



Notice to Players & Local Rules

Play is governed by the rules of golf. Disregard local rules found on the golf course scorecard unless otherwise notified by the tournament director.

TEE MARKERS: All players under 50 years old will play the back tee markers. Players 50 & up may play 1 tee marker up from the tips. Handicap adjustments will be made for new players who are playing off their GHIN, to account for differences in course rating from the shorter tee markers. However, once a player has an established “Tour HCP Index” (minimum 3 tournament rounds), handicap adjustments will not be made for playing the forward tees.

OUT OF BOUNDS: Out of bounds is defined by white boundary stakes and/or fence lines bordering the golf course property.

NATIVE AREAS: All native areas within the golf course boundaries (marked or unmarked) will be played as a lateral hazard. You may play the ball as it lies or take relief (with a 1 stroke penalty) by dropping the ball outside the native area, either back on the line between the hole and where your ball last crossed, or within 2 club lengths of where your ball last crossed into the native area, but not closer to the hole.

SAND BUNKERS: Players are allowed to “rake and place” their ball in the bunker within 1 scorecard length of where it lies, and no closer to the hole.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Players may take relief from abnormal and unmarked course conditions such as extreme bare spots on fairways and greens. Players are asked to use their best judgment on this and consult their playing partners before taking relief.

HANDICAP & NET SCORING SYSTEM: Players will receive a “Tour Handicap Index” which is based solely off tournament rounds in STX Tour events. This index will evolve based off the players’ 7 most recent rounds on tour.

NEW PLAYER HANDICAPS & SCORING RESTRICTIONS: New players may use their GHIN for an initial tournament HCP index. If a new player does not have a GHIN, a starting index can be created for the player based off recent and verifiable tournament rounds. If there’s not enough information available to verify a player’s handicap, then the player may enter their first event as a scratch (0). All new players are limited to a NET score of 2 under par until they’ve completed 3 tournament rounds and established a ‘tour handicap’. However, new players who are playing as +4 hcps, which is the lowest hcp allocated on the tour, will not have any scoring restrictions.

HANDICAP LIMITATIONS: (9) is the highest handicap a player is allowed to play to, and (+4) is the lowest. This will remain the case regardless of a player’s tour index or GHIN.

- One ball rule is **NOT** in effect.
- The slope feature on distance measuring devices **IS** allowed.