

Rules & Regulations



FRANCHISE FEE

The franchise fee is \$125 per owner and the league **requires** an additional minimum transaction deposit of \$50 for a total payment of \$175. Additional deposits during the season may be made in **minimum increments of \$25** and any unused credit will be returned at the end of the season. Please note transactions will **not** be allowed under any circumstances unless they are prepaid. PayPal is the preferred means of payment and can be accessed via the link on the website. Please contact Ryan with any questions at webmaster@cincygfl.com. Payments not received prior to the completion of Week 2's event will result in retroactive prize money disqualification until such time that payment has been made. Owners that have NOT paid by the end of play in Week 4 will have their teams terminated. All funds collected will be paid to the owners as dictated in the PAYOUT SECTION (See below).

Franchise Fee Revenue (40 owners X \$125 entry fee)	\$ 5,000.00
Transaction Revenue (last year's actual)	\$ 5,584.00
Less: Website/Administrative expense	-\$ 935.00
Gross League Payouts	\$ 9,649.00

INITIAL ROSTERS & MAINTENANCE

Each owner's roster will consist of 12 golfers including one (1) Captain and eleven (11) golfers from three other Golfer Tiers (see below) as determined by the Golfer Tiers list. Owners must always maintain 12 total golfers during the season and must carry the required number of golfers for each of the five Tiers. The Golfer Tiers will **NOT** be updated during the year, meaning this list will be in place for the entire CGFL season. Owners may select golfers from any Pro Tour (i.e. PGA, European, Senior, LPGA, etc.) but note that the majority of the league's events are played are in the US based PGA Tour. Owners may select the same golfer. **Initial rosters and lineups are due Thursday, January 29th, 2026, by 3:00 AM EST.**

GOLFER TIERS – URL @ <http://cincygfl.com/tiers>

Captain: **1** Captain golfers from the list at the above URL
Tier 1: **2** Tier 1 golfers from the list at the above URL
Tier 2: **3** Tier 2 golfers from the list at the above URL
Tier 3: **6** Tier 3 golfers not listed in any Tier
Total: 12 golfers

WEEKLY PLAY - URL @ <http://cincygfl.com/events>

For each tournament on the schedule for Weeks 1-29 (refer to above URL or see attached list of events), owners must submit a total of 5 golfers, including one Captain golfer, one Tier 1 golfer, one Tier 2 golfer, and two Tier 3 golfers. **Owners are permitted to substitute a lower-tiered player in place of a higher-tiered player (e.g. activate a Tier 3 in place of a Tier 1). However, it is not permitted to substitute a lower-tiered player for a higher-tiered player (e.g. activate a Tier 1 in place of a Tier 3).** In short, owners may "bump up" a player but may not "bump down". The top 3 owner(s) earnings whose golfers earn the most PGA prize money in each week will receive \$125.00, \$50.00, and \$25.00, respectively. Ties are allowed and winners will equally split the credit. A 30% premium will be added to the purse for each of the four "Major" tournaments.

The Week 1 lineup submission will activate an owner's initial golfers. From that point owners may, on a weekly basis, activate and deactivate their golfers as they see fit. However, all changes must be made by the day of the Tournament, by 3:00 AM EST. League Management will do its best to accommodate late submissions but will not accept submissions once the tournament has begun - no exceptions. If no lineup changes are submitted, active golfers will remain active regardless of their participation in that week's event. If an owner does not have five players participating in the tournament scheduled for that week or cannot legally submit a 5-player lineup, he/she may choose to (1) make a transaction (add/drop), (2) submit a lineup of less than 5 players, or (3) submit a 5 player lineup that includes a player not scheduled to play in hopes that the golfer enters the field at the last minute.

The default 2026 roster is available for download on the home page and the default starting lineup will be adjusted when the Week 1 field is announced on **Friday, January 23rd, 2026**.

CGFL CHAMPIONSHIP

The top 30 owners in the season standings at the end of the regular season will qualify for the CGFL Championship. Prior to the Tour Championship, each owner will be randomly assigned a golfer who has qualified to play in that tournament. If that owner's golfer wins the TOUR championship, it's worth \$200; 2nd place receives \$75, 3rd receives \$25.00. In the event less than 30 golfers enter the tour championship, the number of qualifying CGFL owners will be adjusted accordingly.

LINEUP ACTIVATIONS AND DEACTIVATIONS

Given that both the Commish and the Webmaster participate in the league, a confidential golfer activation/deactivation link is provided on the website. (<http://cincygfl.com/lineups>). If confidentiality is not a concern, owners may also submit weekly lineup changes via email using the Email link provided on the site. Please remember to copy **BOTH**: commish@cincygfl.com (Bill), and webmaster@cincygfl.com (Ryan).

TRANSACTIONS (ADD/DROPS)

Owners may add/drop players throughout the season but must always maintain a 12-man roster. Transactions will be allowed throughout the season, but owners are limited to a maximum of two (2) transactions per week, and a maximum of thirty (30) per season (or an average of 0.97 per week). Again, transactions **WILL NOT** be allowed unless they are prepaid. The transaction fee schedule is as follows.

Captain Add/Drop:	\$12.00	Tier 2 Add/Drop:	\$8.00
Tier 1 Add/Drop:	\$10.00	Tier 3 Add/Drop:	\$6.00

Transaction requests not received by the lineup deadline 3 AM (based on email timestamp) will not be effective until the following week. The League Office will deny any transactions deemed to be outside the scope of the rules. If denied after a tournament has already begun, the owner's roster will remain as it was prior to the transaction request, and the golfer previously active golfer for that tier will remain as such.

PAYOUTS

In addition to the weekly high and CGFL championship credits, the top ten (10) owners in terms of prize money collected/earned for the full season (Weeks 1-29) will receive End of Season credits (estimated at \$2,648.00 based on 2021 transactions) as outlined below.

Weekly (\$200 X 29 wks)	\$ 5,800.00	1 st (\$125.00), 2 nd (\$50.00), 3 rd (\$25.00)
CGFL Championship	\$ 300.00	1 st (\$200.00), 2 nd (\$75.00), 3 rd (\$25.00)
End of Season (top 10)*	\$3,549.00	Based on prior year transactions
Total	\$9,649.00	

*End of Season Distribution Payments: 1st = 36.0%, 2nd = 20.0%, 3rd = 12.5%, 4th = 10.0%, 5th = 8.0%, 6th = 6.0%, 7th = 4.0%, 8th = 2.0%, 9th = 1.0%, and 10th = 0.5%.

LEAGUE OFFICE

The league has been organized and is ultimately ruled by the Commissioner, Bill Roberts (commish@cincygfl.com) and Webmaster, Ryan Kyte. The Webmaster (webmaster@cincygfl.com) manages the day to day league management, including oversight of the league treasury and website. Bill and Ryan collectively constitute the League Office, which from time to time, will be called upon to rule any on lineup disputes, illegal rosters, rules challenges, etc. The League Office has final say on all such matters. Appeals can be made and won via a league majority vote. While the League Office reserves the right to make "minor" in-season changes to improve Weekly Play with the overall enjoyment level for the owners in mind, the League Office will **only** make major "in-season" changes to league play if they benefit the league.