

Port Hope Ladies League Playbook

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2025 Season League Information

The Ladies League 2025 season runs for 20 weeks, beginning on Tuesday, May 6th and ending on Tuesday, September 16th.

As a member of the Port Hope Ladies League, Tuesday is your day to relax and play golf. Ours is a unique league in which your tee times and your team members will change weekly. When you plan your Tuesday it should be understood that golf takes priority.

League Dues and Golf Fees

Annual dues for members of the Ladies League are \$50.00, payable at the beginning of the season (by e-transfer, cash, or cheque payable to Port Hope Ladies League). Dues paid by our members are returned through weekly prizes, special event prizes, special draws, and year-end prizes.

Weekly Green Fee for 10/12 holes (walking) \$32.65 incl. HST

Weekly Power Cart Rental for 10/12 holes - \$15.82 with HST

2025 Ladies League Season Pass:

Green Fee Only: \$520 for 20 games season – incl. HST - \$587.60

Power Cart Fee Only: \$275 for 20 games season – incl. HST - \$310.75

Green Fee and Cart Fee: \$795 for 20 games season - with HST - \$898.35

Regular Tuesday Morning Games – Tee Times and Scheduling

We play a 10/12-hole loop each Tuesday morning, but only the first ten holes of the 12 holes count toward your average.

Holes 11 & 12 are played for your own enjoyment and practice.

Our Schedulers work hard to mix the foursomes and to make an equitable allocation of tee times. The goal is to provide our members the opportunity to play with different ladies each week to experience different skill levels and styles of play.

Tee times are from 8AM – Noon (or later if needed) each Tuesday, with the last tee time depending on the number of teams that week.

Members are advised of their weekly Tuesday tee times and foursome via email, usually by mid-week before the next game.

Unless a member advises the Schedulers that she will be away on a specific Tuesday morning, she will be scheduled to play each week. Therefore, it is very important that you advise the Schedulers, no later than noon on Wednesday if you are unable to play on the following Tuesday.

We realize that a last-minute emergency can occur on the evening before or the morning of play, and if this happens, please advise the clubhouse staff at 905-885-6487.

In special circumstances, when a player has an unavoidable medical appointment or personal matter to attend to on Tuesday morning, the Schedulers will do their best to accommodate the request for a specific tee time. Please advise the schedulers by Wednesday at the latest of your request

Contact emails for the schedulers are: Linda Davis (lindafrancesdavis@gmail.com) and Sue Bolton (fbwb26@gmail.com).

Except for the circumstances described above, we are unable to accommodate personal preferences for tee times or team members and we ask all players to please respect the tee times and the teams to which they have been assigned. If a cancellation occurs and a tee time becomes available, it is the Schedulers only who make the decision as to who will fill that time slot.

Please arrive at the clubhouse 20 minutes before your tee time.

Special Tuesday Events This Season – 12-hole & 18-hole Scrambles

Two of our 20 games are 12-hole Scrambles and two are 18-hole Scrambles.

- May 6th - 12-hole Season Opener Scramble - Shotgun start @ 8AM. followed by Lunch.
- June 17th – 12-hole Scramble - Shotgun start @ 8:00AM – followed by Lunch.
- July 29th – 18-hole GALS ON GREEN Scramble – SG Start @ 8:00AM – followed by Lunch.
- Sept. 16th – 18-hole Scramble Closing Event – SG Start @ 8:00AM – followed by Lunch.

For these special Scramble Events, players are required to register in advance. Registration opens 2 weeks prior to the event and closes one week before event or when the event has filled up. Registration is done through a simple form on the PH Ladies League web page, on the Port Hope Golf Club's website.

These events fill up fast, so when you receive registration information, remember to sign up quickly online at <http://www.porthopegolf.ca/golf-course/ladies-league/> If you are having computer problems, please ask one of the staff at the PH Clubhouse for help at 905-885-6487

NOTE: This season the beautiful new Club House will be open for the Port Hope Ladies League members to enjoy a space to socialize and have a meal. The lunch following the game of our PHLL special events will be served in the new Club House. If the game of a special event must be cancelled because of extreme weather conditions, we ask that the LL golfers, and any guest players, come to the Clubhouse to enjoy the prepared lunch and socialize. There will be no charge for the cancelled game, but it is expected that each person who is registered will cover the cost of their meal. Starting this season, PHGC has a cashless policy meaning transactions will have to be done by card, e-transfer or gift card. This is for protection of the staff and security of the Club.

Rain Days

The Golf Club has a policy whereby the course usually remains open unless there is an electrical storm. There may be a rare Tuesday when poor weather conditions warrant cancelling League play for that week. If members are unsure whether the Ladies League will play on a certain day, please do not just decide to stay home; rather, call the clubhouse 905-885-6487 for confirmation by 7:00AM.

Scorekeeping and Prizes

During regular Tuesday play, a member of each foursome volunteers to act as the recorder and notes each player's score on a scorecard. Our scoring system automatically records pars and birdies, so there is no need to note them on the scorecard, but the recorder should please note chip-ins.

Players count their own score on each hole during regular play, and they advise the recorder of their score. *Players should use whatever method or counter that works best for them to keep an accurate score.* Scores count for prizes every week, so we rely on accurate counting and fair play among our members. This ensures all our members will have an opportunity to win prizes during the season.

Weekly, once the recorder has all the scores for the team, she is asked to turn in the scorecard to the PHLL box in the Pro Shop. The last name and first name or initial of each player plus her score must show clearly.

The Scorekeeper will collect the scorecards from the box each Tuesday.

NOTE: For regular 10-hole games, we use a 'double par' rule meaning that for each hole, the maximum score is double the par. Accordingly, if your stroke count on a hole reaches double par, whether you have holed your ball or not, you are to pick up your ball and that hole is considered finished. Your score for that hole is marked on your scorecard as double the rating for that hole.

The recorder will circle a "true" double par score. This means that a player holes the ball on a double par score. However, when a player picks up her ball, at a count of double par, before the ball is putted in, the double par score is marked but not circled on the scorecard.

When playing a Scramble, each foursome records the team results for each hole as well as the total for the team, on a scorecard.

The Scorekeeper collects the scorecards after each game and tracks the weekly scores towards each player's average.

Our members are organized into four divisions based on a player's average of all regular games played in the League. On a weekly basis, the scorekeeper tallies each member's score and if a player's score changes their average, either up or down, that player's division for the following week may change, depending on the extent of change to her score.

Our four divisions and the range of scores (10 holes) for the 2025 season will be:

- Division A – Average Score of 57 or less

- Division B – Average Score between 57 and 60
- Division C – Average Score between 60 and 65
- Division D – Average Score more than 65

These divisions are used to place players on teams for regular play, Scramble Events and when awarding weekly prizes throughout the season. New players in our League must play 3 regular games before they are placed in a division and before they are eligible for prizes.

At our Closing Banquet in September, prizes are awarded to members who, through the season, have achieved winning results in each Division as well as in categories such as the most pars, birdies and chip-ins. Only League members who have played at least half of the regular games during the season and participated in at least half of the Events are eligible for year-end prizes.

Pace of Play

Our goal is that members enjoy their golf experience while maintaining an acceptable pace. This does not mean rushing. Rather, there are club resources to keep the pace moving and ways to improve your game that ultimately result in a better pace.

One of the club's Marshals will be on the course to observe the pace of play. If the pace is slow, he will stop by to ask you to increase your pace.

NOTE: This year there is a new fleet of power carts. They are equipped with geolocation that will control where the carts can be driven. If you try to drive the cart into a restricted area the cart will stop. This will help protect the turf and prevent theft.

Improving Your Game

Our club provides a new practice green for putting. Spending time at this facility is a great way to get an idea of how the greens will play and help sharpen your game. There is also an area beside the parking lot where you can hit balls into a net wall to warm up before your round.

Our more experienced members can also be valuable resources for support and assistance so don't hesitate to ask questions as you play your round. They can help you understand the course and our rules of play.

Grace on the Greens – Tips, Etiquette and Local Rules

- Play 'ready golf' whenever possible. This means the first person who is ready to play her ball should step up and do so.
- Keep 'mum' (and still) while others are hitting their ball and remain out of a player's peripheral vision. Even quiet comments can be distracting for players.
- Take no more than one practice swing, if any.
- After hitting your ball, watch where it stops and line up your cart to that area. You are less likely to lose track of your ball.
- As you wait while others play their ball, plan your stroke and select your club.
- Take no longer than one or two minutes to look for a lost ball.
- If your ball is lost or out of bounds (including red hazard marked areas), drop another ball and add 1 stroke to your score.
- Rake sand traps and replace divots.
- Park your power/pushcart well off to one side of the green (on or close to the cart path).
- It is no longer necessary to remove the flag before putting. However, if players choose to do so, the player whose ball is closest to the cup removes the flag once all players' balls are on the green.
- Make sure the flag is placed out of stroke's way when putting.
- Although we play ready golf, in general, the player whose ball is farthest from the pin putts first.
- If the flag was removed, then the player who putts out first returns flag to the hole after all have completed their putts.
- Never walk between a player's ball and the hole.
- All players remain on the green until everyone putts out.
- Travel between holes quickly and mark scores after leaving the green – at the next tee.

Have a fun season, everyone! Good luck and see you on the course.