

Oakfield Golf & Country Club – Combo Tees

The Oakfield team is excited to introduce Combo-Tee options to our members. In the spirit of finding ways to add value to our membership without increasing costs, we are proud to bring this to you for play in 2016. The concept is based largely around the USGA Tee-It-Forward campaign. Also – it allows us to offer a wide range of total yardage to our members. Golf should be fun. We encourage all golfers to play from a total yardage that is suitable to your driving distance and skill. The new scorecard will suggest which tee you might find most enjoyable based on your driving distance, and handicap. This is merely a suggestion, and all members should feel free to play from your favorite tee option as always. Here is the information you will need to know:

What is Changing?

- Men and Women will now have nine tee options to choose from. The total distance of our course will range from the Blue tees (6745 yards), to the Orange Tees (4252 yards), with seven options in between.
- We have added a new combo set in between all tee deck options BLUE-WHITE, WHITE-GOLD, GOLD-RED, RED-ORANGE. Note: The green tees still exist as the combo option between Gold and Red. There will be no green tees painted on our tee blocks.
- All nine tee options have been rated by the NSGA for both men and women in fall 2015. The slope & rating for each tee block can be found on our scorecard, and online with the Golf Canada handicap system.
- There are no new colors on the tees markers, or yardage signs.

How do I use the combo tees?

Example: If you find the White tees a little bit too long, or you simply want to mix it up a little, you may choose to play the White/Gold combo. You play 9 holes from the white tees, and 9 from the gold. The holes you will play from white and gold tees will be pre-determined for you. The scorecard will guide you on which holes to move forward to Gold, and which holes to remain on White tees.

- o You always follow the scorecard from the tee color that is the longer of the two
 - o In this example, follow the white tee yardage on the scorecard, and move forward to the Gold tee deck on the 9 holes that have a gold dot posted.
 - o When you are finished the round, you will enter your score from the White/Gold combo on Golf Canada's handicap system.
- Follow the same process for any of the 4 Combo's offered on our scorecard. It sounds confusing, but is easy to catch on to after you try it once or twice.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

- How much did this cost us?
 - o The only cost involved in this process is the set up fee for our new scorecard design (minimum fee). We did not pay the NSGA to re-rate our course (that is a complimentary service), and we don't have to change any signage or create new tee blocks.

- Can I still play from the same tees I'm used to from last year?
 - o Yes. All of the tee options from 2015 still exist.

- How did we choose which tee blocks to use in the combo set?
 - o We polled random members of various skill level, age, and sex for feedback.
 - o The USGA distance guidelines made the decision for us in many cases. Example: They recommend that somebody who hits the ball 140 yards with a driver should consider playing from our Red/Orange combo. If the hole in question is a 310 yard Par 4 from the Reds we would need to move it up to Orange tees for our Red/Orange combo. This will give the player a better chance to reach the Par 4 green in two shots.

- Will these new tee options slow down pace of play?
 - o No. One of the main objectives of this initiative is to offer each member a total yardage that suits their game, and to encourage them to enjoy the game from that tee block. If you play from the tee option best suited for your game it should only speed up play. Having said that, we don't expect this initiative to have a major impact on pace of play.

This is our first crack at this, so we will entertain changes to these combos in the future if it is determined a change is necessary. I welcome your feedback in this regard, especially when provided in a positive manner and with keeping the needs of our entire membership in mind. See below for the final product. Happy combo-ing!

Regards,

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Oakfield Golf and Country Club

Proposed Yardages by Tee

currently
green

Hole	BLUE	COMBO 1	WHITE	COMBO 2	GOLD	COMBO 3	RED	COMBO 4	Orange
1	510	495	495	464	464	464	423	378	378
2	384	384	355	355	315	315	291	291	254
3	203	203	181	135	135	129	129	129	97
4	335	312	312	312	292	292	267	267	216
5	193	168	168	168	144	144	116	83	83
6	500	480	480	480	445	445	415	330	330
7	419	397	397	351	351	314	314	268	268
8	400	400	373	355	355	330	330	235	235
9	382	382	362	362	334	275	275	275	252
FRONT	3326	3221	3123	2982	2835	2708	2560	2256	2113
10	365	365	354	354	322	322	291	291	231
11	433	411	411	371	371	320	320	249	249
12	507	490	490	461	461	428	428	393	393
13	160	138	138	138	132	132	112	102	102
14	405	405	395	345	345	309	309	228	228
15	176	176	160	160	132	132	113	113	99
16	382	382	355	355	338	296	296	296	231
17	550	550	514	488	488	390	390	390	349
18	441	412	412	388	388	388	325	257	257
BACK	3419	3329	3229	3060	2977	2717	2584	2319	2139
TOTAL	6745	6550	6352	6042	5812	5425	5144	4575	4252
Decrease		195	198	310	230	387	281	569	323
Mens Rating	72.8	71.8	71	69.5	68.2	66.1	64.8	62.4	61.7
Mens Slope	131	127	125	125	121	116	113	106	97
Womens Rating	79.1	78.1	76.9	75	73.6	71.4	69.8	66.5	64.3
Womens Slope	143	140	137	131	129	124	120	114	108
TEES BACK		9 Blue		9 white		9 gold		8 red	
TEES UP		9 White		9 gold		9 red		10 oranges	

*the combo tees would not be on the scorecard, but would be indicated by dots on the card for direction, with full yardage / rating / slope on back of the card

Suggested Driver Distances	280+	260	240	220	200	180	160	140	under 140
Suggested Handicap	under 4	under 7	under 10	under 13	under 16	under 20	under 30	under 35	35 +