

**PECAN VALLEY SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION  
2021 RULES OF PLAY**

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

**PUTTING GREEN:** In 2019 USGA rules state you may putt with the flag in the hole if you chose. All holes must be holed out. **If you pick up your ball before it is holed out you will take a maximum on the hole.** 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 PENALTY AREAS, (WATER, SAND OR LATERAL).

You are ALLOWED to ground your club in hazards such as sand, water or lateral. No 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 PENALTY AREA). 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 only between green and next tee box.

**LOST BALL:** If ball is lost, player must go back to the original area the ball was and hit again or take a drop where ball was lost and 2 stroke penalty. Playing group must agree where to take drop. Penalty: Stroke and distance if played from original lie.

**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 PENALTY AREA, 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. (Pecan Valley course rule)

**MAXIMUM STROKE:** A maximum of 5 strokes over par. Par 3 max is 8, Par 4 max is 9, Par 5 max is 10

**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 2019 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.

\$9.50 to prize fund

\$0.50 to general fund

**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)