

Rules of Play for the 2024 League Season

1. Reminders:

All Strokes Must Be Counted

All players Must Putt Out....**No Gimmies!!!**

Failure to putt out will result in the player being removed from the league with no refund.

2. TEE DECKS

A Flight – Players play from the Blue Tees on all holes regardless of your age

B & C Flight – All members play from the Blue Tee Decks – Option on White Tee Decks on South 2 & 4

D & E Flight – Members play from the White Tee Decks

Players 65 and older (except** A Flight players) can play from the White Tees on all holes

**Players 80 and older in Flights C, D & E can play from the Red Tees

3. PICK CLEAN AND PLACE

Players can choose to pick clean and place their ball prior to any shot on all fairways, rough, bunkers, waste bunkers and Red Staked areas.

Pick Clean and Place allows you to hand place your ball within 6 inches of where it lies no closer to the hole.

Pick Clean and Place does not apply to any ball resting in water defined by ponds and creeks!

Inclement weather – Specific rules may be made that evening – Starter will inform each group

4. BUNKER PLAY

Players may take a practice swing or ground their club making contact with the sand prior to their shot with **No Penalty**

Rakes will not be placed on the course for the upcoming 2023 season.

5. PUTTING GREEN – FLAG IN FLAG OUT?

Players have the option to leave the flag in or out on all putts

If a ball rests against a flagstick in the hole and part of the ball is below the level of the lip, the ball will be considered holed, even if the entire ball is not below the surface. There is no longer a requirement to move the flagstick to see if the ball falls into the hole. The ball may be simply picked up.

6. FLOWER BEDS

Players must take a free lift from all flower beds no closer to the hole with **No Penalty**

7. RED STAKES - LEAGUE DESIGNATED LATERAL HAZARD (see map)

Determine point of entry into league designated hazard. If player does not want to attempt a shot from the hazard take two club lengths from the hazard; place a tee in the ground. (A third club length can be used if your ball doesn't clear the cart path). Hands place your ball next to the tee representing your drop from the hazard.

1 Stroke Penalty.

8. CHOOSING TO PLAY OUT OF LEAGUE DESIGNATED HAZARD

The player may take one practice stroke prior to attempting a shot with no penalty. All loose impediments may be removed without moving the ball.

Choosing to play inside a hazard, **1 Stroke** is counted for every attempt to hit the ball out.

If the player determines the ball to be unplayable after attempting to play out of the hazard a **1 Stroke Penalty** applies for a drop out of the hazard.



9. WHITE STAKES

All white stakes are governed by the Red Stake Rules.

10. PAR 3 DROP AREAS

There are three Par 3 designated drop areas on the course – Central 5, Island 8, and South 1. Players must use the designated drop area when their ball is unplayable due to the water hazard. **1 Stroke Penalty.**

11. PYLON DROP AREAS (in orange on the photo)

Pylons are in effect South 2 and South 4. For any tee shot that enters a league designated lateral hazard before the pylon, your third shot must be taken from the designated pylon drop area. The ball can be hand placed one club length no nearer the hole.

1 Stroke Penalty. All subsequent shots from pylon through to green are governed by the red stake rules. **1 Stroke Penalty.**

Any tee shot that is hit past the pylon and enters a lateral hazard the player does not have the option to hit from the pylon drop area. Determine point of entry into League Designated Hazard and proceed with 2 club length drop. **1 Stroke Penalty.**

12. Property Lines:

No shots can be made outside of the designated golf course property line (Neighbors' properties or on any roadways)!!



Thursday Night Men's League

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