

BHSML 2022 Local Rules and Points of Emphasis

1. **BHSML does not permit “Gimmees”:** You must putt your ball into the hole.
2. **Preferred Lie: The League plays “Winter Rules” or “Preferred Lie” from**
 - a. Start of league Play to June 1st and September 1st to end of League Play
 - b. The BHSML local rule for preferred lie relief may only be taken on balls that are in the fairway.
 - i. Balls in a penalty area or rough must be played as they lie unless you take relief (and a penalty) per USGA rules.
 - c. Mark Ball, Lift, Clean and drop the ball within 1 club length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.
3. **Lost ball or out of bounds:**
 - a. The League has adopted the USGA Local Rule E-5 for lost or out of bounds balls.
 - i. Estimate where the ball came to rest or went out of bounds (A).
 - ii. From that point, find the nearest point on the fairway, no closer to the hole (B).
 - iii. Drop ball in the fairway, within two club lengths of point B or in any spot in the rough between points A & B.
 - b. Your penalty is 2 strokes.
 - c. See USGA rule at <https://tinyurl.com/y2v88ows>
4. **Pace-of-Play: All players will be playing on the same set of nines each week. Therefore, it is important that we keep up our pace to clear the course in our allotted time. Some suggestion to improve League pace of play are:**
 - a. Keep up with the group ahead.
 - b. Play ready golf. When it is safe for you to hit your ball, do so even if a playing partner is further away from the hole.
 - c. Prepare for your shot, Consider walking to your ball with two clubs while a cart partner is playing his shot.
 - d. Park (or leave) your cart on the side of the green closest to the next hole.
 - e. Plan your putt while your playing partners are putting.
 - f. Putt out if your putt does not interfere with your partner's line of play.
 - g. Clear the green immediately after play. Enter scores on the next tee rather than on or around the green.