

Senior Golf Rules of Play

Section 1. Association Rules. The following rules, as may be amended from time to time as herein provided, are in effect for the operation and management of the Association.

1. A member may invite a guest to play as a member of his foursome no more than twice during any calendar month. A guest playing twice under this provision may not also play as the guest of another member during the same calendar month.
2. A group of five players (fivesome) is not allowed by the Association during scheduled play. An exception to this “fivesome” rule will be allowed when the playing roster for the day will not accommodate another player.
3. A scheduled playing time, either before or after the Association’s scheduled tee times, on the same course and on the same day, is permitted for handicap purposes provided such play includes at least two Association members ^{1.}
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4. Tee shots to be played from the golden markers at LaFortune and South Lakes. Members who have reached their 90th birthday may, at their option, play their tee shots from the most forward markers^{2.}
5. All regular play and Championship Tournament score cards containing player names, individual hole scores, totals for each side, totals for the round and reflecting the date of play are to be deposited in the “Senior Box” located in the pro shop of the course played. Only score cards representing scheduled Association play are to be deposited and recorded for handicap purposes. Guest players are to be identified as “Guest” on the score cards to avoid having a handicap assigned. All other Tournament play score cards are to be presented to the Tournament Committee members immediately following the round.
6. New members must play five scheduled play rounds before an Association handicap can be established.
7. Members must have an established Association handicap in order to be eligible to play in any Association tournament.
8. Members must have an established Association handicap prior to October 1 to be eligible to play in the Club Championship during the month of October of each year.
9. Reservations for play: Initial sign-up for tee times for days of play for the coming month is usually held on the last “Friday day of play” of the month preceding. (The

location and time schedule for each monthly sign-up is published, in advance, in the LaFortune-South Lakes Men's Golf Association Newsletter and the Association web site). During the initial sign-up each month, which is on a first come first served basis, a member may assign himself and up to three of his playing partners (if he so chooses) to any available tee time for any and all of the open play days that will occur in the month. After the initial sign-up and all through the month of play, tee times may be obtained by a member entering his name in any available tee time slot remaining in the Starter's Book throughout the month of play. The Starter's Book will be available each play day, at the course being played, until some point in time after the last starting time scheduled for that day. After the Starter's Book is removed from the course, tee times may be obtained by calling the Weekly Starter, identified in the Newsletter and the Association web site. Instructions for signing up for tournaments are announced in the Newsletter. It is the responsibility of each player to notify the Weekly Starter immediately upon determining that he can not use a tee time previously reserved in his name so that it may be available to benefit other golfers wishing to play.

10. All Association contest awards for play will be made by gift certificates redeemable for merchandise at either the LaFortune or South Lakes Pro Shops.

Section 2. Golf Rules. The Association shall play golf according to the rules as stated in the most current edition of the "Rules of Golf" as approved by The United States Golf Association (USGA), with the following exceptions (which may be amended from time to time as provided herein):

1. The ball's position may be improved in the fairway or in the rough with the club head, no more than six inches from the original lie. Due to winter kill or casual water, the ball may be moved to the nearest grass spot, but not nearer the hole. This exception may not be used if the ball comes to rest in a hazard, is impaired by a tree or tree roots, or in a probable unplayable lie.
2. Relief from any fence or course structure may be taken without penalty by taking two club lengths relief from the structure, not nearer the hole.
3. A ball, imbedded by its own trajectory in a bunker, must be played as it lies. If the ball lies in a depression not made by the ball, it may be lifted in order to rake the spot and replaced in its original position with no penalty.

4. A ball that is hit out of bounds may be played from the nearest spot where the ball crossed the out-of-bounds line with a penalty of one stroke.
5. 5. If a ball coming to rest, in the fairway or rough, in leaves or tall grass cannot be found quickly, another ball may be dropped in the vicinity without penalty. This rule does not apply to a ball landing out-of-bounds, in a hazard, trees, bushes, or shrubs. In those instances, take the penalty and move on.
6. All putts “in the leather” are “gimmies.” “In the leather” shall mean:
 - a. When the head of the putter is placed in the cup, the ball lies within the distance from just touching the grip to the cup.
 - b. If using a “long putter,” a mark must be made on the shaft 23 inches from the head of the putter.
 - c. This rule applies to all play including tournaments.
 - d. “Mulligans” are not allowed during tournaments.
7. To combat slow play, the “USGA Equitable Stroke Control” will be used. When the player’s stroke limit is reached he shall pick up the ball and move on. This stroke limit does not apply to tournament play where all strokes must be counted and entered on the score card 3.

Section 3. Amending Rules. Both the Association Rules and the Golf

Rules may be amended by majority of those members present at any Association annual meeting of the membership.