



## SENIOR LEAGUE 2019

**Here are our local rules which govern play for the Senior League. In the interest of speed of play and competitiveness they may differ from U.S.G.A rules.**

### **Tee Markers:**

Every player will be assigned a set of tee-markers based loosely on handicap and driving distance. We'll have three sets available to choose from. We ask your help in determining which set of markers is appropriate for you. Do NOT adjust markers on a week to week basis. We will do one adjustment at the mid-season break if necessary. This will help keep the disparity in handicaps at a smaller range and improve match quality.

### **Out of Bounds** (differs from U.S.G.A)

If your ball is out of bounds we'd like you to treat it similarly to a lateral water hazard. Determine the spot where the ball crossed out of bounds, drop from within 2 clublengths of that spot and take a penalty stroke.

- The fencing on holes #2, #3 define out of bounds. The OB ends where the fence ends and reverts to the road at that point. Left of the rocks on #2 is NOT out of bounds.
- Hole #6 – white stakes define out of bounds. Under penalty of 1 stroke, drop within 2 clublengths of the fence near 5 tee.

### **Preferred Lies** (differs from U.S.G.A)

We are all aware of the unfortunate crab grass problem over the last two seasons. We are working to fix that issue, and in the meantime you are allowed to move the ball up to one clublength in your OWN fairway. You cannot do this in rough areas or another fairway other than the hole you are currently playing.

- Penalty – any player who breaks this rule is eliminated from the hole. His partner is not eliminated however.

### **Lost Ball in Woods** (left of one, left of 9, behind 8 green: differs from U.S.G.A)

If you hit a ball you cannot find in the woods, take a penalty shot and drop the ball back in the fairway approximately the same distance away from the hole

### **Unplayable Lie**

You have three options if you declare your ball unplayable, all of which include a penalty of 1 stroke. (1) Replay the shot from its original position. (2) Drop within two club lengths no closer to the hole. (3) Visualize a line between the unplayable ball and the hole and drop your ball anywhere behind the original ball on the extension of that line as far back as you want.

### **Water Hazard (yellow stakes)**

You have three options. Play the ball as it lies with no penalty, remembering to not ground your club. Second option is to replay that shot from the original position with one stroke penalty. Third option with one stroke penalty is to visualize a line from the hole and the point where the ball crossed the margin of the hazard and drop the ball anywhere along the extension of the line with no limit to distance.

- In the absence of stakes or paint then the natural boundary of the hazard is considered the water line. Ask your opponent if you are unsure for a judgment about whether your ball is in the hazard or not
- If your ball is embedded with the water hazard you do NOT get to remove the ball and drop it, unless you taking a 1 shot penalty in which case you must drop the ball outside of the hazard.

### **Lateral Hazard (red stakes)**

You have the same three options as a water hazard plus two others, both of which require a penalty of 1 stroke.. (1) drop your ball within two clublengths of where your ball last crossed the margin of the hazard and take a one stroke penalty. (2) Drop your ball within two club lengths of the point equidistant from the hole on the opposite margin of the hazard.

### **Substitutes**

Subs play an important role in the league. Please use the posted substitute list if you cannot make your match to find a replacement. All other substitutes must be approved by the golf shop so an official match handicap can be assigned.

- This is a senior league, not a men's league. Women are eligible subs. Note that it's the gross score that counts, not the score versus par. Therefore if a lady player scores a 4 on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole (birdie) that would only tie a male golfer who made a 4 (par) on the same hole. Women will play from the **red** markers.
- Unless approved by the golf shop for special and unique circumstances a team can NOT consist of two substitutes for a match.

### **Make Ups**

If both team members are unable to play you can schedule a make-up date agreed upon by your opponent. The make-up match must be completed within 2 weeks of the original scheduled date. If no make-up date is scheduled you will **forfeit** the match.

### **Rain Outs**

Only the golf shop can cancel matches due to weather.

### **Disputes**

Any rules questions should be brought in to the golf shop for a ruling. If you are unsure how to proceed on the course, play a second ball to complete the hole until the ruling can be made.