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TELICO VILLAGE
TENNESSEE NATIONAL
RARITY BAY
WINDRIVER

CHALLENGE

The Vision: A Regional Golfing Experience

The **Tennessee River Challenge** unites four of the most prestigious golf communities along the Tennessee River. This league is designed to foster high-level competition, social camaraderie, and a shared appreciation for the championship layouts in our backyard.

Participating Championship Clubs

Club	Course Profile	PGA Professional
Tellico Village	Three Championship Courses (Toqua, Tanasi, Kahite)	Casey Flenniken, PGA Director of Golf
Tennessee National	Greg Norman Signature Design	Cody Cable, PGA Director of Golf
Wind River	Bob Cupp Design (Audubon Signature)	Kyle Hodges, PGA Director of Golf
Rarity Bay	D. J. De Victor and Peter Langham Design	Nicholas Boruff, PGA Head Professional

COMPETITIVE FRAMEWORK

The league utilizes a "**Home and Home**" model to ensure every club tests their skill on both familiar and visiting turf.

- **Season Duration:** April – September 2026.
- **Match Frequency:** 6 matches total (3 Home / 3 Away).
- **The Match Unit:** 12-man teams per club.
- **Daily Schedule:** 7 consecutive tee times.
- *Tee Times 1-6:* Paired by Handicap Index from MGA qualifiers.
- *Final Tee Time:* Featuring the **Club Pro** and the **Club Champion** from each club. *(Or Designee based on AVAILABILITY)*

FORMAT & ELIGIBILITY

- **Style:** Individual Match Play (1-vs-1).
- **Team Size:** 12 players per club, per match.
- **Eligibility:** Active MGA members with a verifiable USGA Handicap Index.
- **The "Pro" Match:** The first tee time of each match features the **Club Professional** and the **Club Champion** from each club.

HANDICAPS & STROKES

- **Handicap Index:** The Index effective on the date of the roster exchange.
- **Roster Exchange:** Sunday NO LATER than 6:00 PM the week of the match.
- **Allocation:** Matches are played "**off the low ball.**" The player with the lowest handicap in the pairing plays at scratch; the opponent receives the full difference in Course Handicaps (sloped for the host course).
- **Scorecards:** Host clubs are responsible for providing "dotted" scorecards indicating where strokes are given.

TEES & DIVISIONS

Players must compete from the tees assigned to their qualifying division. Host Pros will select the specific course tees that most closely match these yardages:

- **Gold Division:** 6,000 – 6,500 yards.
- **Silver Division:** 5,400 – 5,900 yards.

SCORING SYSTEM

Points are tracked at two levels to determine the **River Cup** champion:

- **Individual Match:** 1 pt for a Win | 0.5 pt for a Halve | 0 pts for a Loss.
- **League Standings:** 2 pts for a Team Win (6.5+ match points) | 1 pt for a Team Draw | 0 pts for a Loss.
- **The Prize:** The club at the top of the standings in **October** wins the **Tennessee River Challenge Traveling Trophy** to be displayed in their Pro Shop for one year.

PACE OF PLAY & ETIQUETTE

- **Concessions:** Putts and holes may be conceded by an opponent at any time.
- **Pick-Up Rule:** To maintain pace, if a player is "out" of a hole and cannot win or halve it, they **must** pick up and concede the hole.
- **Disputes:** Per USGA Rule 3.2d, notify the opponent of the dispute immediately. Complete the hole and seek a ruling from the Host PGA Professional before signing the card.

FINANCIAL & HOSTING MODEL

We have standardized the costs to ensure a professional and seamless experience at every venue.

- **Reciprocal Rate: \$55.00** flat fee for visiting players (Covers Green Fee, Cart, and Range).
- **Qualifier Entry Fee:** \$5 per player (collected by MGA).
- **Match Entry Fee:** \$10 per player (collected by each MGA).
- **The Host Experience:** The monies collected by the Host MGA funds:
 - Pre-match refreshments (coffee/water/snacks).
 - Post-match social beverages, appetizers, and scoring updates.
- **Administration:** Host Pros will manage the "dotted" match play cards and local rule sheets.

MASTER SCHEDULE

Note: Using the "Fixed Week" system (3rd week of the month).

Month	Home Team	vs.	Visiting Team	Qualifying Week
APRIL	Tellico Village	vs.	Rarity Bay	April 6–10
	Wind River	vs.	Tennessee National	
MAY	Rarity Bay	vs.	Tennessee National	May 11–15
	Wind River	vs.	Tellico Village	
JUNE	Tennessee National	vs.	Tellico Village	June 8–12
	Rarity Bay	vs.	Wind River	
JULY	Rarity Bay	vs.	Tellico Village	July 6–10
	Tennessee National	vs.	Wind River	
AUGUST	Tennessee National	vs.	Rarity Bay	August 10–14
	Tellico Village	vs.	Wind River	
SEPTEMBER	Tellico Village	vs.	Tennessee National	September 7-11
	Wind River	vs.	Rarity Bay	