

McCall Ladies Golf Association

Standing Rules

Standing rules cover rules pertinent to the McCall Ladies Golf Association. A standing rule is made at a specific time and is to be in effect until amended or rescinded. Standing rules may not conflict with the Bylaws. Standing rules differ from bylaws in that they may be changed or repealed. Standing rules may be adopted by a majority vote of the Association members. The voting method shall be decided upon by the committee.

The first meeting of the Association will be held at the season opening luncheon. The last annual meeting of the Association will be held at the season closing luncheon. The President of the Association may call additional meetings of the Association, the Association Officers or any sub-committee at her discretion.

Inclement Weather Policy:

During periods of inclement weather such as high volumes of rain, abnormal heat or cold or extreme wind for example it is important to consider the safety of all our members. The Ladies League will follow the decision of the course management when it comes to deciding whether to cancel play for the day. If management decides to open the course for play then league play is on. Of course it is each individual's personal decision to play or not as each individual has different tolerances for weather conditions.

Tournament Rules:

Golfing rules are set by the USGA. There may also be some local rules made by the course manager and should be available at the pro shop.

All members of McCall Ladies Golf Association are urged to familiarize themselves with the rules.

If a dispute occurs which cannot be settled by the parties involved by consulting the rule book then the President of the Association should be consulted. If said dispute cannot be solved satisfactorily by the President, the club pro will be contacted to settle the dispute.

A hole in one will be recognized during Wednesday league play, the McCall Ladies Golf Association Championship matches and the Club Championship play only.

Each season we shall have a Hole-in-one fund. A dollar from each member's annual dues is contributed into the hole-in-one kitty at the beginning of the season. Hole-in-ones are only valid for prize money during league tournaments. If no one has a hole-in-one during the season, the kitty will roll over to the following season and will accumulate until a member or members win it. If there are more than one hole-in-ones during a season the kitty will be divided equally.

The prize money is as follows:

Weekly Tournament 1 st Place receives	\$3
Weekly Tournament 2 nd Place receives	\$2
Weekly Tournament 3 rd Place receives	\$1
Women's League Champion receives	\$20
President's Tournament Champion receives	\$20
Ringer Board Winner Receives	\$20

Prize/prizes for Hole-in-ones will be awarded at the fall luncheon along with all other prize monies for the season.

Regular weekly play shall be held on Wednesday starting at 8:00am.

Members must use the online signup sheet. This system allows members to submit, change or delete their tee time as necessary.

Members should ideally arrive 15 minutes before their tee time so they are on the first tee and ready to tee off at the time they signed up for.

All tournament players must have an established handicap.

The Women's League Championship will be in the form of match play. The club pro will establish a bracket for this tournament and it will be posted in the pro shop. Each twosome will have a determined time period in which to play their match and can be played any day convenient to them within that period. A 39 Handicap is the maximum that may be used for match play.

The club championship is organized by the pro shop and is in the form of stroke

The prize for the club championship will be awarded at the McCall Athletic Awards Banquet at the end of the season.

The President's Cup is stroke play and consists of three individual rounds played on designated days. The winner will have a combined low net score. Each player participating in the President's cup must announce this on the first tee and write President's Cup on their score card prior to teeing off.

The President's Cup is one of only three of the league's Major tournaments and it is therefore important to complete all three rounds. The Tournament Chair should make provisions to have a couple of rain dates worked into the schedule if for any reason that one or more of the rounds cannot be played on the first designated date. This 3rd round may be combined with a regular weekly tournament as long as one does not interfere with the other.

Prize money for the President's Cup shall be awarded at the fall luncheon. Immediately following play all members must post their scores in the GHIN system. Every member is responsible for posting their own score, regardless of the day played, as per USGA Handicap manual Section 5-1, "Fair handicapping depends upon full and accurate information regarding player's potential scoring ability as reflected by a complete scoring record"

Equitable Scoring Control

Equitable scoring control sets a maximum number that a player can post per hole based on that player's handicap.

Handicap	Maximum number to be posted on any hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

Please Note: This means for example, if a person has a 27 handicap and happen to score a 10 on any hole that day, they must adjust the score on that hole to an 8. This is only for the purpose of entering their score in the computer. The score card itself must not be adjusted when submitting their results to the tournament chair for inclusion in that day's Tournament

It is advised that at least two members of a group keep a score card when playing as this provides a double check for accurate scoring. The score keepers will validate each individual's scores at the end of the round.

Following play all score cards must be properly dated, signed, attested and be handed over to the tournament chair for calculation and recording of results. The tournament chair will keep all score cards in a designated place in the ladies locker room.

Putts must be holed out in all competitions with the exception of match play. It should be noted that during weekly tournament play anyone wishing to pick up their ball after 10 strokes may do so, however in doing so they will exclude themselves from that day's tournament. However, please know that if you pick up and withdraw from that day's Tournament you may still post your score for that day. Please note that "lift, clean and place" **only applies to balls on the fairways.**

If a player wishes to pick up prior to putting out a hole they must announce this to their playing partners and inform the tournament chair when the round is complete.

It must be stressed that the decision to pick up prior to putting out is for the purpose of providing an enjoyable experience for everyone, avoid discouragement (especially for those relatively new to the game) and will also assist with the pace of play.

The main purpose of our league is to promote fellowship, develop a passion for the game of golf and to enjoy the whole experience.

If an individual decides to pick up their ball at any time during their round they may still enter any birdies scored on the birdie board and also be eligible for such things as closest to the pin, the longest drive etc., if these are included in the tournament for that day.

Individuals must post their very first round of the season on the ringer board and be responsible for regularly updating the ringer board with improved scores for individual holes.

At the end of the season the Tournament Chair will calculate the winner of the ringer board which will be the individual who has the largest difference between their very first round posted at the beginning of the season and the addition of their best scores on each hole at the end of the season.

Only birdies scored on Wednesday tournament day or during the Association Championship and Club Championship may be posted.

It is each individual's responsibility to enter birdies on the birdie board with their name, date and the whole number.

If the course is especially soft due to heavy rain on a Tournament day, the President or Vice President may decide to implement "lift, clean and place" for that round. This may only be done as long as every player is made aware of this decision prior to anyone teeing off so that everyone is playing under the same conditions. Please note that "lift, clean & place", only applies when your ball is on the fairway.

Balls on the putting green may be lifted and cleaned but only after the ball position has been marked.

If your ball lands in casual water, the ball may be moved to total dry relief, no nearer the hole. A good test for casual water is if you step on the turf and when you remove your foot, water seeps up where you stepped.

Pace of Play

The following suggestions can help prevent slow play:

Plan your shot and club you will use while walking to or riding to your ball
Keep your eye on your ball after teeing off until it comes to a complete rest and pick out a visual marker (like a particular tree or a shadow or anything else) that will assist you in accurately locating your ball)

Play ready golf – if you are ready to play your shot - play it – just be aware of not walking in front of a player whose ball is behind yours – if your ball is of equal distance from the green as your partners – don't wait if someone is not ready and you are.

Walk directly to your ball.

You may assist a playing partner in searching for their ball but it is best to do this only after you have located and hit your own ball. Remember the rule regarding time spent searching for a lost ball is 3 minutes max.

Line up your putt when others are putting and be ready to putt when it is your turn.

Leave your clubs, bag, cart etc. at the side of the green where you will be exiting towards the next tee.

If you are going to chip out of a bunker or off the side of the green that is not close to the next tee box - bring your putter with you to avoid having to walk all the way back to your bag to retrieve it.

Exit the putting green promptly after putting – fill in your score card at the next tee while waiting for your partner to tee off.

Play a provisional ball if you think your original one may be lost in a water hazard or has gone out of bounds.

Do your best to keep pace with the group in front of you – should a group fall behind players must do their best to pick up the pace and close the gap between the groups.

If a group is falling behind and cannot seem close the gap it is courtesy to allow the group behind you (even if there is a single) to play through.

Etiquette

Golf etiquette refers to a set of rules and practices designed to make the game of golf safer and more enjoyable for golfers and to minimize possible damage to golf equipment and the course. Although many of these practices are not part of the formal rules of golf, golfers are customarily expected to observe them.

Some common etiquette practices are:

Divots should always be repaired, either by placing divot repair mixture in the divot or by replacing the grass. Divot repair mixture is available in the green bins at the tee boxes and well as on the driving carts. If you are using a push cart there are tubes of divot repair mixture available to bring on the course with you.

Golfers should avoid distracting other golfers. Golfers should remain stationary while others are taking their shots. Players should remain silent during a fellow players pre-shot routine and subsequent shot.

Normally the player with the best shot on the previous hole has the honor of teeing off first, however in informal games one can play ready golf and not wait for the player with the best score on the hole just played to tee it up first if they are not ready.

A golfer should always know which brand of ball she is using or mark it so as to avoid confusion during play.

A ball hitting a green often leaves an identification, a pitch mark, where it strikes the ground. These need to be repaired to keep the green in good condition. After golfers have arrived at the green they should repair any pitch

mark left by them. If you are not sure if a particular pitch mark is yours, be courteous and repair one anyway.

Golfers should note each player's putting line (imaginary line between the ball and the hole) and avoid stepping on it as they play on the green. Players should not stand close to or directly behind another player, their ball or directly behind the hole when a player is about to putt. In the event that your ball is in another player's line, it is important to mark your balls position, and only then pick up your ball.

A player should enter and leave the bunker from the low side. After the shot, a player should rake the sand smooth again to leave a fresh surface for other players. The rake should be placed alongside the bunker, not inside it.

Please Note – Unfortunately if your ball lands in a bunker and is in a shoe print or a divot that a previous golfer did not rake, the ball must be played as it lies.

If your ball lands in a flower bed or the mulch around it, the ball may be taken out and placed no closer to the hole with no penalty. Flower beds such as the one on the top left of the fairway on hole #1 or the flower beds at holes 11, 12 & 14 are considered "beautification" areas.

When teeing up your shot a player should tee the ball between the two markers, within two club lengths behind but never in front of the markers. (Teeing up in front of the markers could incur an avoidable penalty during tournament play, if you're playing partner chooses to call one)

Never hit a shot if there is a chance you might be able to reach the group ahead of you. Anytime you hit a shot that you think has a chance of hitting someone on the course, yell "fore" immediately.

Out of bounds balls are assessed a one shot penalty. For example, if your first ball goes out of bounds then you tee up and hit your second ball, you are hitting your third shot.

At the end of a round it is customary to shake hands with you fellow players and thank them for their company.

Please observe these rules of etiquette as their purpose is help make playing this wonderful game an enjoyable experience for everyone. If you have any questions, concerns etc., please do not hesitate to talk to one of your committee officers whose duty it is to help all members.

Rule Changes Effective January 2019

The USGA made some major changes to the rules of golf – a summary chart of all rule changes and more in-depth explanations is available on the USGA website. This Summary Chart will be displayed in the Ladies Locker room and in the League Folder which is kept in the Ladies locker room.

These changes were made with the intention of making the rules easier to understand and apply.

A brief mention of some important changes:

1. Accidents Happen – There is no Penalty if you accidentally move your ball (or ball mark) on the green. Put the ball back, and you're good to go. The same applies if you are looking for a lost ball and mistakenly move it.
2. The Fix is in -Now allowed to fix anything on the putting green (before was only ball marks) without a penalty. You may also touch the line of your putt as long as you're not improving it.
3. A lost cause – Golfers now have three minutes to search for a missing ball rather than five.
4. Knee is the new shoulder – The process for dropping a ball back in play is revamped. Instead of letting go from shoulder height, players will drop from knee height.
5. No Longer a touchy subject – Regarding hitting a ball into a water hazard (now defined as “penalty area”) You're free to touch/move loose

impediments and ground your club, however you can't put your club down to improve conditions for the stroke.

A player will now be allowed to touch or move loose impediments in a bunker. However it is still against the rules to ground your club in a bunker.

Players now have an option to avoid playing a bunker shot at all. You can drop a ball directly behind the bunker as far as you want. However if you choose to use this option it comes with two penalty strokes instead of just one.

6. Twice isOK – A double hit is almost always accidental and previously incurred a penalty. Now if a golfer hits a ball twice with one swing, no penalty is given and it counts as only one stroke.
7. The end of flagstick folly – The flagstick no longer has to be attended or removed when putting and there will be no penalty if a golfer hits an unattended flagstick in the hole.
8. O.B. Option – Regarding a lost or out of bounds ball, the new rule allows a player to drop a ball (from knee height) anywhere between where the original lost or out of bounds ball was believed to come to rest and just into the edge of the fairway, but no closer to the hole. The golfer takes a two stroke penalty and plays on instead of returning to the tee. This rule is meant to mimic your score if you had played a decent provisional ball
9. The new rules no longer require you to announce to your playing partner before you touch or pick up your ball in order to identify it.

Please observe the rules of etiquette for your own enjoyment and that of others.

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