



## Fox Hollow Men's Club Member Handbook

### **Introduction**

Welcome to the Fox Hollow Men's Club (FHMC). The club exists to promote friendly golf competition among its members. The men's club consists of 3 different "leagues" – Wednesday 9-holes, Wednesday 18-holes, and Saturday 18-holes. Using the term "leagues"; however, is slightly misleading. Each league is actually a series of weekly events running from April until Sept or Oct. With a few exceptions, each week is a separate event with its own prize fund. See below (or the web site) for more explanation of the events and how to sign up for them.

### **Fees**

The following fees are mandatory to become a member of the FHMC:

- Administration Fee: This fee is set by the board of directors and is paid by all members regardless of which league(s) they choose to play in. This fee pays for:
  - MN Golf Association membership and official USGA handicap calculation.
  - Prize money for Club Championship, and Fox Cup Championship, Hole-in-One insurance (All members who make a hole-in-one during FHMC Saturday or Wednesday league play, will split the pot of money created by this fee) and possible other events.
  - General club administration.
- League Fees: This fee is set by the board of directors and entitles the player to become a regular member of the league. It must be paid for each league the player wishes to be a member of. This fee pays for the event entry fee (not greens fees) for all regular events sponsored by the league for the entire season. An additional fee is required for some special events. (Exception: see "Pay as you go / Cross League Fees" below)
- Greens Fees: Either a full play membership or weekday play only membership must be paid to Fox Hollow Golf Course (not the Men's Club) at the beginning of the season, OR appropriate greens fees must be paid in the pro shop before each round by non-full play members. See the Fox Hollow web site for information on member's fees and greens fees.

The following fees are optional during the FHMC season:

- Miscellaneous Fees: Some events require an additional fee to be paid in order to participate. There are very few of these and there is always an additional event which does not require a special fee. This extra fee goes toward the prize fund for the event.
- Pay as you go / Cross League fees: Otherwise known as a Tier I fee. A player may play in an event in a league they are not a member of for \$10 per event. The player MUST inform the

pro shop and pay the \$10 fee PRIOR to starting their round. This DOES NOT APPLY to special and major events. The player MUST have paid the administration fee (See above).

- Side Games: For most events, there is an optional side game for skins and for closest to the pin that requires a separate fee. This fee is collected by the pro shop PRIOR to your round.

## **Leagues**

Once you've paid your Administration fee, League fees, and golf club membership fee, you are ready to play the events. All you need to do is obtain a tee time slot typically available 2 weeks prior to the event. Tee Times are obtained online or by calling the pro shop. There is a link at the top of each league schedule page on the men's club web site (accessed via the Fox Hollow Web site under Leagues) which gives access to the list of men's club events. You'll need to know your GHIN number in order to register for an event and make a tee time for that event.

As mentioned above, each league has a page on the men's club web site that shows the schedule. Click on the name of an event to get a description of how it is played and scored. Click on the "Results" tag to see the winners of the event.

- Wednesday 9-hole league: This group plays 9 holes each Wednesday with tee times running from approximately 3:50 pm to approximately 6:30 pm.
- Wednesday 18-hole league: This group plays 18 holes each Wednesday with tee times running from approximately 10:40am to approximately 3:45 pm.
- Saturday 18-hole league: This group plays 18 holes on Saturday with tee times running from approximately 6:30-7:00 am to approximately 8:30 – 9:00 am.

## **Major Events**

FHMC conducts four "Major" events that all men's club members may participate in, regardless of which league(s) they are a member of. These events will be on each league schedule.

- Member/Guest: This event is designed to promote camaraderie and perhaps advertise our club to future potential members. This event typically requires an additional entry fee. Format is at the discretion of the chairmen.
- Combination Tournament: This event is for 2-man teams. You and your partner play the course with holes separated into groups. Each hole group is played in a different format – best ball, alternate shot, and scramble. At the discretion of the board of directors, this event could be 18, 27, or 36 holes. There is sometimes an extra fee for this event.
- Sometimes the Combination may be replaced with a Member/Member event.
- Club Championship and Senior Club Championship: They are both 36 hole, flighted, stroke play events which also determines the club champion and the senior club champion. See the web site for more information. No extra fee required for the Club Championship, some fee will be necessary for Senior Club Championship.
- Fox Cup Championship: Throughout the season, each league awards points to players for high finishes in events. The highest point winners from each league are eligible for the Fox Cup Championship at the end of the season. See the web site for details about this event. No extra fee required.

## **Handicaps**

Part of the members Administration Fee pays for a Minnesota Golf Association membership which includes calculation of an official USGA/MGA handicap (GHIN system). In order for an accurate handicap to be calculated, all scores shot at any course must be entered into the USGA GHIN handicapping system. **FHMC records all league scores for you. You are responsible for recording all non-league scores you shoot.** You may also record your non league scores at the USGA GHIN web site ([www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com)). You'll need to create an account there if you haven't ever done so in the past.

**The board of directors has the right to adjust any handicaps that it feels are not accurate.**

If you are new to the club and have not had a handicap calculated before, you must supply 3 full 18 hole scores to the GHIN system in order to get an official handicap. **You must play with a handicap of zero in all events until you have an official handicap.** If you had a handicap calculated at another course, you will probably have a GHIN number. Put that number on the membership application, or talk to personnel in the golf shop to get your GHIN information transferred.

## **Rules**

All Fox Hollow Men's Club events are played under United States Golf Association Rules. Except in the case of match play events, **ALL PUTTS MUST BE HOLED OUT – THERE ARE NO GIMME'S.** Unless otherwise state for a specific event, we play the ball as it lies. There are no "winter rules" or "preferred lies" or "lift clean and place". All players should familiarize themselves with the most common rules involving hazards and drops. See the separate document called "Fox Hollow Men's Club Common Rules of Play and Local Rules". This document can be found on the web site at [FHMC Local Rules](#).

## **Web**

The FHMC maintains a web site within the Fox Hollow Golf club site [foxhollowgolfmn.com](http://foxhollowgolfmn.com) or you can access it directly at <https://www.foxhollowgolfmn.com/fox-hollow-mens-club>. The site has all league schedules and event results as well as meeting minutes and other information items about the men's club.

## **E-Mail**

Our only form of communication is e-mail. It is very important that you provide us with an e-mail address you check on a regular basis. Announcement of membership registration, election of board members, monthly newsletters, information on special events and many other notices are sent out ONLY by e-mail. Rest assured we will not sell or distribute your address to anyone. It is for our communication purposes only.