



## LASN Golf Tour Rulebook (2026 Season)

### **Overview**

The LASN Golf Tour is a 5-month competitive golf season for 2-player teams, culminating in playoffs in Month 6. All events are scramble tournaments, with gross scoring (no handicaps applied in play) within two divisions (A and B) determined per event by Team Handicaps based on prior LASN scramble gross scores for returning teams and front-9 performance for new teams. The season rewards consistency, teamwork, and skill, with playoffs crowning champions in each division.

### **Season Structure**

**Duration:** 5 months regular season with playoffs in Month 6.

**Events:** One tournament per month, totaling 5 events. Each event is an 18-hole scramble, typically with a tee time start.

**Team Composition:** 2-player teams. Players can switch partners during the season, but playoff teams must consist of partners that have played together in at least 2 regular season tournaments.

**Format:** Scramble – Both players hit, team selects the best shot, and both hit from there until holed. Gross team score is recorded.

### **Divisions and Gross Scoring**

#### **Division Assignment (Per Event):**

Teams are split into two divisions (A and B) based on their Team Handicap to ensure fair gross scoring competition:

#### **Returning Teams:**

Use the team's gross scores from up to their last 6 LASN scramble events (or fewer if limited). Team Handicap = Average of the gross scores, rounded to the nearest whole number (e.g., average 2.3 under par = 2 under par; 2.6 under par = 3 under par).

If the team has not played a LASN tournament together in over 1 calendar year, their handicap resets, and they are treated as a new team.

#### **New Teams:**

Play the front 9 of their first scramble event.

Initial Team Handicap = Front-9 gross score  $\times$  1.5, rounded to the nearest whole number (e.g., front-9 score 2 over par  $\rightarrow$   $2 \times 1.5 = 3$  over par). This handicap is used for their first tournament placement.

If front-9 scores aren't available (e.g., shotgun start), use a default Team Handicap of even par.

After the first event, use the team's full 18-hole scramble gross score as their Team Handicap for the next event (e.g., score 3 under par → Team Handicap = 3 under par), then average up to 6 scramble scores, rounding to the nearest whole number.

**Split Process:** Rank all teams by Team Handicap (lowest to highest). The top half forms Division A; the bottom half forms Division B. For odd-numbered fields, or any instance where teams need to move together, they will be placed in the division that they are closest to the average handicap of all the teams in that division.  
Example: With 10 teams, the 5 lowest team handicaps (e.g., 2 over par to 6 over par) are in A, the 5 highest (e.g., 7 over par to 14 over par) in B.

**Scoring:** All events use gross scoring (total strokes, no handicap adjustments) within each division. Teams compete only against others in their assigned division.

**Ties:** Resolved by comparing gross scores on the back 9, then the hardest handicap hole backward (e.g., #1 handicap hole, then #2, etc.). If unresolved, a sudden-death playoff may occur (format at director's discretion).

### **Tees**

All teams play from the Blue Tee Box.  
Seniors (60 and over) play from the White Tee Box.  
Women play from the Red Tee Box.

### **Scramble Specific Rules**

**Tee Shot Requirement:** Each player must contribute a minimum of 2 tee shots per 9 holes (4 per 18 holes).

**Placement Rule:** After selecting the best shot, the next shot may be placed within one club length of the selected ball, no closer to the hole, without improving the lie (e.g., cannot move from rough to fairway or out of a bunker).

**Scoring Verification:** Each team will track both their own scores and the scores of the opposing team in their group. Use the 18Birdies app for live scoring and submit the official signed scorecard at the course pro shop.

### **Side Competitions**

**Each regular season tournament will feature:**

**Longest Drive Hole:** One designated hole for longest drive competition (prize: \$25).

**Closest to the Pin Hole:** One designated par-3 hole for closest to the pin (prize: \$25).

**Bonus Hole:** One designated hole where all players have a chance to win a \$25 prize (details announced per event, e.g., lowest score, specific achievement).

We also will have a putt on demand competition after the round for anyone who wants to take part. \$1 to enter and one person will be chosen to make a 30 foot putt. If they make it they win the pot and if not it rolls over to the next tournament.

**50-50 Drawing:** A 50-50 raffle will be held at each regular season event. Half the proceeds go to the winner, and half is added to the end-of-season playoff prize pool for the champions.

## **Points System**

Points are awarded per event based on gross-score finishes within each division to determine season-long standings. Points are calculated from the bottom up to accommodate varying division sizes:

- Division A Points (multiplier 20):

Position	4 Teams	5 Teams	6 Teams
1st	80	100	120
2nd	60	80	100
3rd	40	60	80
4th	20	40	60
5th	-	20	40
6th	-	-	20

- Division B Points (multiplier 15):

Position	4 Teams	5 Teams	6 Teams
1st	60	75	90
2nd	45	60	75
3rd	30	45	60
4th	15	30	45
5th	-	15	30
6th	-	-	15

**Low Gross Bonus:** If a Division B team posts a gross score better than the worst Division A score, they earn +20 points.

**Ties:** Teams tied for a position split the points evenly.

**LASN Cup Points:** LASN Cup points are awarded to the 2-player team as a unit and added to the season standings. If you change partners, you are added as a separate team in the standings.

Season Standings: Points accumulate across all events attended. The top 16 teams overall (regardless of division history) qualify for playoffs.

## **Playoff Structure (Month 6)**

**Eligibility:** The top 16 teams based on total season points qualify and will be split into two playoff brackets based on their handicaps.

**Playoff Division A:** Top 8 teams by handicap

**Playoff Division B:** Next 8 teams by handicap

Any teams that can not make the playoffs will be removed and teams will move up in the standings until we have a full 16 team field.

**Format:** Match play using Gross Scramble Scoring with no carry over holes. In the event of a tie, the lowest overall score for the 9 holes wins. If there is still a tie, we will go off the best score on the hardest hole and work backwards. If there is still a tie after this, it will go to a coin flip.

**Schedule** (Playoff Day - One Day Event): 27 holes total (3 × 9-hole matches). All matches follow the initial bracket seeding with no recalculation or re-seeding after each round. All teams will compete in 3 9-hole matches during the day regardless of whether they win or lose each 9 holes.

**Quarterfinals (9 holes):** Initial bracket matches.

**Semifinals (9 holes):** Next round of bracket matches.

**Championship and 3rd-Place Match (9 holes):** Final bracket matches to determine champions, runner-up, and placements.

**Venue:** Single course for championship atmosphere.

### **Prizes**

**Regular Season:** Winning teams in both Division A and Division B will receive a LASN Golf Champion 1/4 zip.

**Playoffs:** Champions in each division (A and B) will receive a cash prize along with the LASN Cup Traveling Championship Belt and medals. 2nd and 3rd place teams will receive medals.

**Entry Fees:** Players can pay per event or pay upfront for the entire season at a discounted price. Amounts announced at registration.

### **Rules and Conduct**

**USGA Rules:** Apply unless modified by local course rules or tour-specific guidelines.

**Scoring Integrity:** Use the 18Birdies app for live scoring and submit the official signed scorecard at the course pro shop. Disputes resolved by the tournament director but an official scorecard must be turned in and filled out. Failure to do this will result in a DQ for the round and no LASN points awarded.

**Conduct:** Players must adhere to golf etiquette. Unsportsmanlike behavior may result in penalties or disqualification.

**Weather:** Events proceed unless unsafe (e.g., lightning). Cancellations or rescheduling at director's discretion.

**No-Shows/Withdrawals:** Notify the director at least 48 hours prior to avoid penalties. Repeated no-shows may affect playoff eligibility.

### **Pace of Play**

We accept all players and teams to abide by ready play (this isn't the PGA Tour). When you can hit your shot, hit it—you don't need to wait for the other team if you are not in their way, and you don't have to use honors on the tee box. Any teams that are 10 minutes or more behind the group in front of them at any point will be given a stroke to their score. This is determined by the time it takes them to get to the tee box when the group in front of them has finished the hole.

**Contact**

For questions, registration, or disputes, contact the LASN Golf Tour director at [info@lasportsnet.com](mailto:info@lasportsnet.com). Follow updates on our website ([www.lasngolf.com](http://www.lasngolf.com))

Note: This rulebook may be updated before the season. Check the official LASN Golf Tour page for the latest version.