

BLACKOUTMKE golf league

Introduction:

Welcome to the Blackoutmke Golf League, the southeastern United States premier golf league. This league was developed and created by Michael King in partnership with Michael King. The BGL's purpose is to provide a fun, welcoming, at times hostile, and competitive league where one can enjoy time drinking, playing golf with friends, and taking their frustrations out on a patch of land maintained by a group of underpaid unskilled laborers. We aim to represent the pureness of golf, one shotgun at a time.

Questions:

Who? Me...Mike, you guys...my friends?

What? A golf league for friends to drink, have fun, and gamble a little.

Where? Each tournament location will be decided before the season with respect to location, price, and difficulty.

When? Schedule subject to change but aiming for second weekend of each month March – October. AKA When NFL isn't in full steam.

Why? I just wanted to start a golf league.

Quick Facts:

There are a couple of things to know before you get started in this league.

1. Annual league dues are \$50.00 USD.
2. You **MUST** be a Pro Status Member of TheGrint mobile application. This app is the system we'll use to track all scores during tournaments, and throughout the league season. This application will keep track of your handicap which is officially recognized by the USGA. The annual price of this app is \$39.99 USD.
3. Course/green fees will be subject to the league member playing that day.
4. Points can be won at each tournament throughout the year. As we all have busy schedules, only your top 4 scoring tournaments and the final Tour Championship will count towards your final tally.
5. Play is based on **HANDICAP**, being bad here actually plays in your favor! You'll have to use the app a few times before the season begins to establish a handicap in the app.
6. We have some fun drinking rules and are accepting others!
 - a. Each player is allowed tee shot mulligans with the requirement being a shotgun must be performed before doing so.
 - b. Any player who fails to hit their tee shot past the ladies' tees will be required to do a shotgun before their next shot.
 - c. Each player is required to perform one shotgun at the turn (before teeing off on #10).



BGL Official Rules:

Section 1: GENERAL RULES

1. Blackoutmke Golf League is a one-person team golf league. League members must be at least 21 years old and abide by all league rules.
 - 1.1 The **NUMBER ONE RULE** is **PLAY FAST!** Be Ready to Hit! Keep it moving...
 - 1.2 The League will attempt to play the second Saturday/Sunday of each month from March to October. We will try to maintain an initial first group tee time between 9AM and 10AM.
 - 1.3 A tournament schedule will be published in the December leading up to each season. The subsequent January will allow the league to work out any scheduling conflicts that may arise.
 - 1.4 Tee times for each tournament shall be made at least 2 weeks in advance. Notice of attendance must be relayed before this time.
 - 1.5 The league TREASURER will collect \$50.00 per player each year for league administration fees and expenses. These dues must be submitted at least 5 working days before the start of the league season.
 - 1.5.1 Payment will be accepted through one of the following methods. Cash will not be accepted.
 - 1.5.1.1 Venmo: @KLNGER
 - 1.5.1.2 PayPal: @michaelkingucf
 - 1.5.1.3 ApplePay: 570-650-4779
 - 1.5.1.4 CashApp: \$KLNGER
 - 1.5.1.5 Zelle: 570-650-4779
 - 1.6 All league members must be as Pro Status Member of TheGrint mobile application.
 - 1.6.1 This membership is \$39.99. Should this go up in the future to a price unacceptable to league members, a vote will commence to decide on whether we continue using this application.
 - 1.7 All course/green/cart fees will be the responsibility of the league member playing that day.

Section 2: OFFICER INFORMATION/RESPONSIBILITIES

2. League Officers: LEAGUE PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT, COORDINATOR, TREASURER
 - 2.1.1 President: Michael King (570-650-4779)
 - 2.1.2 Vice-President: Michael King (570-650-4779)
 - 2.1.3 Treasurer: Michael King (570-650-4779)
 - 2.1.4 Coordinator: Michael King (570-650-4779)
- 2.2 The League Officer's duties will include: Setting and distributing a schedule; Recording and distributing accurate results of league play; Maintaining and updating BGL handicaps, standings, rules, and records.
- 2.3 Other League Officer duties will include: Acting on behalf of the BGL with golf course personnel; Collection of all dues owed to the Blackoutmke Golf League;
- 2.4 The COORDINATOR shall set an agenda and conduct a preseason meeting to elect officers, set schedule, review league rules, establish tee times for each tournament with the selected course, and collect monies for the upcoming season.
- 2.5 The league TREASURER will be responsible for collecting all league dues.
- 2.6 The league TREASURER must keep a detailed and accurate accounting of all revenues and expenditures and provide a pre-season income statement with projected income and expenses and a final income statement showing actual income and expenses for the season. Balance deficits or surpluses will be handled by the rules committee.

Section 3: RULES COMMITTEE / DISPUTES / DECISIONS

3. The Rules Committee will be made up of all league officers and 2 league members selected from interested volunteers by a league vote at the preseason league meeting.
- 3.1 The Rules Committee can make league and local rules pertaining to league play at any time including but not limited to matters which affect points, standings, rule interpretation, etc. All league disputes, violations, and penalties are subject to review by the Rules Committee.
- 3.2 The committee may consult any outside party including but not limited to the parties involved, any witnesses, and/or the course head golf professional. Decisions made by the Rules Committee are final. Major changes in league rules are proposed and voted on in the preseason meeting or require a written vote of all league members.

Section 4: LEAGUE SETUP

4. League Competition (8 months).

4.1 Your handicap will be calculated by TheGrint mobile application.

4.2 LEAGUE POINT SYSTEM (Provided by TheGrint). Each tournament will have the below category and point system settings.

4.3 Only the top 4 scoring tournaments of each league member and the final Tour Championship will count towards final scoring tallies.

4.4 Winners at the end of year will be decided by points.

4.4.1 1st Place: Most points, wins 50% of yearly dues.

4.4.2 2nd Place: Second most points, wins 25% of yearly dues.

4.4.3 3rd Place: Third most points, wins \$40.00 back for TheGrint membership.

4.4.4 Remaining amount will be decided on per the group as to how to use it. Could be saved for next year, buy a trophy, put into a Bitcoin account, etc.

4.5 The Amateurs Tournament and Orlando Open Championship will be the Tours majors.

The screenshot displays a mobile application interface for setting up a league. At the top, there is a dropdown menu for 'Type Hole' set to '18 Holes'. Below this, the 'Categories' section lists six options: '1. Lowest handicaps', '2. 10 and up', '3. 20 and up', '4. not used', '5. not used', and '6. not used'. Each option is accompanied by a dropdown arrow. The 'Points system' section has two radio buttons: 'Custom' (selected) and 'Progressive'. Below this, there are input fields for points for each position: '1st' (150), '2nd' (130), '3rd' (115), '4th' (105), '5th' (100), 'All others' (-5 every position), and 'Minimum per Player' (0).

4.5.1

Section 5: LEAGUE PLAY: “The Golf Rules”

5. All matches shall be played from one tee level below the back tees.
- 5.1 All matches will be played under Summer Rules, which means - Play it as it Lies.
- 5.2 SHOTGUNS
 - 5.2.1 Each player is allowed tee shot mulligans with the requirement being a shotgun must be performed before doing so. Failure to do so will result in a 2-stroke penalty.
 - 5.2.2 Any player who fails to hit their tee shot past the ladies' tees will be required to do a shotgun before their next shot. Failure to do so will result in a 2-stroke penalty.
 - 5.2.3 Each player is required to perform one shotgun at the turn (before teeing off on #10).
- 5.3 UNFAIR LIE RULE: If your ball rests in a divot or in ground which may be considered under repair or unfair, you may place a ball at the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole, without penalty, only after notifying and receiving permission from your opponent. A bunkered ball shall be placed in the bunker. If permission is not granted, then the ball must be played as it lies. If the course dictates “cart path only” you may Lift, Clean, & Place your ball, in your own fairway only.
- 5.4 No putts for birdie or better may be conceded. Only pars and higher putts may be conceded at the discretion to the opponent.
- 5.5 Designated DROP AREAS will be used on the par 3 holes only. You can PLACE the ball within the Drop Circle or outside the drop circle on a line to the previous shot back as far as you wish, no closer to the hole.
- 5.6 The MAXIMUM SCORE on any hole is 4 over par. A player may pick up on any hole and take a 4 over par score.
- 5.7 “The 4 Options Rule”: How to Handle: A Lost Ball / Unplayable Lie / Out of Bounds / Wooded Areas / Any Water Hazard / Or ANY BALL WHICH HAS TO BE MOVED IN ORDER TO PLAY IT.
 - 5.7.1 PENALTY: ADD 1 STROKE and use one of the following 4 options...
 - 5.7.2 Option 1: Place the ball and re-hit from approximately the same spot as your last shot.
 - 5.7.3 Option 2: Place the ball 2 club lengths from where the ball lies or the point of entry, no closer to the hole.
 - 5.7.4 Option 3: Keep the point of entry between yourself and the Flag and place the ball on this line, no closer to the hole, back as far as you want.
 - 5.7.5 Option 4: Keep yourself between the point of entry and Your Last Shot and place the ball on this line, no closer to the hole, back as far as you want.
 - 5.7.5.1 Definitions:
 - 5.7.5.2 Point of Entry: The last point where the ball crossed playable golf course – before becoming unplayable, whether going out of bounds, lost, or in a hazard or wooded area. If the shot never crosses playable golf course, then use option 1. If the player and the opponents disagree substantially where to spot the point of entry, it can be a compromised spot agreed to by both sides. Make a decision and GO!
 - 5.7.5.3 Drop: In all “drop situations” where a penalty stroke is being added, you may Place the ball no closer to the hole and at least two clubs lengths from a green. Never on a green.
 - 5.7.5.4 Unplayable Lie: A player at any time can declare his ball unplayable and use the 4-options rule.
 - 5.7.5.5 If there are any RULES DISPUTES during a match a provisional ball can be played and the rules committee will make a decision. Committee decisions are final.

Section 6 MISCELLANEOUS

6. PLEASE DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE! BGL IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR WHAT YOU DO BEHIND THE WHEEL OF YOUR CAR AFTER PLAYING IN THIS LEAGUE.

6.1 There is a 30-maximum handicap for the league per tournament.

6.2 Handicaps are calculated by using TheGrint mobile app.

6.3 RAINOUTS / LIGHTNING. If lightning is present, you are to immediately take the standard precautions prescribed for this condition. Rainouts will be determined by the club pro and/or the rules committee. Take cover if the course warning horn sounds during a round. You will be notified if the round is being postponed or canceled.

6.4 You're welcome to invite "Celebrities" (friends not registered on the tour) to play. They will not count towards the scoring of the tournament technically. Please let League Officers know beforehand so that we can plan to add them to the tee time groupings.

6.5 Tee time grouping will be decided at random. Requests are welcomed.

6.6 Winning the Amateurs Tournament will win you the coveted Blackoutmke Black Jacket.

6.7 Par 3 Challenge.

6.7.1 There will be a closest to the pin challenge on the last par 3 of the course.

6.7.2 The first group will have a par 3 marker provided by the BGL. This will be used to mark the closest tee shot. The last group will be responsible for collecting said marker.

6.7.3 It will be a \$5.00 buy in to be part of the closest to the pin challenge.

6.7.4 Closest shot will collect the winnings.

6.7.5 Every 2 years we will try and have the RYDERZ CUP. This will be a travel destination tournament decided on by the committee. It will be a weekend tournament meant to mimic the real world Ryder Cup. More to come.

6.8 TheGrint Tour settings are as follows

The screenshot shows the configuration page for a golf league on TheGrint. The settings are as follows:

- Name: Blackoutmke Golf League (Update)
- URL: thegrint.com/tours/blackoutmkegolflleague (Update)
- Main Stat (used to rank): Net Score (Course Hdcp) (Update)
- Second Stat: Gross Score
- Third Stat: Putts
- Categories:
 - 1. Lowest handicaps
 - 2. 10 and up
 - 3. 20 and up
 - 4. not used
 - 5. not used
 - 6. not used (Update)

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Section 7 SCHEDULE

Tour Events		Show Removed
Event		Remove
2025 Inaugural BGL Invitational 3/8/2025		Remove
2025 Shooter McGavin Shootout 4/12/2025		Remove
2025 Amateurs Tournament (Major) 5/10/2025		Remove
2025 Benjamin Moore Open 6/14/2025		Remove
2025 John Daily Invitational 7/12/2025		Remove
2025 Orlando Open Championship (Major) 8/9/2025		Remove
2025 Holler Honda Championship 9/13/2025		Remove
2025 BGL Tour Championship (***) 10/11/2025		Remove

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