

## **Senior Ladies Golf League – Rules of play Updated March 8, 2025**

**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 cart rules for the day, sand trap condition and play, and/or special conditions that may affect your play. Pay attention to signs prohibiting carts approaching the greens. Also pay attention to local golf course rules noted on the scorecard. FIX your BALL MARKS, replace or fill in your divots with sand provided on the cart.

**USGA 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 no closer to the hole except on the green. You cannot move your ball OUT of a hazard, penalty area or change your type of grass. This one club length may does not guarantee clear shot. **OR you can move your ball one club length into the fairway with a *one stroke penalty*.** **This drop must not be closer to the hole from where your ball entered the hazard.**

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

**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 and placing your ball. ***Or you can take a one stroke penalty*** and drop behind the trap no closer to the hole. You can remove loose impediments from the trap, ***but you cannot ground your club.***

**Ball in the Rough:** We do not differentiate between high and low rough. You can move your ball from high to low rough if you do not move more than one club length and/or no closer to the hole. You cannot move your ball from the rough to the fairway or the fairway to the green.

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

**Gimmie Putt Rule:** You must putt the ball into the hole. ***At no time can anyone say it's a gimmie and pick up the ball.***

**Maximum Score:** Triple bogey is the maximum score per hole. If a triple bogey is inevitable you ***MUST pick up your ball*** and score a triple bogey with three putts. Record the actual number of putts taken when the final putt results in a triple bogey.

**Counting Putts:** *Only count putts made from the surface of the green.* If you putt from the fringe or fairway those strokes are not considered putts and should not be counted.

**Reporting Scores:** Two people will record scores and putts for each hole. Scores should be recorded before teeing off on the next hole. When you finish your 18<sup>th</sup> hole pull off and compare scores to ensure all agree on the final scores on the official scorecard. (Good idea to keep your own scores during the 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 simple warning but could result in the Committee expelling a member.