

# Bunker Hills Senior Men's Golf League

## 2020 Policies and Procedures

Crossed out or Italicized Text are changes due to 2020 Covid-19 Procedures.

After Covid-19 is done, we will go back to the original Policies and Procedures.

### 1. Event Registration and Check-in

- a. Event Registration is online at [BHSeniorGolf.com](http://BHSeniorGolf.com) on the Tee Times or Tee Time Request page.
- b. The website registration window for league play is the calendar week (Sunday -> Saturday) the week prior to a league event.
  - i. Registration opens **Sunday**, 10 days before an event, and closes **Saturday**, 4 days before the Wednesday **event**.
  - ii. After **the** close of online registration, call Bunker Hills Pro Shop (763) 755-4141, identify yourself as a Senior League member and ask to be added to a league tee time.
- c. Assigned tees and tee times will be posted on this web site at least 24 hours prior to scheduled event for members who register on-line.
- d. Green fees must be paid by *credit card* at the ~~Pro Shop~~ *Bunker Hills Starter Shack* prior to play.
- e. ~~A \$5 weekly League Prize Pool Fee is collected at Check In for each regular golf and championship event. (Prize Pool suspended for 2020 or until further notice)~~

### 2. Starting Times and Pace of Play

- a. Members should be at their starting tee at least 10 minutes before scheduled tee time.
- b. Bunker Hills' standard for community play is **4 hours 30 minutes**. The league target is for each round to be completed in **4 hours 10 minutes**.
- c. To accomplish this goal, members are encouraged to use ready play techniques recommended by the USGA. <https://tinyurl.com/skvnsww> and the "rule" of keeping up with the group ahead of you.
  - i. See [BHSeniorGolf.com](http://BHSeniorGolf.com) page BHSML Local Rules for suggestions for ready golf.
  - ii. ~~Our committee has NOT adopted a maximum score format for each hole. Players must play their ball into the hole. Therefore, no "Pick-ups" or "Gimmees."~~ *The USGA has published a revised directive regarding Covid-19 scoring. The excerpt "a temporary measure is in place within the United States to accept scores played under these conditions for handicap purposes using the most likely score guidelines, even though the player has not holed out." See <https://tinyurl.com/ybbfd2mm> for the USGA's full statement.*

### 3. Handicaps

- a. The League uses the USGA GHIN handicap system. Each member is required to post scores for all rounds played that adhere to USGA rules of golf. <https://tinyurl.com/u4cuvmd>
- b. **New Member Handicaps:** New members are advised that a minimum of 54 holes (3 18-hole rounds or combination of 9 hole and 18 holes rounds) eligible scores must be posted before a handicap can be calculated. These scores can be achieved at any golf course during the golf season.
- c. Players without an established handicap may play in League events, but will not be eligible for prizes involving the handicap.

#### 4. Event Scorecards (Revised for Covid-19)

- ~~a. You must turn in completed scorecard, signed by each golfer, to the Pro Shop immediately following your round. Card must include each player's name and hole by hole gross scores.~~
- ~~b. *As a part of Bunker Hills' Covid-19 procedures, there will be no scoring submitted to Bunker Hills Proshop using paper scorecards.* Members will be asked to enter scores electronically on an app designated by the League or Bunker Hills. This will be determined prior to beginning of senior group (league play)~~
- c. Members will post own scores on the USGA Handicap site. [https://www.ghin.com/login and submit a scanned copy or photo to the league handicap committee at BHSMLHandicap@gmail.com](https://www.ghin.com/login_and_submit_a_scanned_copy_or_photo_to_the_league_handicap_committee_at_BHSMLHandicap@gmail.com)

#### ~~5. Prize Funds and Payouts~~

- ~~a. Prizes are awarded for net score (3 flights/week); Prize is as Pro Shop Credit~~
- ~~b. Proximity (Closest to the pin and longest putt.) Prize is a sleeve of golf balls or similar merchandise.~~
- ~~c. Skins competitions for either gross or net requires a separate \$5 buy in. Skins awards are from the respective cash pool for the event. Payer in cash the week after the event.~~

#### 6. Unclaimed Pro Shop Credit or Prizes

- a. Pro Shop credit not redeemed by the end of the year after the year it was awarded will be considered unclaimed Pro Shop credit.
- b. Unclaimed Pro Shop credit will be removed from the member's Pro shop credit balance and will no longer be available to be redeemed for merchandise.
- c. Unclaimed Pro Shop Credit will be deposited into the general fund of BHSML.
- ~~d. **Skins and Proxy Prizes** must be claimed during the season of play. Any unclaimed prizes will be returned to the general fund of BHSML~~

#### 7. Inclement Weather, Stoppage of Play

- a. Bunker Hills Golf Course Staff will be the only authority to cancel play on any given day.
- b. BHSML President may, with the approval of one additional board member, cancel a **League Event**.
  - i. The reason for cancelling a League Event is the weather or course conditions are not conducive for conducting a fair League competition.
  - ii. The BHSML Vice President will replace the President in the event the President is not available.
- c. If the cancelled event is a Tournament or Championship event, we will make every attempt to reschedule the Event.
- ~~d. Any fees paid before cancellation of the event will be applied to the next week of play.~~
- e. No points will be awarded for any play on the day that a League event is cancelled.
- f. Bunker Hills "Rain Policy" will dictate credit policy for green fees paid to Bunker Hills on the day of the event.

**8. Preferred Lie Before June 1<sup>st</sup> and after September 1<sup>st</sup>.**

- a. League will support preferred lie rule during above time.
- b. Preferred lie relief may only be taken on balls that are in the fairway. 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 place ball within 1 club length of the nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole.
- d. No Penalty

**9. Lost ball search is 3 minutes. If you cannot find ball use Local Rule for lost ball.**

**10. Local Rules BHSML has adopted the USGA Local Rule E-5 for lost or out of bounds ball.**

- a. Follow this Link for USGA Rule: <https://tinyurl.com/redfw63> & <https://tinyurl.com/y2v88ows>
- b. "When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.
  - i. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):
  - ii. Two Estimated Reference Points:
    - a. Ball Reference Point: This is the point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course, or last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
    - b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.
    - c. Drop ball within two club lengths, in the fairway, of the Fairway Reference Point.
    - d. Once the player puts the ball in play, the original ball may not be played even if the original ball is subsequently found.

**11. Guest Policy**

- a. Member may invite a guest to play one time per year with the approval of a board officer.
- b. Men eligible as guests are either out-of-metro region visitors or prospective members.
- c. Guests are not eligible to play in Tournament or Championship events.
- d. Guest will be required to pay green fees.
- e. Guest will NOT be eligible for Prizes awarded during the event.

**12. Member Resignations**

- a. Members who resign the league for personal or family health related reasons shall receive a pro-rated refund of his **Registration and Competition Fees** and winnings net of any fees paid to a third party (MGA GHIN or other)
  - i. The former member shall be reinstated after approval by the Executive Committee of the board.
  - ii. Upon reinstatement, member must pay prorated membership fee for the current season.
- b. Members who resign from the league for any reason other than above, shall receive a pro-rated refund of his **Registration and Competition Fees**, net of any fees paid to a third party.
  - i. The former member may apply for membership in the league no sooner than **9** months after resignation.
  - ii. Members who have resigned from the league and received above refund may not play in League events as a guest for a period of 18 months after resignation.

### 13. Rules Violations

- a. Members are expected to enforce the USGA rules on themselves and competitors.
- b. All playing disputes, interpretation of playing rules and rules infractions must be brought to the attention of a Board Member, Rules Committee Chair, or Club Professional immediately after completion of the round. These individuals will lead the investigation of the incident, making a ruling and initiate any necessary corrective action.

### 14. League Season

- a. The normal League season runs from mid-April through mid-September.
- b. Members are not guaranteed 15 weeks of play. If the number of league events fall below 15 at the end of the year, no member is entitled a credit or reduction of fees for weeks where a competition did not occur
- c. Actual weeks of play are affected by a) Scheduling Conflicts with Bunker Hills' events, b) weather, c) government regulation.
- d. For purposes of calculating a rebate the periods below are from bid April to bid March, etc.

Rebate Type	Apr -May	May-Jun	Jun-Jul	Jul-Aug	Aug-Sep
MGA Fee <sup>1</sup>	\$25				
Registration <sup>2</sup>	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8	\$8
Competition	\$75 – (\$5 x # of weeks you competed in a league event in 2020)				

- 1. MGA Fees are an annual league expense per golfer paid in mid-May.
- 2. Registration fees. 2020 fees will be at a pro-rated 100% of net after MGA fee. This fee will be adjusted in the future to account for other fixed fees (software) paid to third parties.