

Bunker Hills Senior Men's Golf League

Policies and Procedures

1. Event Registration and Check-in

- a. Sign-Up sheet will be available for following week event at Check-In. You can also sign up during the week at Bunker Hills Pro Shop
- b. You will normally choose your golf partners.
- c. Assigned tees and tee times will be posted on this web site at least 24 hours prior to scheduled event.
- d. Green fees must be paid at the Pro Shop prior to play.
- e. A \$5 weekly League Prize Pool Fee is collected at Check In for each regular golf and championship event.

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 4:30. **The league target is for each round to be completed in 4:10.**
- c. To accomplish this goal, members are encouraged to use ready play techniques recommended by the USGA. <https://tinyurl.com/skvnswc> and the "rule" of keeping up with the group ahead of you.
 - i. See 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."

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

- 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.

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. Payed 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 1st and after September 1st.

- 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: 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 event if 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.** Guests are not eligible to play in Tournament or Championship events.
- c.** Guest will be required to pay green fees.
- d.** Guest will NOT be eligible for Prizes awarded during the event.

12. 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.