

Our first rule is to obey all local club rules. These rules will be announced at the group meeting prior to each tournament. Frequently this will be the cart rules for the day or rules for a hole under repair. Please pay attention to signs prohibiting carts from approaching greens. Also pay attention to Local Course Rules noted on the Course's scorecard for further details per course. Fix your ball marks, replace, or fill your divots depending on type of grass. Honor all club dress rules.

U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf apply with the following exceptions, most of which are intended to speed up play.

One Club Length Rule: A player may move her ball one club length anywhere, except in a hazard or on the green, BUT no closer to the hole. Moving the ball does not allow a player to move her ball from one situation to another such as from rough to fairway. The one club length rule does not guarantee a clear shot. Optionally, the ball may be moved one club length into the fairway no closer to the hole with a 1 stroke penalty.

Out of Bounds, Club Limit, Ball Type, Lost Ball, Unplayable Lie and Putter Anchoring: A ball out of bounds may be played from one club length **into the fairway** nearest to the point where the ball first crossed the Out of Bounds line (NOT from where the ball is found). **One shot penalty.** Fourteen (14) club limit. May change brand of ball at any time. Anchoring of putters is allowed while making a putting stroke.

A lost ball, ball in the woods or in an unplayable area may be played from one club length **into the fairway** nearest to the point where the ball is found, or the best guess location in the case of a lost ball. **One shot Penalty.**

Ball in Penalty area: This includes water hazards and areas staked or lined as a Penalty Area. If the ball is in an unmarked area that the majority of the foursome determines should be marked as a Penalty Area, it should be played as a Penalty Area. **The ball must be played as it lies.** You are allowed to remove loose impediments and ground your club. **Or you can take a one stroke penalty** and a drop out of the Penalty Area (no closer to the hole).

Sand Traps: You are allowed to improve your lie in a sand trap by moving one club length inside the trap, no closer to the hole and by raking the sand and placing your ball. **Or you can take a one stroke penalty** and a drop out of the trap (no closer to the hole). **You are allowed to remove loose impediments from the sand trap but cannot ground your club.**

Ball in Rough: We do not differentiate between high and low rough. If a ball is in high rough it may be moved to low rough as long as it is not moved more than one club length and/or closer to the hole. You can't move the ball from rough to fairway or from fairway to green.

Hitting the wrong ball: Locate your ball from the previous shot. Re-play the shot taken in error. One stroke penalty. There is no penalty for double hitting a ball during a stroke.

Gimme Putt Rule: Must putt the ball in the hole. **At no time can anyone** say that is a Gimme or O.K. pick up.

Maximum Score: Triple bogey is the maximum score. If a triple bogey is **inevitable** pick up, take the triple with three putts. Record the actual number of putts taken when the final putt results in a triple bogey.

Counting Putts: Only count putts where the ball is on the putting surface prior to the stroke. Balls struck with a putter from off the putting surface are not counted in the putts total for the hole. For example of hitting first putt from green, rolls off green, pitch or putt back on green and goes in hole, one putt will be counted.

Reporting Scores: After putting out record your scores while fresh in mind (avoid senior moments) before moving to next hole. All players should tell the scorer her score and the number of putts so **all can hear**. When you finish your last hole, drive away from the hole to add up the scores. **All players must agree on the final score.** (Good idea to keep your own score during round to avoid errors)

Cheating will not be tolerated: Reports of **Out and Out Cheating** will be investigated by the committee. The results of the investigation will determine the consequences for the offending member. Actions may include a simple warning, but could result in the Committee expelling a member.