

2024 MERRY-HILL GOLF CLUB WOMEN'S LEAGUE ORIENTATION

We wish to welcome everyone to the 2024 Women's League at Merry-Hill Golf Club.

The league has been structured to create a fun and non-competitive golf experience that will allow you to maintain relationships you've established over the years and provide an opportunity to meet new people. At Merry-Hill we are committed to providing a comfortable environment in which you can develop an affinity for the game of golf that will last a lifetime.

Merry-Hill Staff

Your Women's League Coordinator this season is Emily Steinman. She is very excited to be taking on this new role and she looks forward to ensuring your enjoyment in the league! Emily will be the key contact for all communication throughout the league. If you have questions or concerns or need to change/cancel/adjust your tee time, she is the first person you should reach out to! In addition to handling all the paperwork, your league coordinator will manage and arrange all the on-course games, handicapping, and of course the prizing! You can easily reach your league coordinator by email at league@merryhillgolf.com or by calling the clubhouse at 519-648-2831.

The rest of our management team is excited to welcome you to the golf course! If there is anything we can do to make your experience better at Merry-Hill Golf Club, we encourage you to reach out to us!

- Clubhouse Manager – Abbey Steers | manager@merryhillgolf.com
- Golf Course Superintendent – Kevin Brohman | kevin@merryhillgolf.com
- Director of Golf – Carly Peister | carly@merryhillgolf.com

League Features

League play begins on Wednesday, May 1st with weekly play that will conclude on Wednesday, September 18th with the annual Year-End Social Fundraiser. This is a shotgun-style tournament we will be hosting in the morning and the afternoon that requires early registration. There will be a food component as well as raffles and lots of fun prizes to be won. More details regarding this event will be provided to you in August.

Your league registration fee includes the following:

- Guaranteed tee times for 20 weeks of league play, being offered between 8:30 - 10:30 am, and afternoon tee times from 4:00 - 6:00 pm
- Monthly Swing and Social events, held on the first Wednesday in June, July, and August.
- Registration for the Year-End Social Fundraiser - PM event
- Handicap tracking
- \$16.95 donation towards local Women's Charities
- Participation prizes throughout the season! Win cool stuff just for playing!
- Optional entry into weekly 50/50 draws, with proceeds being donated to local women's charities

Your 2024 Club Card provides you with the following benefits:

- a 30% discount on posted green fee rates during designated league tee times, and a 25% discount on golf outside of league tee times!
- a 25% discount on power cart rentals during the upcoming season
- You must be a 2024 Club Card holder to participate in the Women's League
- 10% discount on Golf Shop merchandise
- 10% discount on non-alcoholic Food & Beverage purchases
- Optional PrePaid account for fast, contactless purchases anywhere on the golf course

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Monthly Swing and Socials - Included in the Registration fee

We are thrilled to announce the addition of a fresh element to this year's Women's League – our monthly Swing and Social events. Mark your calendars for June 5th, July 3rd, and August 7th, as these special events promise an unforgettable experience. Each social will include a food component and a fun activity. The first event will feature a minute to win style game, complemented by a delightful wine and charcuterie board tasting. The second gathering is a "pink ball tournament," where three out of four golfers play best ball while one player uses a pink ball, rotated among the group at each hole. The scoring involves averaging the lowest score among the three golfers and the player with the pink ball. Post-round, a food truck awaits for a delicious meal. The final event is a trivia game accompanied by specialty flatbreads after your 9-holes of golf. Registration will be required in order to plan the events accordingly. Our aim is to introduce a dose of fun and social camaraderie into the women's league, offering you a monthly activity to enjoy.

Green Fees

Green fees are not included in the league fee. As a Women's League player, your Club Card will provide you with a 30% discount on green fees and a 25% discount on power cart rentals during designated league tee times. If you visit the course outside your league play, you will receive a 25% discount on green fees and power cart rentals.

All golfers must check in at the marquee by the putting green each week. You may opt to save a credit card to your account for quick and easy check-in procedures.

Women's League Club Card 9-hole green fee rate: \$27.30 + HST (Morning Session)

Women's League Club Card 9-hole green fee: \$30.80 + HST (Evening Session)

Women's League Club Card 9-hole power cart rate: \$12.75 + HST

Women's League Club Card 18-hole green fee rate: \$35.00 + HST (Morning only)

Women's League Club Card 18-hole power cart rate: \$16.50 + HST

The Club Card Program

The best discount we have to offer on golf! The Club Card can be used all season long to receive:

- 25% off your green fee and cart rentals
- 10% off Golf Shop merchandise
- 10% off Food and Beverage purchases (excludes alcohol)
- An optional pre-paid balance that can be loaded with a dollar value of your choice to be used towards any purchases at the Golf Club

The Club Card has an annual expiry date on December 31, 2024. Each year, you will be required to renew/purchase your Club Card to participate in league activities. Although a physical card is not required, we will be updating photos of our guests so we can quickly and easily identify you at check-in.

Fund Raising for Local Women's Charity

This year, Merry-Hill Golf Club has decided to support local women's charities. Women's shelters are leading advocacy efforts, providing employment services, supporting women experiencing poverty, and saving lives by helping women and children escape violence and abuse. \$16.95 from every league registration, in addition to weekly activities (50/50 draw raffles, etc.) will benefit both the league players and our fundraising efforts. We encourage your participation in making our fundraising efforts a success. Tickets are \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

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If you would like to purchase 50/50 draw tickets these will be sold in the Golf Shop and on the Beverage Cart

How To Book Your Tee Time

Morning league tee times are available from 8:30 am to 10:30 am, including both 9 or 18-hole time slots.

Afternoon league tee times are available from 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm with 9-hole time slots only.

League tee times are reserved for Women's League players and their guests.

You may book tee times for yourself or your group as follows:

Tee time requests - may change within 10 mins +/- . Twosomes will be paired up. Your tee time confirmation will be sent out 4 days in advance. Only book with the league coordinator.

In-Person -14 days in advance:

- The League Coordinator will book your tee time(s) at the registration table under the marquee

Online - 10 days in advance:

- Women's League players may book online. You must book into designated league tee times only (ask to see the online booking procedure in the Golf Shop)
- 9-hole and 18-hole tee times are available for league bookings in the morning.
- Only 9-hole tee times are available in the afternoon
- When booking your tee times online, please enter the names of the other golfers in your group
- You are using the same reservation system as the general public, therefore you cannot see golfer's names online – call the Golf Shop if you would like to know who is playing at specific times, or if you forget your tee time
- If you need to cancel or change your tee time please call the golf shop or sign in to your online booking account to make changes. We ask for a minimum of 24 hours notice of any change or cancellation

By telephone - 13 days in advance:

- Call the Golf Shop at (519) 648-2831

No-Show and Cancellation Policy

Cancellations: We have a 48-hour cancellation policy for league players, please follow it. Call 519-648-2831 and speak with either the league coordinator or the Golf Shop staff.

- No-shows will be charged \$20.00 +HST.
- If you cannot attend your tee time, a “replacement” player can be sent in your place such that the position has been filled by a golfer with or without a Club Card. This negates any no-show fee from being charged.

PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE PHONE MESSAGES OR SEND EMAILS TO CANCEL TEE TIMES

There will be times when you will see non-league players on the golf course during your round. We do our best to group all league members together and send you out in consecutive tee times. Tee times that have not been booked by Women's League players will become available to regular customers on the Sunday before league play at 11 AM. Thank you for understanding.

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Weather-Related Cancellations

Please contact the Golf Shop when inclement weather may interfere with your golfing activity. If you are unable to finish your round of golf, Merry-Hill will provide you with a rain check based on our generous rain check policy.

Check-In Procedures

Please arrive a minimum of 15 minutes before your tee time. This will allow you ample time to check in at the Golf Shop and with your League Coordinator, purchase your 50/50 tickets, use the washroom facilities, and purchase a cold beverage before heading to the putting green to warm up!

We accept credit, debit, and cash for payments. We also encourage you to use your PrePaid account for even faster check-in.

Women's League Guest Privileges/ Replacement Player

Each Women's League member is permitted to bring a guest to join them once (1) throughout the season. Your Club Card discount is not transferable to your guest. They will be required to pay for the posted green fee rate and will receive the Club Card discount if they are a Club Card holder themselves. Please be aware that the League is full and times are scarce. We reserve the option to decline a guest to accommodate a current league member.

Handicap Tracking

Included in your league registration is handicap tracking. If you'd like to participate in this, you will need to fill in your scorecard and hand it into the Golf Shop or League Coordinator at the end of your round. You will be able to review your updated handicap roughly 48 hours later on the SmartGolf platform.

Year End Social Tournament- September 18th, 2024 – Planned shotgun event

This event is a league social fundraiser including 9 holes of golf and dinner along with a raffle to raise money for local women's charities. Every year we have a ton of great prizes to win and lots of fun on the course! More information will be provided closer to the event date. This will be an evening event with a set number of spaces and is an additional \$65.00 + HST. You can sign up at any point throughout the season with Emily, spots are first come first serve.

Thank you for joining the 2024 Merry-Hill Women's League. We're excited to have you participating this year and look forward to a safe and enjoyable season. The entire Merry-Hill team is looking forward to welcoming you to the club each week you visit for league play and of course, if you're visiting for any extra rounds on the side!

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Etiquette at Merry-Hill Golf Club

Safety

- Players should ensure that no one is standing in a position that would cause them to be hit with the club or the ball when the player makes a stroke or practice swing.
- Players should not play until the players in front are out of range.
- If a player should accidentally hit a ball where it may strike other golfers, a warning should be shouted immediately. This warning is typically “FORE!,” not “I’ll get you next time!”

Consideration for Other Players

- Players should always show consideration toward other players on the course. They should not disturb others by moving, talking, or making unnecessary noise. Players should also ensure that electronic devices brought onto the golf course do not disturb the other players.
- A player should not tee up their ball until it is their turn to play.
- Players should not stand directly behind the ball or directly in front of the hole when a player is about to take a shot.
- On the putting green, players should not stand on another player’s line of putt or cast a shadow over another player’s line of putt when they are taking a stroke. Players should also remain close to the putting green until all of the players have sunk their ball.
- The player who is keeping the score should ask the players their score while walking to the next tee.

Pace of Play

- Players should give themselves enough time to park their car, unload their clubs, check in with Golf Shop, and be ready to play at their scheduled tee time. A player’s tee time is when they are scheduled to start play, not when they are to arrive at the golf course.
- Players should try to keep a good pace of play while on the golf course. It is your group’s responsibility to keep up with the group ahead. Keep in mind that a maximum of 5 shots to get to the green and 4 on the green should be taken – no more. Always be ready when it is your turn to shoot.
- Keep bags and carts in a position that will allow you to leave the green and move to the next tee quickly.
- If a player should lose a ball, they should drop another where it is suspected the ball was lost, or where it either left the course or entered a pond.

Taking Care of the Course

- Players should also repair any divot holes, ball marks on the greens, or any damage their shoes may have caused (no hard spikes allowed on the course).
- Players should avoid leaning on their putters while on the green.
- The head of a golf club should not be used to remove a ball from the hole.

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Weekly Games on Course

Week 1: May 1st	Game: How many putts can you make in a minute
Week 2: May 8th	Game: Draw a club on hole #3 use this club until you're on the green
Week 3: May 15th	Game: Closest to the bra
Week 4: May 22nd	Game: Longest putt with a flamingo
Week 5: May 29th	Game: Hole of fortune
Week 6: June 5th	Special Event 1
Week 7: June 12th	Game: Longest drive with a broom
Week 8: June 19th	Game: How many chips can you make into the bucket in one minute
Week 9: June 26th	Game: Target practice
Week 10: July 3rd	Social Event 2
Week 11: July 10th	Game: Longest drive with a marshmallow
Week 12: July 17th	Game: Draw a club on hole #4 use this club until you're on the green
Week 13: July 24th	Game: How many chips can you make through the hoop in one minute
Week 14: July 31st	Game: Hole of fortune
Week 15: August 7th	Special Event 3
Week 16: August 14th	Game: Closest to the bra
Week 17: August 21st	Game: Tombstone variation
Week 18: August 28th	Game: How many putts can go around the loop in one minute
Week 19: September 4th	Game: Closest to the pin
Week 20: September 11th	Game: Longest sitting drive