

Northeast County Men's Golf League (NECMGL) By-Laws and Rules 8.0

- 1) Persons playing in the League shall follow the United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf, with the local modifications as listed below. All players must follow the Fairwinds Golf Course Pace of Play Policy. This policy may be found at fairwindsgolf.com website. Violations of this policy or these rules by any player are reviewed by the Board of Directors (BoD) for resolution.
- 2) Initial handicaps are determined after three 18-hole golf rounds are played at Fairwinds in league play. A USGA Handicap Index may be used instead to calculate an immediate course handicap for league play. The maximum handicap for league purposes is 37. The USGA rule 3-5, handicap adjustment, applies to league tournaments.
- 3) Weekly Tournaments:
 - a. Members that are current in payment of their dues **and** have at least three league rounds, or a USGA Handicap Index, are eligible for low net prizes. All members are eligible for Closest-To-Pin (CTP) awards.
 - b. The number of flights is determined by the BoD, normally A and B Flight. Generally, there are low net prizes for each flight.
 - c. The number of CTP awards is determined by the BoD. Generally, there is one award for members playing the white tees and one award for members playing the green tees.
 - d. At least 50% of members scheduled to play must complete their round for prizes to be awarded.
 - e. Ties are resolved starting with the score on the hardest handicap hole, and then next hardest, and so on.
 - f. Players must notify the Tournament Manager and/or fill in the long-range planner located in the pro shop to be scheduled to play each week. Unless you have indicated that you will not be playing on a date, you have a responsibility to show up and play. If for some reason you find yourself unable to play on the morning of league play, notify Fairwinds pro shop or the Tournament Manager.
- 4) Tee Boxes:
 - a. Players may elect to play from either the White or Green Tee Boxes. The tee box decided upon should be used for the entire league year. New members must indicate on the scorecard which tee is used.
 - b. If a player changes their tee box, notify the Tournament Manager immediately.
 - c. The Tournament Manager indicates which tee boxes are used for specific tournaments.
- 5) General Local Rules and Courtesy:
 - a. Count every stroke. No mulligans are permitted.
 - b. You may "roll" your ball in the fairway, not in the rough or penalty area.
 - c. If a player picks up before the ball is in the hole or conceded, mark an "X" next to the score on the scorecard. In this case, members are not eligible for low net prizes. The round may be used for handicapping purposes (see paragraph 10).
 - d. Only a ball within the leather is considered a conceded putt and picked up.
 - e. Players have the option to drop a ball by the nearest fairway edge for a lost ball or out of bounds instead of returning to previous spot played from. The player incurs a two-stroke penalty.
 - f. On hole #18, a ball left of the water from the tee (hole #9 fairway) is considered out of bounds.
 - g. Place CTP markers an equal distance to the side or behind the hole.
 - h. Complete and turn in the scorecard in the white security box immediately after the round. All players must ensure the correct and legible score is recorded on the scorecard for each hole. Players are not allowed to change their score after the scorecard is turned in.
 - i. Notices, these rules, weekly winners, and other news may be posted on the bulletin board and/or the website <http://web.golfsoftware.net/6917/>. Weekly winners are provided to the newspaper. It is the member's responsibility to keep abreast of these items.

- 6) Relief of two club lengths with no penalty, and no closer to the hole, may be taken from the following:
 - a. Staked trees and areas where tree roots may be struck.
 - b. Nearest point of complete relief from obvious pig damage, repaired or unrepaired, and fire ant hills.
 - c. Man-made obstacles, which includes sprinkler heads and controls, yardage markers, and the perimeter fence. This does not include out of bounds stakes.

- 7) Relief of one club length with no penalty and no closer to the hole may be taken from the following:
 - a. A ball that is imbedded, this does not include sand traps.
 - b. When “cart path only” has been declared by the course, you are permitted to “lift, clean and replace” on the fairway, in the rough, and in penalty areas.

- 8) Special note should be taken in the following conditions and a one stroke penalty is applied:
 - a. On hole #14, a ball in the left penalty area (water) is dropped and played near the Red Tee Box.
 - b. On hole #11, a ball lost to the right, in the palmetto/palms, is dropped and played from the area between the green and the ‘island of palmetto’.
 - c. The perimeter fence is deemed to be the margin of a penalty area. Balls that go through or over these fences may not be played from the penalty area. Drop a ball within two club lengths of where it passed into the penalty area.

9) NECMGL CHAMPIONSHIPS

- a. Eligibility: Those members with three league golf rounds, paid dues, and a handicap are eligible to participate in the League Championships. Exceptions may be approved by the BoD.
- b. Dates: The tournament consists of two rounds. The qualifying round is held on the first Friday in March. The finals are held on the second Friday of March. The dates may be moved for rounds postponed due to weather or other circumstances.
- c. Flights: Normally there are three flights, the Championship Flight, A Flight, B Flight. The number of flights may be reduced if the total number of participants in the qualifying rounds is less than thirty. The BoD will determine the number of participants that will qualify for the finals of each flight.
- d. Format: The determined number of participants with the lowest gross score (no handicap) qualify for the League Championship finals. The lowest gross score from the final round will determine the champion. Participants in the League Championship Flight are not eligible for awards in other Flights.
- e. A Flight, and B Flight scoring is net score, handicaps are considered. The participants in each flight with the lowest net score in the qualifying round are eligible for the finals of their flight. The participant with the lowest net score of the final round will determine the flight champion.
 - i. To be eligible for the finals a player must complete the qualifying round. When an individual who has qualified for the finals is unable to participate, the next best member in that Flights qualifying round will compete in the finals.
 - ii. Ties for NECMGL Championships are resolved using the normal tie breaker method described above.

10) Equitable Stroke Control (ESC). For handicapping purposes only.

a. Your Handicap	Max hole Score	Your Handicap	Max hole Score
10 – 19	7	30-39	9
20 – 29	8		