

# 2026 SJLSSC CO-ED GOLF LEAGUE RULES

**STARTING DATE:** April 28th, 2026

**STARTING TIME:** Scheduled tee times begin at **9:00 AM**.

**2026 LEAGUE DUES:** Pebblewood members play free. Non-members pay \$240.00. After you've paid your 2026 golf fees, the course allows play on Tuesdays throughout 2026 without greens fees as long as the course is open.

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**Player must be a member of the Saint Joseph Lincoln Senior Service Center.**

- League secretary is Bob Hopkins. Secretary is responsible for operation and communication of all aspects of league play, including conflict resolution.
- We play as individuals in matches scheduled throughout our season. We tee off as foursomes at our assigned (flexible) tee times. NOTE: Pebblewood has stated that players (who are scheduled to play as opponents) can tee off as a twosome or a foursome any time on Tuesday, morning or afternoon on their assigned 9-hole course. These early (or late) players **MUST** notify Bob Hopkins by **8:00AM** on Tuesday and make sure their scorecards are turned in to the Secretary's scorecard box in the Pro Shop after their round.
- Our scheduled tee times for our 9-hole matches begin at **9:00** Tuesday **morning** with **10** minutes between foursome tee times.
- Rain-outs **will be** made up **at the end of the season**.
- League information will be available on the Senior Center webpage at sjlsc.org. Scroll down the home page until you find **Co-Ed Golf League**. Click on this phrase and you'll find our league reports. The results of our Tuesday round should be available there by Wednesday. Weekly reports show league standings, who's in your foursome next Tuesday, and the best rounds from Tuesday, both gross and net (information is sent to the Herald Palladium weekly). If you don't want to get your league information from the Senior Center webpage, let me know and I'll send them to you as email attachments.
- A high percentage of league members use carts, so whenever the golf course is not renting out carts, league play will be **automatically canceled**. The secretary will email all players if possible, by **8:00 AM** to save you a trip to the course, and the Senior Center will **send a robo-call to league members and sub's** before our scheduled tee time. On days when rain is possible, the decision to cancel play will be made at the course before we start. Players who don't use carts may decide to play anyway.
- Foursomes tee off as scheduled unless you arrange to play it earlier or later on Tuesday. Players who join their match late or leave their match early forfeit the holes they miss. Twelve points are at stake in each match. Golfers win one point for each hole won and one-half point for each hole tied. The lowest total net score for each match wins three match points if they completed 9 holes. These are split in the event of a tie. Golfers who miss any holes in the round can't win these match points.
- Those who are interested in joining our league after 4/17/26 will be placed on our Substitutes List with their phone number. The subs list will be included on our SJLSSC League Roster. If, for any reason, you can't play, you can call subs on our subs list until you succeed in finding one. You must let your sub know their tee time and their opponent's name. **Also let the secretary know they're playing for you**. You'll be credited with the points won by your sub. If you can't play as scheduled, you can arrange a substitute golfer to play in your place, or call your opponent and arrange to play at a different time on Tuesday.

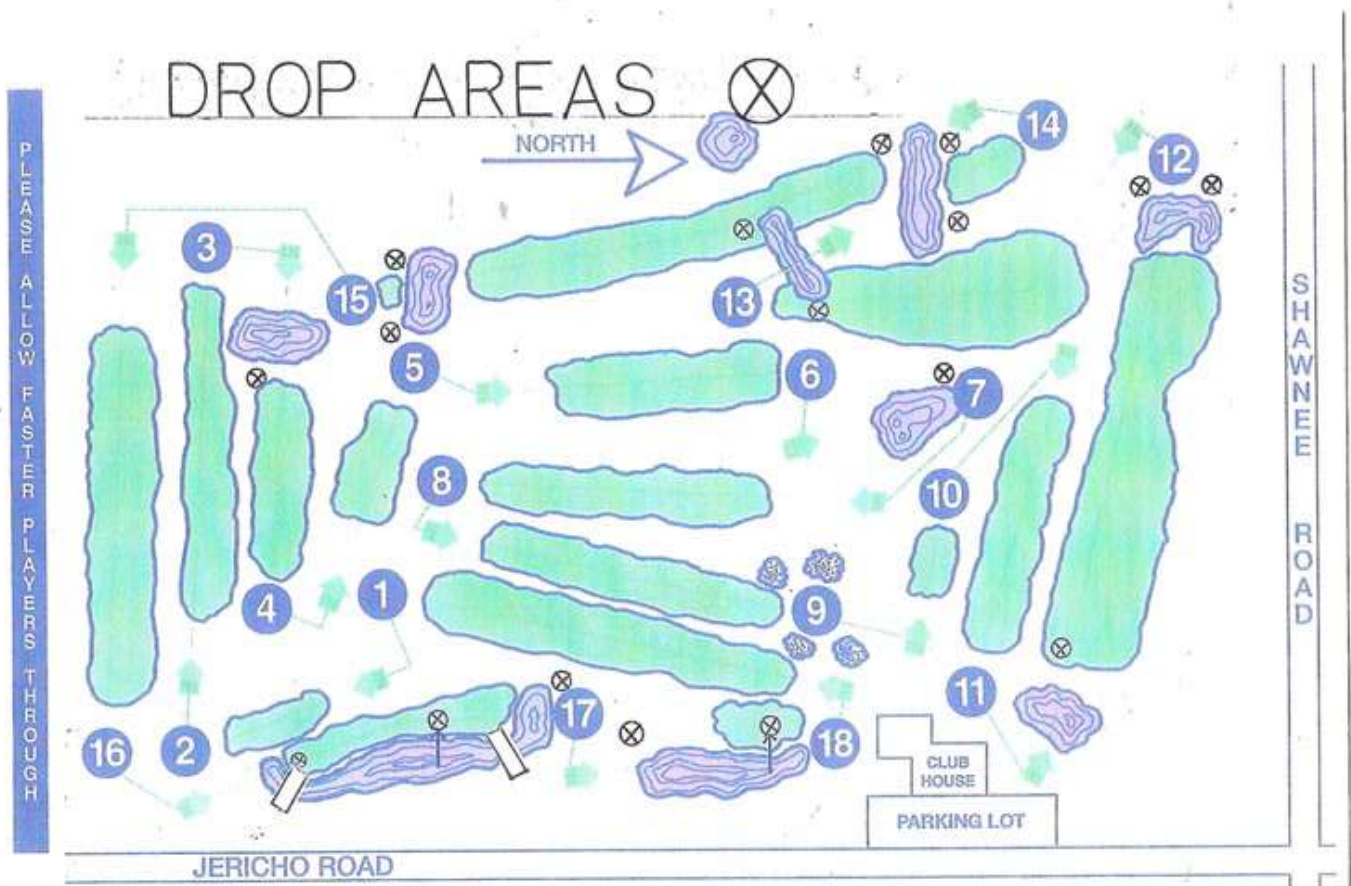
- If you are playing against a forfeit, you'll win 1 point for each hole played. If you tie or beat your established handicap for the nine-hole round, you'll win the 3 points for low net.
- Each two-person match in the foursome keeps their own score card. It's OK to keep a score card for all players in the foursome. Pick up your score cards and pencils in the Pro shop or at the practice green next to the #10 tee box. Make sure the scorekeeper has entered your scores correctly before they drop it off in the secretary's score card collection box in the Pro shop. Score cards will not be changed after they're turned in. When you get the days' results, notify the secretary if your scores don't look right. The secretary will change them only if the scores entered don't match the score card.

## Handicaps:

- We have no stroke limits, so if you take 14 strokes on a hole, write 14 on your score card. Handicaps are the straight average of your strokes-over-par for your last five rounds. We don't round handicaps up. Decimal places are ignored. Handicaps are limited to 36 strokes max. New players' first round handicap will be their actual strokes over par. They always shoot net par for that first round.
- The higher handicap golfer receives the full difference in strokes between their handicap and their opponent's handicap with no limit on strokes received. Strokes are not limited on par 3's. Handicap strokes are applied evenly across holes based on hole difficulty.
- Handicaps carry over from season to season. If you didn't play in the previous year, you'll re-establish your handicap.
- Play is from the gold tees for men under 75. Men 75 or older play from the red tees, as do all women.

## Rule tweaks

- You can improve your lie up to six (6) inches, using your club head. In sand traps, you can lift your ball and rake the sand under it, then put it back down. Players may choose to play the ball as it lies.
- A ball lost or hit out of bounds is a one stroke penalty. The next shot will be played within two club lengths from where the ball was lost or went out of bounds.
- If a player hits a ball into a water hazard (or a portion of an extended water hazard), they have the option to drop their ball on the other side of that hazard (or that portion of that extended hazard). We don't want you to lose two balls in the same water hazard. **Opponent should agree with drop locations.** This is a one stroke penalty. Players may choose to follow the rules of golf regarding water hazards. See illustrated drop zones on the next page.



**Hole 4:** Hit from the other side of the pond... right or left depending on where the ball entered the pond

**Hole 7:** Hit from the other side of the pond on the left... opposite the end of the retaining wall

**Hole 12:** a) tee shot goes into first pond... hit from the other side of the pond  
 b) second pond... hit from other side of the pond...right or left depending on where the ball entered the pond

**Hole 13:** Hit from the left side of the pond near the cart path

**Hole 14:** Hit from the other side of the pond... right or left depending on where the ball entered the pond

**Hole 15:** a) tee shot goes into pond in front of the tee... hit from the other side of the pond on the right  
 b) second pond... hit from the fairway on the other side of the pond c) third pond right of the fairway... drop two club lengths from edge of pond where the ball entered the pond  
 d) fourth pond... hit from other side of the pond...right or left depending on where the ball entered the pond

**Hole 17:** a) pond near tee area left of the bridge...hit from the other side of the pond  
 b) lateral pond on the right of the fairway between the two bridges...hit from the fairway opposite from where the ball entered the pond c) pond near the green... hit from the left side of the pond

**Hole 18:** hit from the fairway opposite from where the ball entered the pond