

# 9-Hole Tournament Rules

## Tees

- **Girls** will play from the Red tees on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday the Championship Flight will move to the Gold tees and all other flights will continue to use the Red tees.
- **Boys** will play from the Gold tees on Monday and Tuesday. On Wednesday the Championship Flight will move to the White tees and all other flights will continue to use the Gold tees.

## Scores

- All players will exchange scorecards on the first tee box with other players to keep track of another person's score
- Maximum of 10 strokes per hole for all players
- Play the ball as it lies, meaning play the ball down

DO NOT SIGN OFF ON ANOTHER PLAYER'S SCORECARD IF YOU DO NOT AGREE WITH THE SCORE. If a dispute occurs, consult with a member of the tournament committee at the scorer's tent. Player's are responsible for making sure hole by hole scores are correct.

## Penalty Areas & Drop Areas

### *RED MARKED AREAS:*

If unable to play the ball as found, there will be a one-stroke penalty to either hit again from the same spot, drop within two club lengths of where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area (no closer to the hole) or go back as far as he/she wants keeping the point of entry between him/her and the hole, no closer to the hole. Native grass areas are also marked and are played as penalty areas (red lines). These are higher grassy areas, not just rough. These are unmowed high grass areas and will be clearly defined by red stakes and lines. The following red marked penalty areas will have drop areas on the other side of the lake/creek where you can take a one-stroke penalty and go closer to the green.

- South: holes 3, 4 and 9
- North: holes 12 and 15

### *WHITE MARKED AREA:*

North: the fence on hole 12 is an immovable obstruction. If the fence affects swing, stance, or line of flight, a free drop is granted. Pick up your ball and drop in the nearest drop zone, no closer to the hole. No penalty stroke.

## Ground Under Repair

Ground under repair is marked with white lines. Free relief (no penalty) is taken from these areas by selecting the closest area of relief outside of the marked area and dropping within one club length of that point, no nearer the hole. Scarred, bare areas that connect to the cart path are not marked but are considered ground under repair. Consult with your playing partners to award yourself relief from these areas.

## Bunkers

All bunkers will be declared Ground Under Repair. You may play the ball as it lies, take free relief (Rule:16-1) by selecting the nearest point outside of the area and dropping within one club length of that point, no nearer the hole. When playing the ball in the bunker, you may ground your club.

## Out of Bounds

Out of bounds is defined by white lines and fences bordering the exterior lines of the golf course and the driving range. Procedure followed for a ball out of bounds is to hit again from the place the out-of-bounds shot was struck and add one stroke - this is termed stroke and distance. If you feel you have hit out of bounds, but are not certain, you may hit a provisional ball to aid pace of play. If your original ball is in play you must abandon the provisional ball.

## USGA Rules Apply

Doubt to procedure: play alternate ball from the area of question and record both scores. Rules committee will decide at the scorer's table before the card is signed.

- **Distance Measuring Devices** are permitted, but slope must be turned off.
- **Participant's Cell Phone** must be turned off during the tournament. Breach of this rule is a two-stroke penalty.
- **Caddies** are strictly forbidden on all courses during tournament competition for all divisions.
- **No Spectators** allowed on the North or South course during tournament play for the 9-Hole or 18-Hole Divisions. DO NOT GIVE ADVICE OR INFORMATION TO PLAYERS. This cannot be stressed enough, as it could cause a penalty to be given to your junior.