

GOLF TOURNAMENT RULES



Spring 2024

2023 Golf Tournament Rules of Play

1) U.S.G.A will govern all play with the exception to the following U.I.L and posted local rules.

2) We will play Teams and Individuals this year for each division.

** A team will consist of a maximum of 5 golfers. We will take the 4 lowest scores and add them together to get the team total.

** Golfers will also be competing as individuals as well.

** Awards will be handed out for teams and 1st – 3rd place individuals for each grade level and gender.

3) Tee boxes and colors will be determined at the golf course.

4) There will be a Double Par limit on each hole. Example – a par 3 the highest score you can make it a 6, a par 4 – the highest score is an 8, a par 5 – the highest score is a 9. (ex. If you are playing a par 4 and you are hitting your 6th shot and you are not on the green yet – pick up your ball, mark down an 8 on your scorecard – this will help keep the pace of play up)

5) If you hit into a Water hazard – take a one stroke penalty and then place your ball on the other side of the water hazard and continue playing.

6) All hazards will be played as lateral hazards.

7) When entering the sand bunker, always enter from the low side, so as not to break down the integrity of the design. Take a rake with you and put it near your ball location. Thus, it will be available for grooming immediately after you hit your ball. Reminder –do not ground your club in the sand. It is a one-stroke penalty!

8) If during the course of play there is a question about a rule, then play two balls and get a ruling from the rules committee.

9) When finished with your round, check the hole by hole score and make sure there are **two signatures** on your card. Then have your coach check your card. Turn in all cards at the same time to your coach.

10) Exchange your score card to the right at the first tee. Keep your opponents score on top of your score card and keep your score on the bottom of the scorecard

11) Mark your ball and declare your ball at the first tee and after each time you use a new ball.

12) Out of bounds is marked by white stakes and poles.

13) Unsportsmanlike conduct (ex: throwing clubs, loud and vulgar language, cheating, damaging the golf course, getting help from parents or friends) will be grounds for disqualification.

14) Repair all ball marks and replace divots when possible, and be sure to rake all sand traps after use.

15) LATERAL HAZARDS: Defined by red lines and/or stakes. In the absence of lines and stakes, the margin of the hazard shall be defined by the hazard itself.

16) OUT OF BOUNDS Defined by white or white-topped posts. A ball is deemed out of bounds when the entire ball lies out of bounds. Out of bounds posts are defined as an integral part of the golf course; therefore, are not moveable obstructions.

17) In the event the tournament is stopped due to darkness: For any unfinished hole - we will add the score for all played holes and divide that by the number of played holes to get an average score. The average score for played holes will fill in for all unfinished holes.

18) Players can get free relief in the form of moving their ball one club length no closer to the hole if the ball is in the player's stance, swing, or the lie of the ball due to animal holes, ground under repair, immovable obstructions (cart path, tree roots, etc), or temporary water.

19) Players may mark their ball using a ball marker (placed beside or behind the ball) or stand with their club on the place of the ball on the green.

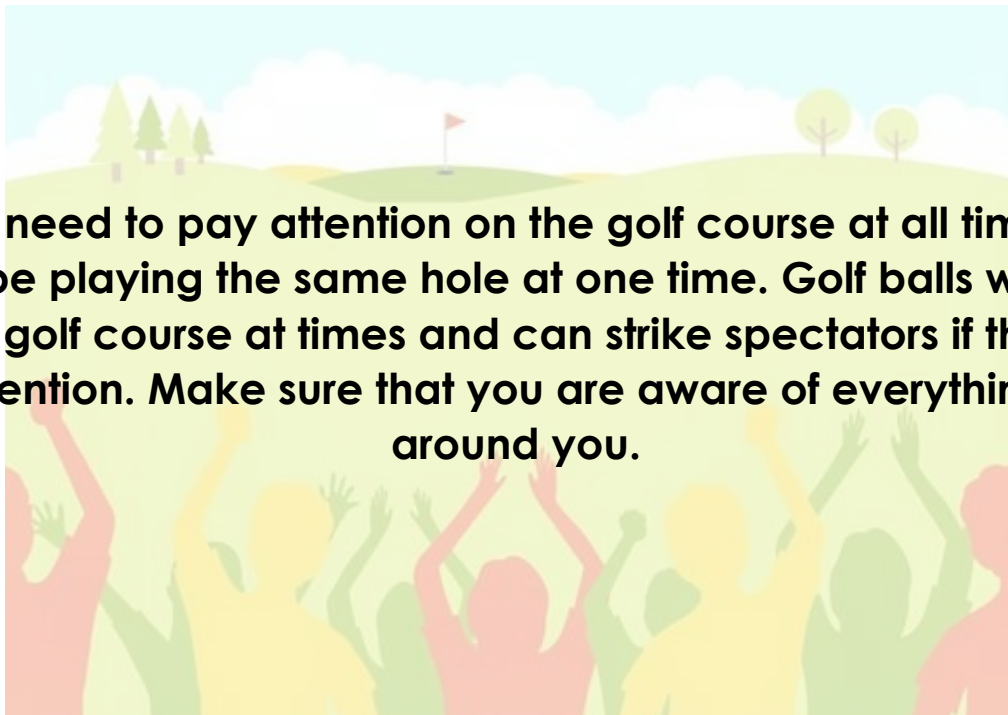
20) Rangefinders are allowed, but must adhere to USGA Rules. More info below:

What Can I Access on my Rangefinder?	What Can I NOT Access?
<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Distance between two points (actual)● Pre-Published information (e.g., swing tips or advice playing the hole)● Scorecard● Local weather information or alert for nearby lightning● Chart showing average club distances, obtained from prior rounds, for a wide range of clubs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">● Displays of effective playing distances (e.g., slope-based, and other plays-like distance information)● Club recommendation● Processed or analyzed club distances from the current round.● Gauged or measured variable environmental conditions, such as wind speed and altitude.● Analysis of display of swing, set-up, or other swing mechanics

SPECTATOR RULES

- Spectators must stay on the cart path at all times. Exception: When watching play on/around the green spectators may go up on the mounds that surround the green to watch. Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players.
- Spectators may not walk down the fairway with the players.
- Spectators need to stay 30 yards from the players at all times.
- Spectators are allowed to help search for lost golf balls.
- Spectators are not allowed in the scoring area at any time.
- Spectators may not give any advice during play. Only the designated coach may give the player advice during a stipulated round. Any other communication could be deemed advice. The player could be penalized 2 strokes for every breach or disqualified.
- Spectators may shuttle players out to their starting hole and/or return them after the last hole. Spectators may shuttle players from the green to the next tee box, **spectators are not allowed to cart players during play from the tee box to the green.** Exception: In the event of inclement weather or dangerous situation, spectators may transport players to safety
- Spectators are to follow all school and district rules.
- Golf tournaments are just like any other school function held on campus. There is no use of alcohol or tobacco products on the golf course or driving range at any time.
- As a spectator you are taking the risk that you could be struck by an errant golf ball.

Spectators need to pay attention on the golf course at all times. Multiple groups will be playing the same hole at one time. Golf balls will potentially leave the golf course at times and can strike spectators if they are not paying attention. Make sure that you are aware of everything going on around you.



GOLF CLUB RANGES

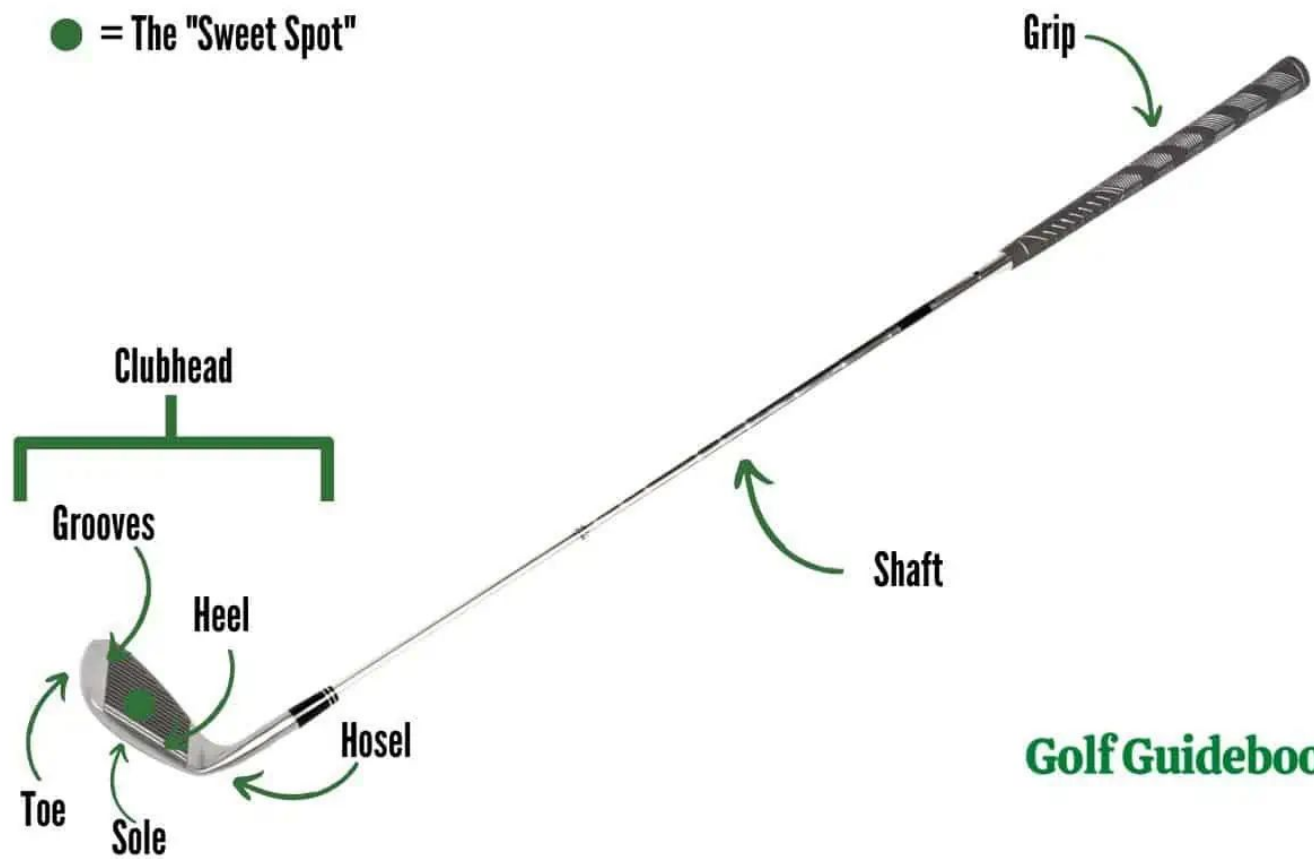


	Beginner	Average	Good
Driver	190	220	250
3-Wood	170	210	225
5-Wood	150	195	205
Hybrid	145	180	190
3-Iron	135	170	180
4-Iron	125	160	170
5-Iron	120	155	165
6-Iron	115	145	160
7-Iron	105	140	150
8-Iron	95	130	140
9-Iron	80	115	125
P Wedge	70	100	110
G Wedge	60	90	100
S Wedge	55	80	95
L Wedge	40	60	80

Distances are in yards



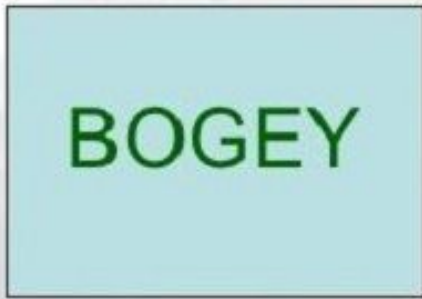
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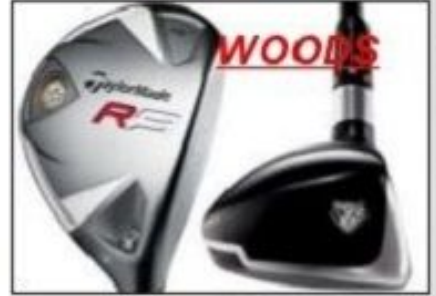
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Golf Scoring

Golf Hole Anatomy



Golf Clubs



FILLING OUT A SCORE CARD

Your name goes here

Score for each hole goes here

Add up all of your strokes and write it here

COURSE:		DATE:																					
Distance																							
Par		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Front	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Back	Total	et.
NAME																							

Your opponent's name goes here

GOLF TERMINOLOGY FOR BEGINNERS

Every Golfer Needs To Know

PAR

Par is the standard score of shots on the golf course; the golfers are expected to complete a hole. Almost every hole is par-3, par-4, or par-5.

ALBATROSS

One of the essential terms in golf "albatross" is a scoring term that expresses when a golfer uses three strokes on a hole under par.

TEE BOX

The tee box also represents the different starting points for every golfer by using different colors of tees which are based on their gender and ability.

GREEN

Around each hole, the area on the golf course which ends with a green. Green (in golf) is a place where the flag and cup are located.

EAGLE

Eagle generally happens at that time when the golf players hit the ball distant enough to grasp the green in two strokes under par.

BIRDIE

When you score of one stroke under par on a hole, it will be called Birdie. For example, four shots on a par-5 or a three shots on a par-4.

FORE

Fore is a word a golfer shouts very loudly when he hit the golf ball, and it is flying toward another player speedily close to them.

FAIRWAY

This term describes the shortcut area of the golf course between the tee box and green in where making a way that a golf player wants to gross the hole.

Rough

The borders' area of the fairway is called rough in the golf course.

ACE

You can define the term "ace" in one word, a hole-in-one. This term is used when a golfer needs only one shot in his game to put the ball into the hole.

PITCH

A shot which is shorter than a standard swing but it is as more extended than a flawed attempt. Usually, it occurs from within 50 meters.

PUTT

A shot played on the green, usually with a putter.

BOGEY

Bogey means that when a golfer score of one over par.

SLICE

Slice is the most popular golf term which uses when a golfer gives a shot that bends violently to the right for a right-handed golfer.

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