senior golfers of all levels of ability, who seek a league in which they can find their own balance of gross, net, individual and team competition; and the opportunity to make and strengthen friendships with other seniors through sharing our great game.

Senior Men's League activities are developed and administered to fulfill this mission, on the basis of transparency, communication and equal treatment of all members. Members are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with the FWGC Golf Members' Handbook, and the principle of respect for others and the field.

A Net League

To encourage participation by golfers of all skill levels, our Senior League is primarily a net league. In allocating shop credit awards across the overall season, we strive to achieve a rough balance of 30% gross- and 70% net-based awards. In each event, the gross winners are determined first, and the same individual or team cannot win both a gross and a net award. This differs from the weekly "skins" opportunity; if you chose to participate in the self-funded "skins" pool, you are eligible to win both a gross and a net skin for the same result on a hole.

Our emphasis on net play and the principle of respect for others and the field should lead each of us to maintain our handicaps with full respect for the principles of the USGA Handicapping System. Golf Genius and GHIN enable us to have full visibility on player gross and net performance, and it is monitored.

Tee Times

All Senior League members have the right to equal and impartial treatment in the assignment

of tee times and are expected to manage their personal affairs in order to be able to accept whatever time is assigned within the customary window set aside for Senior League play. We recognize that sudden requirements may arise that constrain a member's availability on a particular day, but such circumstances should be isolated.

Pace of Play

Unlike personal preference, consistently slow individual pace of play that impacts the pace of the group and other groups following may very well affect the assignment of tee times to the member and the group to which he is assigned for an event. Farmington Woods expects foursomes to complete their round in a maximum of 4 hours, 20 minutes. Kevin Cloud will monitor and track the completion time for groups (and the members thereof) in our events. If the data identifies members who are consistently associated with an unacceptably slow pace of play of the groups to which they are assigned, notice and an opportunity to cure will be given. Absent improvement, future tee time assignments at the end of the pack should be expected.

Makeup of Foursomes

A hall mark of the Senior League is an emphasis on "everybody playing with everybody." This is important to building and broadening the friendship and camaraderie that is so important to the strength of the League. At the same time, we are responding to the strong sentiment expressed in the 2024 Planning Survey for players to have more opportunities to play their rounds with more golfers rather than primarily with golfers of a similar skill level. Through Golf Genius, we will monitor "who plays with whom" actively so that we can avoid any tension between these objectives.

Signup Deadlines

There is a standard process and schedule for event invitations and signups. You can expect to receive your invitation no later than Tuesday for the following week's Tuesday event. You must respond to that invitation no later than Noon on the Sunday immediately prior to the event. The Pro Shop will process all the data that afternoon, and you will receive your tee time and group assignment by the end of the day on Sunday.

Cancellations/Changes

In order for us to maintain this level of consistency, it is critical that we each respond to the invitation by the Noon Sunday deadline, and with a quality response. Last-minute responses or changes that could have been avoided are unfair to those of us who are engaged in this work planning events, and any team members who are affected.