

Broken Tee Golf Club

Rules of Golf 2023

Broken Tee (BT) players shall comply with the USGA rules of golf. All disputes shall be resolved by the club rules official who is the BT Vice President or alternate. BT official golf outings are published on the club website and BT players shall be given a schedule.

- 1. For local official outings, BT players compete for points in 18-hole stroke play with handicap. Player handicaps are calculated and maintained by the USGA GHIN handicap system.**
- 2. BT players compete for points at official schedule outings throughout the golf season. Player points are awarded based on the modified Stapleford system.**
 - a. Major club outing points are multiplied by 2.**
 - b. Players will contribute \$2 dollars before every scheduled outing to augment BT end of the season prize pots.**
- 3. BT players shall promptly respond (In or Out) to all official outings within 24 hours of notification. Late responses shall be at the discretion of the Tournament Director to allow participation.**
- 4. Before the round playing partners will maintain electronic scores in the Gamebook App and maintain a paper scorecard.**
- 5. During golf outings balls hit in the fairway may be cleaned and rolled within a scorecard length and play from that spot.**
- 6. Plugged balls may be removed from turf throughout the golf course except for hazard areas i.e., bunkers, or water hazards etc.**
- 7. Players may search for lost balls or suspected out of bounds balls for 3 minutes. If ball is not found players will have the option to take two penalty strokes drop ball laterally in the fairway or go back to the place of the prior shot and hit again with one stroke penalty.**
- 8. BT pace of play is important to timely finishing golf rounds. The BT Tournament Director may allow the plus 3 over par rule to expedite play on any hole players can pick up ball and proceed to the next hole.**
 - a. Players may pick up the ball and move to the next hole if playing partners concede putts within the putter grip and end of club. This rule does not apply to Par or Birdie putts.**
 - b. Rule 8a does not apply to BT Majors or BT Club Championship or SSAGA Tournaments.**

- 9. BT players may get full relief from any man-made objects and others for example (fences, cart paths, power boxes, buildings, insect mounds, and animals). Drop ball away from the obstruction and play ball to target.**
- 10. Players shall fix divots and rake bunkers for the next player to maintain course etiquette.**
- 11. Rainout policy is invoked when play is suspended due to rain or lightning or wind or cold temperatures under 50 degrees. Rounds are official if all players complete at least 9 holes. If not, points will not be awarded and all money pots will be returned to players.**
- 12. After the round playing partners will validate each players scores and verify Gamebook scores and paper scorecard scores match.**
 - a. Contested scores are resolved by playing partners or a rules official.**
 - b. If Gamebook is not complete and scorecards are not turned in to Handicap Director player points will be issued.**
- 13. BT players scores shall be recorded in the USGA GHIN Handicap System by each player after each event. The BT Handicap Director will manage player handicaps and published on BT website www.BrokenTeeGolfClub.com.**
 - a. Points and scores are posted as soon as possible after each outing to the BT GroupMe Chat and BT website.**
- 14. Makeup rounds maybe played before BT scheduled outings.**
 - a. The Tournament Director must be notified of your intent to play a make-up round before it is played.**
 - b. Make-up rounds must be played before the scheduled event.**
 - c. All attempts should be made to play the rounds under the same course conditions and time as the scheduled event.**
 - d. All make-up rounds must be played with a Broken Tee member.**
 - e. All scores must be entered in Gamebook during the round.**
 - f. The scorecard must be signed and dated by the attestor.**
 - g. The scorecard must be turned in to the tournament director.**
 - h. Each player is limited to two (2) make-up rounds.**
- 15. The “Clyde Blake” Trophy shall be awarded to the top points leader at the Club Championship.**
 - a. The Clyde Blake Trophy shall be inscribed with the championship player name and year. The trophy will remain with winner for 1 calendar year.**
 - b. The Clyde Blake trophy shall be presented to the next BT Champion at the next BT Club Championship.**

- c. The top four players who accumulate the most points shall be awarded monetary prizes.**
 - d. Players must play at least 10 official outings to qualify for the Club Championship Low Net Prize.**
 - e. The Distinguish Player of the Year optional award may be awarded based on player contribution and golf improvement.**
- 16. For Sunshine State Amateur Golf Association (SSAGA) tournaments, players shall comply with SSAGA tournaments standards. BT players will be provided the SSAGA Tournament Standard and the official document is maintained on the SSAGA website www.SSAGAFLL.org**
- 17. BT players shall have fun on God's Green Earth every outing.**