



PIKE HILLS GOLF CLUB

ETIQUETTE / RULES

2023





AGENDA

- Welcome and Introductions
- Types of Play – stroke play, match play, greensomes, foursomes, Texas scramble, others.
- **Etiquette** – pace of play, local rules, awareness, courtesy on the course, look after the course, dress code.
- Q & A on the above.
- Short video on the 7 most important **rules** – via Golf Monthly.
- Rules ?'s – video and pre-meeting.
- 2023 rule changes
- Fun Quiz – 10 questions and prize presentation.



FORMS OF PLAY (1)

- **Strokeplay**
 - In the regular form of stroke play (see [Rule 3.3](#)), all players compete with one another based on the total score – that is, adding up each player's total number of strokes (including strokes made and penalty strokes) on each hole in all rounds.
- **Matchplay**
 - In match play (see [Rule 3.2](#)), a player and an opponent compete against each other based on holes won, lost or tied.



FORMS OF PLAY (2)

- Other Forms of Stroke Play. [Rule 21](#) covers other forms of stroke play (Stableford, Maximum Score and Par/Bogey) that use a different scoring method. Rules 1-20 apply in these forms of play, as modified by [Rule 21](#).
- **Stableford Scoring**
 - 2 points for a net par
 - 3 points for a net birdie
 - 4 points for a net eagle
 - 1 point for a net bogey
 - 0 points for net double bogey +



FORMS OF PLAY (3)

- Foursomes

- Foursomes (also known as Alternate Shot) is a form of play involving partners (in either match play or stroke play) where two partners compete as a side by playing one ball in alternating order on each hole

- Greensome

- Greensomes is a variation of Foursomes where both partners play from the teeing area and one of the two tee shots is selected. The partner whose tee shot was not selected then plays the next stroke and each subsequent stroke is made in alternating order until the ball is holed.



FORMS OF PLAY (4)

- **Scramble**
- A scramble is played with two, three or four-person teams. Each player plays from the teeing area on each hole, one of the tee shots is selected and all the players play their second shots from that spot. One of the second shots is then selected, and all players play their third shots from that spot, and so on until the ball is holed.



HANDICAPS - HOW THEY WORK?

1. Initial **Handicap Index** – gained from club on submission of cards with a total of 54 holes, played as 9 or 18 holes rounds. These scores must be signed for by a marker who is acceptable to the Committee
2. **Handicap Index** is converted to a **Course Handicap** based on the Slope Rating of the course to be played.
3. **Course Handicap** is then converted to a **Playing Handicap** based on the type of competition to be played.



HANDICAP ALLOWANCES

Format Of Play	Type of Round	Recommended Handicap Allowance
Stroke Play	Individual	95%
	Individual Stableford	95%
	Individual Par/Bogey	95%
	Individual Maximum Score	95%
	Four-Ball	85%
	Four-Ball Stableford	85%
	Four-Ball Par/Bogey	90%
Matchplay	Individual	100%
	Four-Ball	90%
Other	Foursomes	50% of combined team handicap
	Greensomes	60% of low handicap plus 40% of high handicap



IMPORTANT RULES OF GOLF ETIQUETTE

- Lowest (G) score on the previous hole tees off first (MP).
- In matchplay, player furthest from the hole goes first. Including on the green.
- Mark your ball when on the green while others are putting.
- Do not walk in-between a player's, or your own, ball and the hole on the green.
- Be quiet while others are hitting their shots.
- Pace of play. Remember Ready Golf (sp)
- Look after the course at all times – divots, pitch marks etc.
- Be aware – local rules, dress code requirement



HOW TO REPAIR A PITCHMARK



Take your ball mark repair tool and insert the prongs into the turf at the edge of the depression. Do NOT insert the prongs into the depression itself, but at the rim of the depression.

Then push the edge of the ball mark toward the centre, using your ball mark repair tool in a gentle twisting motion.



*This is where golfers who try to repair ball marks usually mess up. Many golfers believe the way to fix a ball mark is to insert the tool at an angle, so the prongs are beneath the center of the crater, and then to use the tool as a lever to push the bottom of the ball mark back up even with the surface. **Do not do this!***

Pushing the bottom of the depression upward only tears the roots, and kills the grass.

Right: Using the prongs to push grass at the edge of the depression toward the centre



Wrong: Using the prongs as levers to push up the bottom of the depression





Q & A – TYPES OF PLAY / ETIQUETTE

Be Gentle!!



7 MOST IMPORTANT GOLF RULES – GM VIDEO





GOLF QUIZ – 10 QUESTIONS

5 EASY / 5 INTERMEDIATE



5 “Easy” Questions

1. A ball is out of bounds when any part of it lies out of bounds. True or False?
2. In match play, a player's correct handicap is 11, but he mistakenly advises his opponent on the first tee that his handicap is 10. After his opponent hits her first tee shot, he realises his mistake. What is the ruling?
 - a) The player giving the handicap is disqualified
 - b) You must play from your correct handicap(11) and incur a two shot penalty
 - c) You must play the advised handicap
3. A player is asked to lift her ball which lies just off the putting green as it is on her opponents line of play. She is allowed to clean the ball without penalty. True or False?
4. A player makes a stroke on the putting green with the flagstick in the hole. Her ball comes to rest against the flagstick with part of the ball below the surface of the putting green. The ball is considered holed. True or False?
5. The general penalty is a two-stroke penalty in stroke play and match play. True or False?



5 “Not so Easy” questions.....

- 1. In a singles match, Player A has the honour on the 5th hole. He hits his ball towards some thick bushes and decides to play a provisional ball. What is the correct order of play?**
 - A - Player A may choose to play his provisional ball either before or after Player B hits her tee shot.
 - B - Player A must play his provisional ball after Player B hits her tee shot.
 - C - Player A must play his provisional ball before Player B hits her tee shot.

- 2. A and B are partners in a foursome. Player A drives and there is doubt as to whether the ball is out of bounds or not. If the players decide to play a provisional ball, who must play it?**
 - A - Either player may play the provisional.
 - B-Player B
 - C-PlayerA



5 “Not so Easy” questions.....cont’d

3. A player hits her shot out of bounds from the fairway. When dropping the ball under stroke and distance, she must drop the ball as near as possible to the spot from where the last stroke was made, no nearer the hole.
 - A-False
 - B-True

4. When the edge of ground under repair is defined by a line on the ground, the line itself is in the ground under repair.
 - A-False
 - B-True

3. In a singles match, player A concedes player B's short putt for a 4. Player B then attempts to hole out and misses the short putt. Player A claims the hole. What is the ruling?
 - A - Player A can withdraw the concession and B is considered to have holed out in 5.
 - B - Player B loses the hole.
 - C - The concession stands and player B has completed the hole in 4 strokes.



Answers

1. False. Rule 18.2a.

A ball is in bounds when any part of the ball lies on or touches the ground or anything else (such as any natural or artificial object) inside the boundary edge

1. A. Rule 3.2c(1) – New for 2023

If a player gives the opponent incorrect information in relation to their handicap and this results in the player giving too few shots then the player must play the advised lower handicap

3. False. Rule 15.3(b)

The player may require the other player to mark the spot and lift the ball, and the ball must not be cleaned (**except** when lifted from the putting green under [Rule 13.1b](#)) and must be replaced on its original spot.

4. True. Rule 13.2c

If any part of the ball is in the hole below the surface of the putting green, the ball is treated as holed even if the entire ball is not below the surface.

5. False. Rule ??

The General Penalty is loss of hole in **match play** or two penalty strokes in **stroke play**.



Answers Cont'd.....

6. **B. Rule 18.3**

7. **B. Rule 22.3(4)**

Player A plays their ball and there is doubt whether the ball is out of bounds or lost outside a penalty area. If the side decides to play a provisional ball, Player B must play the provisional ball.

8. **False. Rule 18.2b**

If a ball is lost or out of bounds, the player must take stroke-and-distance relief by adding **one penalty stroke** and playing the original ball or another ball from where the previous stroke was made (see [Rule 14.6](#)).

9. **True. Rule**

You get relief from ground under repair when your ball, stance or intended swing is interfered with by the area. If any part of your ball or stance lies on the marked line, it is considered in the ground under repair

10. **C. Rule 3.2b**

A concession is made only when clearly communicated: This can be done either verbally or by an action that clearly shows the player's intent to concede the stroke, the hole or the match (such as making a gesture).