

# **Guidelines of Play**

## **Local League Tournament**

### **Rules of Play including Caddies and Spectators**

#### Guidelines for Play Maximum Strokes:

A player shall take no more than 10 strokes on a hole. Once a 10 is reached, a player must pick up their ball and wait for the other players in the group to complete the hole.

#### Pace of Play:

Each player must play without undue delay, which is defined as taking no more than 40 seconds to play a shot. Players who are first to play from a given area (tee, fairway, green, etc.) will have 10 extra seconds to play their shot. Caddies are asked to please refrain from over-coaching the player. It is the caddie's duty to help the player hit each shot without undue delay.

You are expected to complete the nine holes in one hour fifty minutes.

#### Caddies:

Players eight-years-old and younger must be accompanied by a caddie. Caddies must be at least 15-years-old, unless otherwise authorised by the Committee. We encourage you to caddy for your child regardless of age. We want you to enjoy the experience with your child.

All caddies are allowed to assist the player in club selection and direction without causing delay or over-coaching.

#### Spectators:

Please stay with your groups and behind the players on the fairway and to the side of the greens. Due to the game environment and safety, we do not recommend younger brothers and sisters going out onto the golf course.

#### Care of the golf course:

Please rake replace all divots, repair pitchmarks and rake bunkers. Please place all rubbish in litter bins or bring back to the bins around the clubhouse.

## **Stoppage of Play**

ONE LONG SIREN/HORN BLAST OR VERBAL DIRECTION BY A COMMITTEE MEMBER MEANS STOP PLAY IMMEDIATELY AND LEAVE THE GOLF COURSE because of a dangerous condition.

Play will resume on TWO SIREN?HORN BLASTS.

## The Course

### Out of Bounds:

Where white stakes or fence posts are used, the nearest inside points at ground level define out of bounds. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds.

### Penalty Areas:

The copse between holes 3, 4 and 5 is an Penalty Area defined by red tipped posts Stakes are movable obstructions. You must not play from this area or even enter to retrieve your golf ball. Relief - rule 17.1d ball in a red penalty area. (One shot penalty and a one club length drop from the point of entry, and dropped not nearer the hole).

### Ground Under Repair:

Enclosed white-lined areas define ground under repair. The white lines are considered to be in the ground under repair.

### No Play Zones:

The committee may designate areas such as newly seeded grass areas as No Play Zones (NPZ). Relief from these areas is mandatory. The player must take free relief under Rule 16.1b. Penalty for playing from a No Play Zone is the General Stroke Play penalty of 2 strokes.

## Safety Announcement

Participation during tournament play can be dangerous. Players, caddies, and spectators are advised to seek shelter or medical help when conditions warrant.

Please be aware of others near you on the course and practice areas. It is possible that you may get struck by a club or ball hit by someone else.

When riding in a golf buggy, please read and follow the manufacturer's safety notices at all times. Riding in a buggy or being struck with a club or ball can cause serious injury or death. Pulling a pull cart behind a buggy is not advised and is done so at the player/caddie/spectator's own risk.

When attending an event-related functions such as opening ceremonies, awards presentations, etc., please use extreme caution and be mindful of how you or your children's actions may affect others in close proximity.

While necessary precautions are taken to ensure everyone's safety, it is critical that we all work together to provide a safe and fun environment for all in attendance. You may use a mobile phone to call for medical help at any time during the event.