

**PECAN VALLEY SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION
2018 RULES OF PLAY**

IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS: U.S.G.A Rules apply with the following exceptions:

FLIGHTS: Championship and First Flights will play from the white tees. Second Flight will play from the red tees.

Championship Flight will be players with 0-12 handicap.

First Flight will be players with 13-25 handicap.

Second Flight will be players with 26-36 handicap and players 80+ years of age.

If you are 80+ and prefer to play in the Championship or First flight, (and play from the red tees) your handicap will be **adjusted** according to USGA rules.

PUTTING GREEN: If you use your putter to pull a ball out of the hole, you are disqualified (no exceptions).

IMPROVING LIES: You may roll the ball no more than one grip length with the club head only. Moving or improving lie by grip length, (BY USING THE CLUB HEAD ONLY), NO CLOSER to the hole. Ball may NOT be touched with the hand, or lifted and cleaned, except when permitted by U.S.G.A or local rules.

You are NOT ALLOWED, under any circumstances, to improve lie in HAZARD, (WATER, SAND OR LATERAL).

You are NOT ALLOWED to ground your club in hazards such as sand, water or lateral. TWO stroke penalty.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Outside perimeter of any fence on the golf course is out of bounds. Stroke and distance rule applies. Exception: hole #2 on the River course, it is marked red. Drop within 2 club lengths from point ball last crossed the hazard line.

UNFAIR LIES: All members of groups MUST AGREE on an unfair lie. Example would be a ball lying on rocks (except in a hazard). An unfair lie should be played as grounds under repair. All members of the group must agree on point of relief.

BALL IDENTIFICATION: All balls must be marked for identification purposes. Notify playing partners of your markings. One ball rule is in effect from tee box to green. You may change balls between green and next tee box only.

LOST BALL: If ball is lost, player must go back to the original area the ball was and hit again. Penalty: Stroke and distance.

LEAF RULE: In effect from Thanksgiving through Easter. All members must agree on drop area and no penalty.

PROVISIONAL BALL: If you think a ball may be lost, even in a water hazard, a provisional ball may be declared in order to speed play. Remember, you tell your group your intentions in playing a provisional ball.

DRAINAGE DITCHES: Free relief from a drainage ditch. Closest point of relief and one club length from that point no closer to the hole.

POWER LINES: If a ball strikes an overhead power line on holes 8 and 9 on the HILLS course, you are required to play another ball with no penalty.

MAXIMUM STROKE: After nine strokes on any one hole, pick up and score a ten on the hole.

MAXIMUM HANDICAP: 36

SPRING & FALL 2 DAY TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS: A player MUST have participated in at least FIVE (5) SENIOR events or have played in 30 PVSGA tournaments in 2016 in order to be eligible to play in the Spring and Fall Tournaments.

WEEKLY TOURNAMENT FEE \$10.00.

This will be distributed in this manner.

\$8.50 to prize fund

\$0.50 to general fund

\$1.00 to Birdie Pot. The Birdie pot will have a blind draw every Wednesday. All players will use a net score of birdie or better to qualify. We will draw a number from 1 to 18. If you had a birdie or better net score on the hole number drawn, then you win the pot. If there are ties the money will be split between the ties. If no one has a birdie or better on the hole number drawn, then the money will be carried over to the next Wednesday.

HOLE IN ONE PRIZE. \$50.00

This will be taken from the general fund.

OTHER INFORMATION

We would like to build up our membership. Please invite your friends, neighbors, relatives or acquaintances who would qualify as seniors to come and join us.

Golf is supposed to be a game of ethics and honesty. If we betray the game, we will only cheapen the game and would lose members who hold the game in high moral standards.

Please do not cheat. If you are caught cheating, you will be disqualified.

\$30.00 per year for GHIN (handicap)

\$20.00 per year PVSGA membership dues (cash only)

If you join both the PVSGA and the PVGA the combined dues are \$30.00.