



League (# Players):
2016 Tee-times:

Tam O'Shanter League Representatives,

Happy New Year from all of us at Niles Park District. While the return of warm weather and another golf season is still weeks away, it's time again to lock up your group's tee times for 2017. As always, if you have any suggestions or concerns on how we can better serve you please let me know. We greatly appreciate your loyalty as we strive to provide you with the best golf experience possible.

Included you'll find our league contract, a list of course policies we ask you share with your players, and a roster which needs to be filled out by every member of the league. To give you ample time to contact all of your players, we will hold your 2016 tee times listed at the top of the page until **Monday March 20th**. After this date, any unreserved times will open to those on waiting lists and the general public. The only thing I need from you before March 20th is a phone call or email letting me know if you plan on returning, and your anticipated number of players (please remember you must book complete foursomes. If you are looking for players, let me know! I frequently get calls from single players looking for groups). You will then have until **Friday April 21st** to drop off your completed roster and payment for the season. If payments are received late your group may not start the season on time. If possible, please submit payment for the entire league at once to avoid delays in processing.

We try to accommodate all leagues as best we can. It is a priority of ours to keep all groups at their requested times, but please keep in mind that your tee-times may be shifted by a few minutes. Our league season will remain 14 weeks in length, running the week of May 8th through the week of August 7th. There will be no league play on Monday May 29th (Memorial Day), Tuesday July 4th, the morning of Friday July 21st, or after 4:00pm on Friday August 4th.

League green fees for 2017 were increased slightly for the first time since 2008. Cart rental fees remain at last season's rates. Players will be excited to learn that after a bathroom renovation and new fleet of riding carts, we are continuing to invest directly in course improvements and will be undertaking a major renovation scheduled to begin late fall 2017. This two-phase project will first address drainage improvements throughout the entire course. The second phase of the project (scheduled for 2018) will focus on tee boxes, bunkers, cart paths, and other esthetic enhancements. You'll be happy to hear that we currently plan to complete the entire project outside of the regular league season, so your group should see no interruption of play.

I am currently available to help finalize your 2017 tee-times. Again, if you or a member of your group has any special requests, suggestions, or questions about the coming season, please do not hesitate to ask. We're anxiously awaiting the return of warm weather and having your group back here at Tam O'Shanter in the spring!

All the best,

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Tam O'Shanter Golf Course League Contract – 2017 Season

Please return this contract form and all appropriate fees to Niles Park District, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course, 6700 W. Howard Street, Niles, IL 60714 by April 21, 2017

Name of League _____ League Representative _____

Address of Rep. _____ Home # (_____) - _____

City _____ Zip _____ Work or Cell # (_____) - _____

*Please circle which number is best to contact for rainouts

Email Address: _____

Day league plays: Mon. Tue. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Number of League players _____

Requested League Tee Times: First _____ Last _____ Assigned times-First _____ Last _____

Leagues will play on weekdays and pay for **complete foursomes** over 14 weeks. Summer leagues will be charged the regular Tam O'Shanter weekday rate, any specials are not applicable to league green fees.

League play starts May 8, 2017 and will run 14 weeks through the week of August 7, 2017. There will be no league play on Memorial Day (May 29), Tuesday July 4th, the morning of Friday July 21st, or after 4pm on Friday August 4th. In special cases where league cancellations may be required due to other course conflicts, Tam O'Shanter Management will do everything possible to provide groups with at least a week notice.

In the event of a rain out, Tam O'Shanter will automatically extend your league another week, permitting the time slots remain open. In rare instances where outings or other programs are booked at the same time a league plays, the Golf Course Manager and league representative will communicate and agree on a solution which may include issuing individual rain checks or booking tee times on another day or at a different time of day.

Leagues are required to play if Tam O'Shanter is open, regardless of weather conditions. No credits or rain checks will be given if a league decides not to play when golf course management deems the course open & playable. League representatives and the Golf Course Manager will work together to determine whether or not a league will play when the threat of inclement weather is present. We will not force a group to play in dangerous conditions or if severe weather is in the area and imminent.

Tam O'Shanter Golf Course suggests leagues have a list of substitute players. Leagues will not be given individual credits for no-shows. If leagues have less than their contracted number of players, Tam O'Shanter Golf Course reserves the right to fill open times with walk-ons. All subs must be included on the leagues official roster and are responsible for covering any difference in the individual green fee (For example, when filling in for a junior league player a regular Non-Resident would be responsible for \$7.00). When warranted, golf course staff will check players against official rosters.

Leagues not paid in full by Friday April 21st 2017 will not start. Niles Park District reserves the right to reassign the tee times to groups on waiting lists, if payment is not received by April 21st, 2017.

The Niles Park District reserves the right to remove individual players or entire groups from the golf course in response to improper behavior. The Golf Course Manager will make decisions regarding park district response problematic individuals or groups.

There will be an annual \$20.00 administration fee per player for the summer league season.

Please make any checks payable to "Niles Park District"

Please make every attempt to submit payment for your entire league at once to help avoid delays in processing

LEAGUE GREEN FEES FOR 2017 SEASON:

(Any seasonal course specials are not applicable to league fees)

Niles Park District Residents:	\$15.00	x 14 weeks	+ \$20 Admin. fee =	\$230.00 Total
Niles Park District Senior (62+) Residents:	\$12.00	x 14 weeks	+ \$20 Admin. fee =	\$188.00 Total
Non-Residents	\$19.00	x 14 weeks	+ \$20 Admin. fee =	\$286.00 Total
Non-Resident Seniors (62+)	\$16.00	x 14 weeks	+ \$20 Admin. fee =	\$244.00 Total
Juniors (17 and Under)	\$12.00	x 14 weeks	+ \$20 Admin. fee =	\$188.00 Total

*Senior / Junior rates applicable to golfers of qualifying age as of the first day of league play.

** Please share the following page with your league players regarding Tam policies that will be enforced throughout the season and other course information.



Course and League Play Policies

Arrival

To help keep the course on schedule during your league times, and for the rest of the day, Tam O'Shanter requests that league players arrive 15 minutes prior to tee-time. In instances where the course is running ahead of schedule leagues may begin early. Please be prompt in reporting to the starter and be ready to tee off at your set times.

Coolers

Personal coolers are not allowed on the golf course. Illinois law requires that any alcoholic beverages on the course must be purchased from the Howard St Inn or their beverage cart. Staff will ask that outside alcoholic beverages brought to the course be left in the golfer's car or thrown out before play.

Warm Up Areas

For safety purposes, please do not warm up, or wait to tee off in the shaded area to the east of the 9th green, or on the lower tee of #1. Errant tee-shots from the 9th tee often land in these areas. Starters are instructed to ask players to move if they are in an unsafe spot.

Gas Carts

Please remember to always use paths when available, cross fairways horizontally, take sharp turns slow, and keep carts 30ft from greens and tees. One of the areas cart damage is most noticeable on the course is in the rough between the 2nd green and 3rd tee. When golfers frequently drive too close to the green the rough is pressed down and begins to grow almost horizontally, making shots more difficult in instances when you are chipping or pitching against the grain. High cart traffic areas also have to be aerated more frequently. Please remember that these rules are in place to keep the course in the best shape possible for all our players. We greatly appreciate all those who follow the guidelines in place.

Berms on #5 & #8

We have received questions from leagues on the local rule that allows these areas to be played as "Ground Under Repair." Tam O'Shanter instated this rule as a safety precaution, although it's up to each individual league to decide if they would like to recognize this as an official rule to govern their group play. If the league does choose to recognize the local rule, a golfer's ball may be moved to the base of the berm, in the rough, no closer to the hole, without penalty. We must remind everyone that gas carts are strictly prohibited on either berm (the path on the #8 berm is for maintenance vehicles only) because of the rollover risk posed by the steep incline.

Ball Hawking

Fishing for golf balls in the river is not only hazardous, but also slows up play. Rangers and Starters will approach any player who is in an unsafe area retrieving golf balls.

Pace of Play

All players are required to keep pace. If a group is unable to keep up, they will be asked to speed up their play, or even to skip holes to maintain course flow. Rounds should be completed in less than 2 hours and 30 minutes.

Course Maintenance

Summer leagues comprise more than 20% of our course play for the entire year. We ask that everyone does their part every week to help us keep Tam O'Shanter in great shape by making sure ball marks on the green are fixed and divots are replaced.

Errant Golf Shots

Niles Park District does not provide insurance to golfers. Each player is responsible for any damage they cause from errant golf shots or other actions. Tam O'Shanter staff and management will work with the parties involved in bodily injury or property damage situations, but ultimately it is up to the parties involved to decide what action should be taken.

Maintenance Workers

The superintendent and his staff work extremely hard throughout the season to keep Tam O'Shanter in the best shape possible. Please be courteous to staff working on course conditions. They try as best they can to limit their impact on play, however it is impossible for them to complete all necessary work without occasionally crossing players.

