



LASN GOLF TOUR

Official Rulebook

Overview

Competitive golf season for 2-player teams, culminating in playoffs in the final month of the season. All events are scramble tournaments. Gross scoring within two divisions (A and B), determined per event by Team Handicaps. Returning teams use prior LASN scramble gross scores; new teams use front-9 performance.

The season rewards consistency, teamwork, and skill. Playoffs crown champions in each division.

Season Structure

- **Duration:** Varies season to season — dates announced before each season. Monthly regular season tournaments, ending with playoffs in the final month.
- **Events:** One tournament per month during the regular season. Each is an 18-hole scramble, typically with a tee time start.
- **Team composition:** 2-player teams. Players can switch partners during the season.
- **Attendance:** There is **no minimum number of tournaments** a team must play during the regular season. Play as many or as few as you like — playoff qualification is based solely on your position in the LASN Standings.
- **Format:** Scramble — both players hit, team selects the best shot, both hit from there until holed. Gross team score is recorded.

Team Handicaps

Returning teams: Average of last 6 LASN scramble gross scores (or fewer if limited), rounded to the nearest whole number. If a team hasn't played a LASN tournament together in over 1 calendar year, their handicap resets and they're treated as a new team.

New teams: Front-9 gross $\times 1.5$, rounded to the nearest whole number, for first-tournament placement. After event 1, the team's full 18-hole scramble gross is their Team Handicap for event 2, then a rolling 6-event average is built.

Shotgun start fallback: If front-9 scores aren't available, default Team Handicap is even par.

Division Split (Per Event)

Rank all teams by Team Handicap (lowest to highest). Top half → Division A. Bottom half → Division B.

For odd-numbered fields, or for ties at the A/B boundary where teams could be placed in either division: those teams will be placed in the division whose average handicap is closest to theirs. This applies only to ties at the boundary between A and B — ties elsewhere in the rankings don't change division placement.

Example: With 10 teams, the 5 lowest team handicaps (2 over par to 6 over par) are in A, the 5 highest (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 (#1 handicap hole, then #2, etc.). If unresolved, sudden-death playoff at the director's discretion.

Tees

- All teams play from the **Blue Tee Box**.
- Seniors (60+): **White Tee Box**.
- Women: **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).
- **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 (cannot move from rough to fairway or out of a bunker).
- **Scoring Verification:** Each team tracks both their own and the opposing team's scores 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)

- **Longest Drive Hole:** One designated hole. Prize: \$25.
- **Closest to the Pin Hole:** One designated par-3. Prize: \$25.
- **Bonus Hole:** One designated hole with a \$25 prize, details announced per event.
- **Putt on Demand:** After the round. \$1 to enter. One person chosen to attempt a 30-foot putt; make it and win the pot. If not, the pot rolls over to the next tournament.
- **50/50 Drawing:** Half the proceeds go to the raffle winner. The other 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. Points are calculated from the bottom up to accommodate varying division sizes.

Division A (×20 multiplier)

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 (×15 multiplier)

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:** A Division B team that posts a gross score better than the worst Division A score earns +20 points.
- **Ties:** Teams tied for a position split the points evenly.
- **LASN Cup Points:** Awarded to the 2-player team as a unit. If you change partners, you are added as a separate team in the standings.
- **Season Standings:** Points accumulate across all events attended. There is no minimum number of tournaments required — the top 16 teams in the LASN Standings (regardless of division history) qualify for playoffs.

Playoff Structure (Final Month of Season)

Eligibility: The top 16 teams in the LASN Standings qualify. There is no minimum number of regular season tournaments required to be eligible. The 16 qualifiers are split into two playoff brackets by handicap:

- **Playoff Division A:** Top 8 teams by handicap.
- **Playoff Division B:** Next 8 teams by handicap.

Seeding: Within each bracket, seeding is determined by where you stand in the LASN Standings.

Withdrawals: Any qualified team that does not play in the playoffs is removed from the standings, and all teams below them move up until the field is a full 16.

Format: Match play using gross scramble scoring, no carryover holes. Tie within a 9-hole match: lowest overall 9-hole score wins → hardest hole backward → coin flip.

Schedule (one-day event): 27 holes total (3 × 9-hole matches). All matches follow the initial bracket seeding with no recalculation or re-seeding. All teams play all 3 matches regardless of wins/losses.

- Quarterfinals (9 holes): initial bracket matches.
- Semifinals (9 holes): next round.
- Championship and 3rd-Place Match (9 holes): final matches.

Venue: Single course for championship atmosphere.

Prizes

- **Regular Season:** Winning teams in both Division A and Division B receive a LASN Golf Champion 1/4 zip.
- **Playoffs:** Champions in each division (A and B) receive a cash prize, the LASN Cup Traveling Championship Belt, and medals. 2nd and 3rd place teams receive medals.
- **Entry Fees:** Pay per event or pay upfront for the entire season at a discount. Amounts announced at registration.

Rules and Conduct

- **USGA Rules** apply unless modified by local course rules or tour-specific guidelines.
- **Scoring Integrity:** Use 18Birdies for live scoring. 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 = DQ for the round and no LASN points awarded.
- **Conduct:** 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.

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