

18 SEPTEMBER 2023

EAGLES GOLF CLUB  
OF  
PALM COAST  
"RULES OF PLAY"

THE FOLLOWING "RULES OF PLAY" WILL BE USED BY THE GOLF ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE IN CONDUCTING THE MONTHLY OUTINGS AND CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP FOR THE 2023/2024 GOLF YEAR. THESE RULES INCLUDE ALL OF THE CHANGES FROM PREVIOUS YEARS. CHANGES OR CLARIFICATION FROM LAST YEAR'S RULES ARE UNDERLINED.

1. COURSE PLAY LENGTH FOR EAGLES COMPETITION SHALL NOT EXCEED 6,200 YARDS.

2. PLAYER TEES. TO COMPETE FOR COMPETITIVE PRIZES IN MONTHLY OUTINGS AND THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, PLAYERS MUST PLAY AS FOLLOWS. OTHERWISE, PLAYERS MAY PLAY FROM THE TEES THAT FIT THEIR PLAYING LEVEL.

- MEN UNDER AGE 72 WILL PLAY FROM THE "REGULAR" TEE.
- MEN AGED 72 TO 81 MAY PLAY FROM THE "SENIOR" OR REGULAR TEE. HOWEVER, ONCE SELECTED, HE MUST PLAY FROM THAT TEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GOLF YEAR.
- MEN AGED 82 AND ABOVE MAY PLAY FROM EITHER THE "SUPER SENIOR (SS), WOMENS (W)", OR SENIOR (S) TEE. IF THE PLAYER SELECTS TO PLAY FROM THE "SS" TEE BUT THE COURSE BEING PLAYED HAS NO SUCH TEE, THEN THE PLAYER WILL PLAY FROM THE "W" TEE. ONCE A TEE IS SELECTED (SS, W, OR S), HE MUST PLAY FROM THAT TEE FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE GOLF YEAR.
- IF DURING THE GOLF YEAR THERE IS A CHANGE IN THE PLAYER'S AGE, HE MAY, AFTER INFORMING THE COMMITTEE, CHANGE HIS PLAYING STATUS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PRECEDING PARAGRAPHS.
- WOMEN WILL PLAY FROM THE "WOMENS" TEE.

3. ALL MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN UPDATED HANDICAP INDEX (HI)" DERIVED FROM A USGA APPROVED HANDICAP SYSTEM E.G. GHIN, GOLFNET ETC. FOR MONTHLY OUTINGS, IN ORDER FOR A PLAYER'S INDEX TO BE CONSIDERED "UPDATED" IT MUST CONTAIN SCORES POSTED WITHIN 60 DAYS OF THE OUTING. FOR THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, THE INDEX MUST CONTAIN SCORES POSTED WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE FIRST DATE OF THE CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP.

4. PLAYERS FLIGHTS.

A. BASED UPON THEIR HANDICAP INDEX; PLAYERS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE FLIGHTS. DURING OUTINGS, THE COMMITTEE MAY, AT ITS DISCRETION, ESTABLISH COMPETITIVE PLAYING LEVELS WITHIN A FLIGHT.

A FLIGHT - 0.1 TO 16.0

B FLIGHT - 16.1 TO 22.0

C FLIGHT - 22.1 AND ABOVE

B. IF A PLAYER DOES NOT HAVE AN INDEX, HE WILL BE ASSIGNED THE SAME LOWEST INDEX THAT IS MAINTAINED BY A PLAYER IN HIS FLIGHT.

**5. FOR NON-SCRAMBLE CLUB OUTINGS, GUEST(S) OF MEMBERS MAY ONLY PARTICIPATE IN THE CLOSET-TO-THE-PIN COMPETITION.**

**6. FOR PAR-3 COMPETITION, MEN WILL PLAY FROM THE "SENIOR" TEES. WOMEN WILL PLAY FROM DESIGNATED WOMEN'S TEES.**

**7. THE LOWEST HANDICAP PLAYER IN EACH GROUP DURING A TOURNAMENT IS THE DESIGNATED "CAPTAIN (FIRST NAME ON SCORECARD)" FOR THAT GROUP AND IS RESPONSIBLE FOR:**

**A. KEEPING IN SIGHT NO MORE THAN ONE HOLE, THE GROUP IN FRONT OF IT, AND**

**B. TURNING IN A "COMPLETED" (SCORES VERIFIED, DATED, SIGNED AND ATTESTED TO) SCORECARD TO THE ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE ASAP AFTER THE GROUP HAS FINISHED PLAY.**

**8. AFTER A SCORECARD HAS BEEN TURNED IN TO THE COMMITTEE, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:**

**A. IF THE SCORECARD IS INCOMPLETE E.G. NO GROSS SCORE FOR AN INDIVIDUAL HOLE, THE PLAYER (OR GROUP) WILL BE DISQUALIFIED (USGA RULE 6-6).**

**B. IF THE SCORECARD HAS A RECORDED GROSS SCORE THAT IS LOWER THAN THE ACTUAL SCORE, THE PLAYER (OR GROUP) WILL BE DISQUALIFIED. IF THE PLAYER (OR GROUP) RECORDS A SCORE FOR A HOLE THAT IS HIGHER THAN THE ACTUAL SCORE, THE RECORDED SCORE STANDS. (USGA RULE 6-6).**

**9. FOR THOSE OUTINGS WHICH ARE DESIGNATED AS CAPTAIN'S CHOICE SCRAMBLE EACH GROUP WILL BE ASSIGNED A TEAM HANDICAP. THE HANDICAP WILL BE DETERMINED AS FOLLOWS AND WILL BE BASED UPON THE HANDICAP OF EACH PLAYER IN THE GROUP:**

**0 TO 5 HANDICAP - TWO STROKES ADDED (+2)**

**6 TO 12 HANDICAP - ONE STROKE ADDED (+1)**

**13 TO 18 HANDICAP - NO STROKES ADDED (0)**

**19 TO 25 HANDICAP - ONE STROKE SUBTRACTED (-1)**

**26 AND ABOVE HANDICAP - TWO STROKES SUBTRACTED (-2)**

**10. IF THE COMMITTEE STOPS PLAY DURING A TOURNAMENT\_DUE TO RAIN, THE FOLLOWING WILL APPLY:**

- **FOR 18-HOLE TOURNAMENT COMPETITIONS; IF ALL PLAYERS (OR GROUPS) HAVE COMPLETED PLAY ON AT LEAST FIVE (5) PAR 4S, TWO (2) PAR 3S, AND TWO(2) PAR 5S, THEN IT BECOMES A 9 HOLE COMPETITION.**

- **FOR CLOSET TO THE PIN PAR3 COMPETITIONS, ALL PLAYERS MUST HAVE COMPLETED PLAY ON THE SAME TWO (2) PAR 3S.**

- **REFUNDS, MINUS BAG DROP FEE (\$1), WILL BE BASED UPON THE FAILURE OF EITHER A OR B.**

**11. SLOW PLAY. IF A GROUP FALLS BEHIND THE GROUP AHEAD OF IT MORE THAN ONE (1) HOLE, THEY WILL WAVE THE GROUP BEHIND IT THROUGH.**

12. PLAYERS WILL LEAVE THE TEE OR THE GREEN AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE LAST PLAYER IN THE GROUP HAS HIT HIS TEE SHOT OR HOLED OUT, PUTTING CLUBS AWAY AND/OR POSTING SCORES AFTER ARRIVAL AT THE SPOT FOR THE NEXT PLAY OR TEE.

13. ALL PLAYERS WILL PLAY A "LOST BALL" AS A LATERAL HAZARD (EXCEPT FOR A CLEARLY MARKED OUT-OF-BOUNDS SHOT). A MAXIMUM OF (3) MINUTES WILL BE ALLOWED TO SEARCH FOR A PLAYER'S BALL. IF THE BALL IS "LOST" ON A HOLE, THE PLAYER'S NEXT SHOT WILL BE PLAYED WITHIN TWO (2) CLUB LENGTHS OF AND NOT NEARER THE HOLE, USING THE LINE OF FLIGHT, MOVING BACKWARDS, WHERE THE BALL WAS LAST SEEN. THE BALL MAY NOT BE DROPPED IN THE FAIRWAY. A PENALTY OF ONE STROKE WILL BE ADDED TO THE PLAYER'S SCORE.

14. IF A PLAYER'S BALL IS CLEARLY HIT OUT-OF-BOUNDS, IT WILL NOT BE TREATED AS A "LOST BALL". THE PLAYER WILL PLAY ANOTHER BALL FROM THE SPOT THE ORIGINAL BALL WAS HIT FROM AND ADD ONE PENALTY STROKE TO HIS SCORE. (USGA RULE)

15. IF A PLAYER'S BALL IS RESTING ON OR NEAR THE ROOT OF A TREE OR LARGE 1/19 PLANT WHICH MAY CAUSE INJURY IF IT WAS PLAYED WHERE IT LIES, THE BALL MAY BE MOVED, WITHOUT PENALTY, TO THE CLOSEST PLACE OF RELIEF, NOT CLOSER TO THE HOLE. THIS RULE DOES NOT APPLY TO A BALL LOST IN A TREE OR A PLANT.

16. PLAYERS WILL PLAY "READY" GOLF. FIRST PERSON TO THE TEE SHOULD PLAY. THERE ARE NO HONORS.

17. A PLAYER WILL PICK UP HIS/HER BALL AFTER THEY HAVE A DOUBLE BOGEY PLUS ANY HANDICAP STROKES ON ANY HOLE REGARDLESS OF WHETHER IN THE ROUGH, IN THE FAIRWAY, IN A FAIRWAY OR GREENSIDE BUNKER, OR ON THE GREEN. FOR EXAMPLE, IF PLAYING A PAR 4 WHERE A PLAYER HAS ONE HANDICAP STROKE, HIS RECORDED SCORE WILL BE A SEVEN (4 PLUS 2 PLUS 1), IF PLAYING A PAR 5 WHERE A PLAYER HAS 1 HANDICAP STROKE, HIS RECORDED SCORE WILL BE AN EIGHT (5 PLUS 2 PLUS 1) OR IF PLAYING A PAR THREE WHERE HE HAS 1 HANDICAP STROKE, HIS RECORDED SCORE WILL BE A SIX (3 PLUS 2 PLUS 1).

18. FOR MONTHLY OUTINGS, ALL PLAYERS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE AT LEAST 45 MINUTES PRIOR TO TEE TIME.

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