

Vaaler Creek Golf Association Spring 2026 League Rules

DATES: March 15, 2026 to May 31, 2026

COST: \$50

FORMAT: League format is flighted single-person teams. Flights are determined by the handicap of the player from the tees played. Number of flights will be determined by the number of players. All ties for first place in each flight will be played off with an 18-hole round to determine the flight champion.

An 18-hole match is recommended to be played within the 7-day window with the opposing person on the schedule. Match can be played in advance or postponed, as long as the match is played with the opposing person. Match can also be played as two separate nine-hole rounds with cards turned into the Golf Shop at the end of the match, dated and signed by each player. All score cards of matches must be turned in by May 31, 2026.

All matches must be played against the person you are scheduled to play. Multiple matches can be played within a foursome but no score card exchange matches are allowed. You must be playing with the opponent in the same foursome in order to count as a match. EX: Player A can play match against B, C, and D at the same time as B is playing against C and D as well, but same match play rules apply.

When you attempt to schedule a match with another person, please keep track of those attempts. If more than one person makes three reasonable attempts to schedule matches with one particular person without success, that person can be disqualified at the discretion of the VCGA board and their points forfeited. You should report to the league secretary when you have three failed attempts to schedule a match.

TEES: MEN: All men under the age of 60 will play the blue tees; all men 60 and over will play the white tees with any male with age and GHIN handicap totaling 90 or over having the option of playing the red tees. This must be declared at the time of start of league and cannot change with individual matches. Handicap will be adjusted for playing from these tees.

WOMEN: All women will play the red tees regardless of flight. Handicaps will be adjusted to the tees you are playing.

SCORING: Each match will have 3 total points available, 1 point for net match play front, back and total. Use a regular scorecard and current handicap for the match. There will be NO preprinted scorecards. PUT THE MATCH NUMBER YOU ARE PLAYING ON THE CARD with both of your signatures. If you don't know your handicaps or how to score, just record your actual scores and the league secretary will figure the points and let you know the results.

All players are to post their own score to GHIN hole by hole as a regular score (not a tournament score).

PENALTY AREAS: Areas around the golf course not clearly marked and lots not currently occupied by a house or under construction will be played as lateral penalty areas.

Options for your ball in a PENALTY AREA. If you are certain or virtually certain the ball is within the penalty area: USGA Rule 17.

- Play ball as it lies in penalty area.
- Take stroke-and-distance by taking drop within 2 club lengths of where the ball crossed into the penalty zone.
- Take back-on-the-line relief keeping point where the ball crossed into the penalty area between you and the hole.
- Hit from the previous position or as close to it as possible.
- Take lateral relief (red penalty area only).

If you are in doubt, you can always play 2 balls and get a ruling in following play.

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