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Novi Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services

Golf League 55+ INFORMATION - 2026

LEAGUE: Novi's Golf League 55+ offers 19 weeks of 9 holes of golf, an awards banquet and fun day activities for individuals 55 years and older. The divisions include men's, women's and open.

LOCATION: Riverbank Golf Club, 24095 Currie Road, South Lyon 248.486.6251.
The course is located on the south side of 10 Mile Road, 6 miles west of the Novi Civic Center.

DAYS/DATES/TIMES – 19 weeks of play, plus season-ending golf fun day & banquet! Dates include a rain date week.

Men's	Mondays	Apr 20-Aug. 31	8:00 am/ Shotgun Start	(No golf May 25)
Men's	Mondays	Apr 20-Aug. 31	11:00 am/ Shotgun Start	(No golf May 25)
Women's	Wednesdays	Apr 22-Sept. 2	9:30 am/ Tee Time Start	(No Golf July 1)
Open	Thursdays	Apr 23-Sept. 3	8:45 am/ Shotgun Start	(No Golf July 2)

FUN DAY/AWARDS BANQUET: Wednesday, September 16

Pre-registration for Fun Day/Banquet is required by Wednesday, August 26 so that we may plan ahead. The fee for the fun golf outing and banquet has been included in your registration. The only additional fee will be the required \$5 golf outing cart fee (per person) for Riverbank members and non-members based on 2 individuals sharing a cart. Banquet is scheduled to begin at 12 noon. Prizes and recognitions will be awarded. Flyer with more details will be available in August.

FEES FOR CARTS: Players interested in using a cart should pay the \$5 cart fee upon arrival. This fee is based on 2 individuals sharing a cart.

CHECK-IN: "Check-in" with the starter includes giving your name, number and indicating front or back nine.

REFUND POLICIES: Full refund of *REGISTRATION FEE* minus a \$10 administration fee will be issued for requests made on or before Thursday, April 2.

No refunds given after Thursday, April 2.

Please understand there are no make-ups or refunds for absences.

ARRIVAL TIME/TEE TIMES: On the first day of play, Men's and Mixed golfers need to report to the course at 8:25 am and the Women's League golfers need to report 20 minutes before their tee time. Schedules will be handed out on the first day. Golf teams are assigned a number. Each week you match up your number to the tee time or hole that is assigned to you. Please be at the golf course 20 minutes early and be ready to play. If you lose your schedule, there is a master copy at the golf course (www.riverbankgolfclub.net) and at the Novi Older Adult Service Office (www.cityofnovi.org).

LEAGUE STANDINGS: TBD will be responsible for league standings for all leagues. The current standings will be

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available and distributed at the course the following week. Participants are responsible for the **LEGIBLE RECORDING** of their scores on the score cards. **PLEASE PRINT BOTH FIRST AND LAST NAMES ON EACH LINE OF YOUR FOURSOME - PRINT NAMES CLEARLY!** The completed cards must be turned in at the golf course each day. A box will be kept at the course specifically for our league's completed score cards.

RAIN/INCLEMENT WEATHER CANCELLATIONS: Decisions concerning inclement weather cancellations will be made by Riverbank staff. Please feel free to check their website at www.riverbankgolfclub.net or call **248.486.6251** after 7 am. Weather cancellations are infrequent so please plan on reporting to the course. If play has already begun when Riverbank staff make a decision to cancel play for the day, scores will be counted if at least half the golfers have completed 9 holes. In order to award the weekly prize, there must be a minimum of 50% of league players present and they must have 9 holes of play completed for the scores to be valid. There is a **MAXIMUM** of 1 make-up weather cancellation day.

LEAGUE POINT STANDINGS: The standings will be based on individual competition within the Men's Division, Women's Division and the Mixed Division. Standings will be based on an accumulative point system. Points will be awarded weekly according to the following formula (based on net score):

1st Place Score:	50 points	4th Place Score:	20 points
2nd Place Score:	40 points	5th Place Score:	10 points
3rd Place Score:	30 points		

HANDICAP DETERMINATION: Handicaps are determined after two weeks of play. Returning players cannot have a handicap worse than two strokes higher than their final 2022 handicap at the beginning. New players will not be permitted to go over 18 to begin week three. Handicap = (average gross score - par x 90%) **EXAMPLE: Don Duffer scores 50 and 47 for his first two (2) rounds ($50 + 47 = 97 \div 2 = 48.5$ (48) average, $48 - \text{Par (36)} = 12, 12 \times .90 = 10.8$ handicap).**

As the season progresses, handicaps will be adjusted. The five lowest scores are used.

TIE BREAKERS: Points are added together and divided equally among or between the tied players. (Ex. - 2nd and 3rd place tie: $40 \text{ pts.} + 30 \text{ pts.} = 70 \text{ pts.} \div 2 \text{ players} = \underline{35 \text{ pts.}}$ per player)

AWARDS: Awards will be presented as follows for the Men's, Women's, and Mixed Divisions.

WEEKLY: Best Net Score - sleeve of 3 new golf balls

END OF SEASON/BANQUET PRESENTATION:

First, second and third place for Men's, Women's & Mixed Leagues

Men's Best Net Score

Woman's Best Net Score

Men's Lowest Handicap

Woman's Lowest Handicap

NOTE: Points will be awarded beginning the third week of play. Place points will **NOT** be awarded to players until they have played two league rounds of golf.

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In the interest of consistency, fair play, and respect for the golf course and the players, all participants are expected to honor the league and course rules:

- 1) Replace ALL divots and rake traps.
- 2) Repair and smooth all ball marks on the green.
- 3) You may improve your lie (with your club) within three (3) inches of your ball at any inbounds position, except in bunkers, hazards and on greens (example: ball is in a divot).
- 4) If your ball lands out of bounds, or is lost inbounds (water hazard), you may drop a second ball at any point in line from where the ball was hit to where the ball went out of bounds or was lost. **ADD ONE PENALTY STROKE TO YOUR SCORE.**
- 5) You may not move your ball from behind or on top of natural hazards, unless there is a drop zone (trees, tall grass, bushes, sand traps, hazard water, etc.) to improve your shot. In this case, proceed to drop zone to hit and **ADD ONE PENALTY STROKE TO YOUR SCORE.**
- 6) You get a free drop if your ball lands in the fairway drainage ditch (not the river) on the 10th & 18th holes - NO PENALTY. Also from any unnatural objects (sprinkler heads, sand trap rakes, yardage markers, ground under repair, etc).
- 7) If you swing with the intention of hitting the ball, and miss it (it happens to the best of us), **ADD A STROKE FOR EACH MISS TO YOUR SCORE.** This is called a whiff.
- 8) Keep pull and electric carts on cart paths and at least 30 feet from all greens. When approaching a green, **park all carts to the side** of the green closest to the next tee.
- 9) In order to keep play moving, the maximum strokes per hole is double par (six strokes on a par 3, eight strokes on a par 4 and ten strokes on a par 5). **You must pick-up your ball after maximum strokes, proceed to putt out and then to the next tee.** Your stroke count remains the maximum determined for that particular hole.
- 10) Due to course specific obstacles, certain holes may have boundaries marked by white stakes (out of bounds) or red stakes (out of play) due to course specific obstacles. Please drop the ball inbounds and proceed to play. **ADD ONE PENALTY STROKE TO YOUR SCORE.**
- 11) Spend no more than 2 minutes looking for lost balls.
- 12) You do not have to be a professional to play golf at a relatively decent pace. Be courteous, use

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common sense and good golf etiquette. Some additional reminders:

- Go to your ball, prepare your shot and be ready to hit.
- Remember - play ready golf!
- Record scores at the next tee. Do not take scores on the green.
- It is a well known fact that playing slow does not improve your golf game.
- If your foursome is playing slowly, please allow the group following you to play through!
- Obey all Riverbank Golf Course rules and signs.

PHILOSOPHY: Although it is necessary to have rules and regulations to provide direction and promote consistency and fairness for all league members, it remains **ABOVE ALL THINGS** that the most important part of this program is to simply - HAVE FUN! Here's your chance to meet new people, renew acquaintances with returning players, and enjoy some friendly competition in the great Michigan outdoors!

QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & CONCERNS may be directed to:

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