

SPORTSMAN'S GOLF COURSE SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

LEAGUE POLICIES AND RULES

2025 SEASON

1. Membership and Fees

- Players must be 50 years of age or older.
- Annual membership is \$37. This fee is primarily to defray the cost of two luncheons, one at mid-year and one at year-end,
- Non-members may play as a guest up to three times for a \$10.00 administration fee. This fee will be paid the first day they golf. If they wish to play more than three rounds, they are required to become league members and pay an additional \$27.
- Prorated dues may be refunded to members who are unable to play due to injury or other circumstances beyond their control.
- We will be selling 50/50 tickets at check in on Thursday mornings. 50/50 monies will be used to purchase donuts.
- Weekly league cost is \$20 for greens fee and cart, to be paid in the pro shop. If any golfer insists on not sharing a cart, there will be an additional \$5.00 cart fee to be paid to the golf course.
- An additional \$8 is collected for position (pro shop certificates) prizes and skill hole (cash) prizes.

2. Dates and Times of Play

- The league will play every Thursday from April through the Thursday prior to Thanksgiving.
- League play will start at 10:00 AM in April, October and November. League play will start at 9:00 AM from May 1st through September 30th.
- Players must be paid and registered one-half hour before tee time. A player who is assigned to a team but arrives late may lose their place to a substitute who has come early and wants to play.

- Range balls will be available from 7:15 to 8:15 AM from May through September. During April, October, and November balls will be available from 8:15 to 9:15 AM. The driving range will be closed 15 minutes before the close of registration.

3. Weekly Registration

- Sign-ups will be from Thursday morning the day of golf to the following Tuesday until 3:00 PM. Players can sign up for the following week when checking in the day of play. They can also call into Sportsman's at 717-545-0023 to register
- The first week of golf will be April 3, 2025. Players can start to call Sportsman's on Monday, March 24th to register for the first week of play.
- Players will be designated as A, B, C, or D players based on member input, reports to and observations by the league committee. Estimated handicaps and/or average scores will only be used to assign a skill level for new players. An individual's designated level is subject to change based on actual performance.
- If you sign up and subsequently learn you cannot play or will be late in arriving, players should call Sportsman's at 717-545-0023 as soon as possible.
- Check-in will open 2 hours prior to shotgun start. All players should be checked in no later than ½ hour before shotgun.

4. Rules for Threesome

- If you are playing in a threesome, the lowest two ranked players of the group will be able to take an extra shot so that the threesome has a total of 4 balls in play. The players taking the extra shots shall do so on alternate holes. I.E., one of the players shall take the extra shot on the odd-numbered holes and the other player shall take the extra shot on the even numbered holes. There is no requirement to take the extra shot.
- If a team is missing the "A" player, the "B" player becomes the "A" player. All groups must have a designated "A" player. The designated "A" player cannot take two shots.
- Once the ball is on the putting surface or on the collar of the green, no

player can take two shots in a row.

5. Prize Awards

- Teams are limited to two prizes (a certificate plus one skill prize or two skill prizes) each week, except for mid-year and year-end outings. In the event a team qualifies for two skill prizes, but can only be paid for one, the team will be paid the prize for the first skill hole they played and the prize for the second skill hole they played will be paid to the team that was second closest to the hole.
- There is no limit to the number of prizes teams can win at the mid-year and year-end outings.
- Prizes will not be available until the following Thursday and will be paid during check in. A golfer asking to collect another golfer's prize will be required to initial a document the committee will maintain.
- The league committee is not responsible once prizes are distributed and cannot guarantee delivery of awards when a player is not present.
- For the mid-year and year-end outings door prizes and 50/50 money will only be awarded to players present at the time. Those prizes will consist of cash awards as well as merchandise.

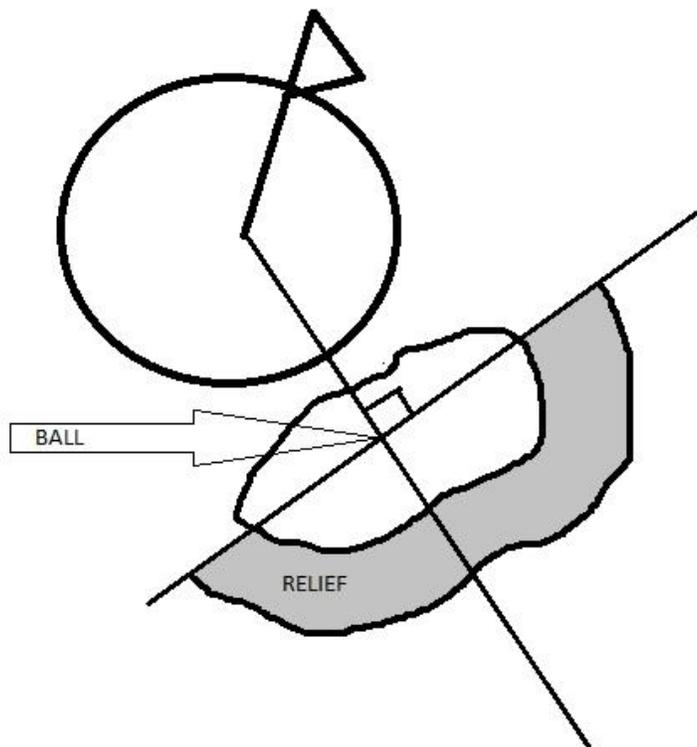
6. Attire and Pace of Play

- In the interest of keeping up the pace of play, all players must ride in a cart.
- Players are required to wear proper attire and "soft spike" type shoes.
- A brisk pace of play is encouraged, including staying up with the group ahead.
- Players should be ready to take their shot as soon as it is their turn to play.

7. Playing the Ball

- USGA rules govern play except as modified by Sportsman's management or the league committee.
- A players who are 50 to 59 years of age will play from the White Tees.
- A players who are 60 to 79 years of age will play from the Gold Tees.
- B players who are 50 to 79 years of age will play from the Gold Tees.
- A and B players who are 80 or older and all C and D players will play from the Red Tees.

- Players may move the ball ONE CLUB LENGTH no nearer the hole. This does not apply to balls on the putting surface or in a hazard.
- The stream beds that run through the fairways of Hole 1 and 16 will be in play as a hazard. If a team decides to play a ball in these hazards, there are two choices:
 - Play the ball as it lies.
 - Drop the ball at any point within two club lengths of the point where the ball entered the hazard, or on a straight line extending from the flag through the position of the ball in the hazard, no nearer the hole. This option incurs a one stroke penalty.
- You may not change the condition of the original lie while moving the ball. I.E., the ball may not be moved from the fringe to the green or rough to fairway or shorter rough.
- Bunkers are in play unless Sportsman's determines that the bunkers are unplayable. If a team decides to play a ball from a bunker, the ball shall be picked up, the sand raked, and the ball replaced in its original position. Each player shall follow this procedure.
- If the bunkers are out of play, the diagram below shows how to take relief for a ball in a bunker. The area of relief is two club lengths from the bunker, behind a line perpendicular to a line from the hole to the ball. No penalty.



- If a ball is in water within a bunker the ball may be moved to the closest point of relief within the bunker, no nearer the hole. If there is no point of relief within the bunker, relief may be taken as when the bunkers are out of play (shown above). No penalty.
- Double bogey is the highest score to be recorded on any hole.

8. Scorecards, Tiebreakers and Skill Prize Markers

- Each team's A player is responsible for properly recording their team's score on each hole. The scorecard should be signed by the A player of the team. We recommend that a second player review the card and initial it. Once a scorecard is turned into the committee, it is official. Errors on scorecards will be handled as follows:
 - If any score is recorded higher than what the team actually scored it will be counted as recorded. I.E., it will be a self-imposed penalty.
 - If any score is recorded lower than what the team actually scored, the hole will be scored as a double bogey.
 - If the recorded score on a hole cannot be read by the committee, an attempt will be made by the committee to locate a team member who is still at the course and determine the correct score. If that cannot be done, the hole will be scored as a double bogey.
 - Any errors in addition will be corrected by the committee.
- There will be a hole designated as the tie breaker hole each week. Ties will be broken by going backwards from the designated hole. E.G., if hole 4 is the tiebreaker, committee members will look at the score on that hole then 3, 2, 1 followed by 18, etc. until the tie is broken.

9. Hole-In-One Club

- All league players are eligible to participate, though it is not a requirement.
- The cost is a one-time entry fee of \$5.00.
- The first player to achieve a hole-in-one wins the total prize money collected.
- If two players have a hole-in-one in the same round, they split the total pot.
- If a player is playing in a threesome and is taking two shots on a par

three, his first shot is the only shot eligible for the hole-in-one.

- Following a hole-in-one, a new pool will begin with players wishing to enter contributing another \$5.00 entry fee.
- If the money has not been won at the end of the season, it will remain in the league bank account and will carry over to the next season.

10. Player Conduct

- The primary purpose of the Senior Men's Golf Association is to encourage and provide a pleasurable golfing experience promoting social interaction and friendly competition among members in a team-based format.
- League members are always expected to conduct themselves as gentlemen. They should always be courteous and show consideration for other players on their team and elsewhere on the course in accordance with the general rules of golf etiquette. This means that no member shall cause their behavior to be questioned by others during play, be it verbal or physical in nature. They should never criticize or make fun of another player for any reason. Advice on club selection or putting should only be offered if another team member requests it.
- If an “unsportsmanlike” or “conduct unbecoming” complaint concerning a league member's actions is received, the following “due process” procedures will be taken:
 - Individuals involved will be interviewed by the league committee and Sportsman's management to obtain an understanding of the allegations.
 - If the complaint is deemed valid, depending on the nature and severity of the offending member's behavior, he will either be (a) suspended from league play for a minimum of two weeks or (b) expelled permanently from the Senior Men's Golf Association.