

Bunker Hills Senior Men's Golf League

Policies and Procedures

1. Event Registration and Check-in

- a. Sign-up sheets will be available for the following week's 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 for at the Pro Shop prior to play.
- e. A \$5.00 weekly League Prize Pool Fee is collected at Check-in for each regular and championship event.

2. Starting Times and Pace of Play

- a. Members should be at their starting tee at least ten minutes before their scheduled tee time.
- b. Bunker Hills' standard for pace of 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 <https://tinyurl.com/skvnswc> and the rule of keeping up with the group ahead of you as recommended by the USGA.
- d. The League has not adopted a maximum score format for each hole. Therefore, players must play their ball into the hole. No "gimmees" or pick-ups allowed except as described for team events.

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 the USGA Rules of Golf.
- b. New members are advised that scores for a minimum of 54 holes must be posted before a handicap can be calculated. These scores can be achieved at any golf course.
- c. Members without an established handicap will play at zero (0) handicap (Scratch golf) until their handicap is established.

4. Event Scorecards

- a. You must turn in a completed scorecard, signed by at least two (2) golfers, to the Pro Shop immediately following your round. The scorecard must include each player's name and hole-by-hole gross scores.

5. Prizes

- a. Prizes are awarded for net scores (3 flights/week). Prizes are awarded as Pro Shop credit.
- b. Proximity (closest to the pin and longest putt) winners are awarded a sleeve of golf balls or similar merchandise.
- c. Skins competitions for either gross or net requires a separate \$5.00 fee. Skins awards are from the respective cash pool for the event and payed in cash the week following 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 members balance and will no longer be available for use.
- c. Unclaimed Pro Shop credit will be deposited into the general fund of the BHSML.
- d. Skins and Proximity prizes must be claimed during the season of play. Any unclaimed prizes will be returned to the general fund of the 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. The League President (or Vice President in the President's absence), with the approval of one additional board member, may cancel a League Event.
- c. The reason for cancelling a League Event is when the weather or course conditions are not conducive for conducting a fair League competition.
- d. If the cancelled event is a tournament or championship event, we will make every attempt to reschedule.
- e. Any League fees paid before cancellation of the event will be applied to the next week of play.
- f. No points will be awarded for any play on the day that a League event is canceled.
- g. Bunker Hills Rain Policy will dictate any credit for green fees paid to Bunker Hills on the day of the event.

8. Preferred Lie Before June 1st and After September 1st

- a. The League will support the Preferred Lie Rule during the 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 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. No penalty.

9. Lost Ball

- a. Three minutes is the maximum time allowed to search for a lost ball.
- b. If you are unable to find a ball in the allotted time, you may use Local Rule E-5 as stated below.

10. USGA Local Rule E-5 for Lost Balls or Out of Bounds

- a. The League has adopted the USGA Local Rule E-5 for lost balls or out of bounds. Follow these links for USGA Rules: <https://tinyurl.com/redfw63> and <https://tinyurl.com/y2y88ows>
- b. When a player's ball is deemed lost or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed with a two-stroke penalty by dropping the ball as allowed by Local Rule E-5 or stroke and distance. The allowable ball drop area is determined by:
 - I. **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course or when out of bounds
 - II. **Fairway Reference Point:** The point on the Fairway closest to the Ball Reference Point. This location may be no closer to the hole than the Ball Reference Point.
 - III. The allowed drop area is within 2 (two) club lengths (in the fairway) of the Fairway Reference Point.

11. Guest Players

- a. Members may invite a guest to play one time per year with the approval of a Board Officer.
- b. Guests will be required to pay their green fees.
- c. Guests are not eligible to play in tournaments or championship events.
- d. Guests will not be eligible for prizes awarded during the event.

12. Rules Violations

- a. Members are expected to enforce the USGA Rules of Golf on themselves and competitors.
- b. All 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.