

2025 Golf Season Kickoff Letter

The Keith Childress golf season starts April 23, 2025. There has been a modest increase in prices this year. Tara Hills has not raised prices for a while so an increase is expected.. Bruce Packard will provide the schedule in another email. **We will NOT play golf on July 2, 2025.** Position night will be June 25 and September 10. Championship night will be September 17 and awards night is scheduled for September 24 (barring any rainouts). We will be teeing off both front and back at 3:38 pm. There will be 7 teams off the front and 7 teams off the back. Some of you may have work schedule issues. Please coordinate with your opponents and/or Bruce/me before the day you golf. We might be able to shift teams around to accommodate your conflicts. The maximum score on any hole is three (3) over par. REMEMBER to add a “M” to your score on that hole when you pick up the ball and did not put it in the hole. Maximum on par 3 is 6, par 4 is 7 and par 5 is 8.

The costs per player for the season are as follows;

1. Two man teams are \$400 per player
2. Three man teams are \$290 per player
3. Four man teams are \$225 per player

You can pay by Check or VENMO. Make all checks payable to Jon Kragt with golf league in the memo line. Please send the checks in the mail to Jon Kragt at 8518 South 102nd St., La Vista, NE 68128 before April 23. This really helps reduce first day lines to pay me. There is an option to pay for the 1st half April 23 and the 2nd half in June.

Bruce and I also accept VENMO if you want to pay that way. Venmo for Jon is Jon Kragt@jonkragt and Bruce is Bruce Packard@Bruce-Packard-2

Bruce Packard continues to do a great job maintaining and entering data on the web program each week. This will set the schedule where every team plays “approximately” the same number of times front and back while not duplicating playing opposing teams. The web site is <https://ecgolf.org/>

Golf schedules along with handicaps will be emailed each week to Tara Hills and all the players and will be posted on the website.

The season is 21 weeks with a free 22nd week. Remember that we add 1 more week that the golf league will pay for and Tara has agreed to furnish free carts. That will be the same night as our final steak night and awards.

Senior tees are now for 70+ years old unless you are 65+ with a 13+ handicap. Seniors from past senior tee usage are grandfathered.

The rules are listed below.

1. If a ball is hit OB, there is a 1 stroke penalty and you can play the ball anywhere in the line of flight from the original position to where the ball went OB.
2. You may improve your lie with the club head in the fairway or rough. The ball is not to be moved in a sand trap or other designated hazard.
3. The maximum score on any hole is three (3) over par. Maximum on par 3 is 6, 4 is 7 and 5 is 8.
8. Make sure you place an M next to the score to indicate that you maxed out before putting into the hole.
4. Please limit your search for a missing ball to 5 minutes or less. We do play drop zones on the water holes. #5 is to the left of the lake and behind the sand trap. #12 is on the other side of the lake next to the cart path on the green side of the cart path. #15 is ahead and to the left of the ladies tee. All other rules of Tara Hills and golf apply.
5. We play from the white tees. Persons 70 and over or 65 and over with at least a 13 handicap may choose to play from the Senior Tees. If you elect to do so, you must play the Senior Tees all year. If you elect not to play Senior Tees that is also for the entire season.
6. For new players or subs: your handicap will be established the first night of play at 90% of the difference between your score and par (35 at Tara Hills). The computer will pick up your handicap after 3 nights of play.
7. For opponents playing with extreme differences in handicap: Only 1 stroke per hole is given to determine the winner of the hole. However, the total difference is given to determine total.
8. No-Shows - The single player will play against the member of the opposing team with the closest handicap to the player for the individual points. Team points will go to the full team.

Remember on hole number 12. The drop zone used to be between the lake and the cart path. We are changing the drop zone to be on the other non-lake side of the cart path within a few club lengths.