

South Lake Men's Golf League Late Cancellation Notice Policy for 2026:

Beginning at Monarch on December 4, 2025, we will begin collecting dues for the 2026 season. Dues for 2026 will remain \$60. We prefer cash, but if you need to pay by check please make it payable to George Booth. If you are away and wish to mail it you can send it to George at 16740 Kamalin Ct, Clermont FL 34715.

Please note one significant change for 2026: Due to the frequent late notices withdrawing from play after our deadlines, we are imposing a \$5 financial penalty for non-emergency caused late notices. If you notify us after the deadline that you will not be able to play and your name was on the preliminary list we send out, you will be required to pay a \$5 penalty in addition to your prize fee at the next course you play.

As you know, when we send out the winners list after each outing on Thursdays, we include a Preliminary Players List for the next week. We clearly specify the date and time the list will be finalized, and ask every member to review the list, and to advise us via the slmgplayerstatus@googlegroups.com if you are not on it but should be, or you are on it and should not be. Unfortunately, we routinely are notified after the deadline for cancellations and after we have completed the player pairings. It is not uncommon for us to have multiple members notify us after the deadline that they were not playing, and we have had to modify pairings 2 and 3 times and notify the course multiple times of changes. The time and effort to accomplish and communicate these changes is considerable, and often caused by a lack of attention and consideration by the members involved.

When the preliminary list goes out and your name is on it, or if you ask to have your name placed on the list, we commit to ensuring that you are included in the pairings for that week. I hope you will agree that we do an excellent job of ensuring that you are on a team, and that to the best of our ability you are playing with others you want to play with, and are not playing with others who you do not want to play with. When members notify us after the deadline, we are often left with threesomes, twosomes, or sometimes individual players and simply filling out a group becomes a major challenge. The solution to this issue in many cases is simply attention and consideration:

- 1) Carefully review the preliminary list we send out each Thursday with the winnings listing.
- 2) Pay careful attention to the cutoff date and time – It may change, but it will typically be Sunday at noon. By finalizing the list on Sunday we can compile the player pairings and get them to the course Sunday afternoon or first thing Monday morning.

If you are on the list and are not playing, notify us to take you off.

If you are not on the list and can make a commitment to play, let us know to put you on the list.

- 3) Do not commit to playing unless you have every intention and expected ability to play.
- 4) If you have physical problems and “hope” to be able to play tell us and we will put you on a potential player list but not the actual pairings list.

If you are certain on Tuesday or Wednesday that you can play you can notify us and if we can fit you in to an open slot we will. This does not require redoing the pairings, it is just a matter of adding your name if we have an open slot.

- 5) If you or your immediate family has an emergency personal or health issue, serious sickness, or an accident, or any significant unforeseeable event between the notification deadline and our outing we understand your inability to play and there is no penalty.

We ask that you notify us as soon as you can after an emergency event so that we can change the pairings if we need to, let the course know about your absence, and inform the other members of your group that you will be absent. It is not enough to let another member know you are not playing, you must let us know via the slmgplayerstatus@googlegroups.com email what has happened that prevents you from playing. In the event of an event that occurs the day of our outing, we ask that you let us know as soon as possible afterward what happened.

Thank you for your attention and assistance.

Rick

Greg

George

Steve