



STX Golf Tour

Notice to Players & Local Rules

Play is governed by the rules of golf. Disregard any local rules found on the golf course scorecard.

FORMAT: 18 hole net stroke play competition.

TEE MARKERS: All players under 50 years old will play the back tee markers (unless otherwise noted in the events local rules sheet). Players 50 and up may choose to play 1 tee marker up from the tournament tees. However, if a player chooses to move up a tee box, 2 strokes will be subtracted from their starting handicap for the round to account for the difference in course rating and slope.

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.

LISTENING TO MUSIC: Model local rule G-8 will be in effect and modified as follows: During a round, a player must not listen to music or any other similar broadcast on a personal audio or video device that might be distracting to other competitors.

PACE OF PLAY: Play “ready golf.” Rounds should be completed in less than 4.5 hours. The tour reserves the right to penalize slow players and/or groups who fail to finish within 20 minutes of the group in front of them.

HANDICAP & NET SCORING SYSTEM: New players without a mature "Tour Handicap Index" (less than 5 tournament rounds) will have scoring restrictions and limited to a score of 2 under par (net). After a player's 3rd tournament round, they will receive a “Tour Handicap Index,” which is based solely off scores shot in STX Tour events. Once a player has completed 5 tournament rounds, their tour handicap will be considered mature and they will no longer have limitations on their net score.

STARTING HANDICAP (new players): New players will be given a starting handicap based off their GHIN, or recent tournament scores that can be found online for players without a GHIN index. If the tour is unable to approve a player's GHIN, and/or not enough scoring info is available to create a starting index, the player can play off a "0" for their initial tour index. The lowest starting index that will be allocated to any player is (+4), and the highest index a player is allowed to play at is (9). This is the case regardless of a player's GHIN and/or their "Tour Handicap Index."

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