

Great Lakes Seniors Golf Association Rules

The GLSGA was formed to promote good fellowship through golf. Remember—the important thing is the play, not the pay!

The GLSGA assumes no responsibility for any golfer at our events. Each person plays at his/her own risk.

1. Entries:
 - a. All entries must be submitted by the Friday preceding the event.
 - b. All entries must be prepaid.
 - c. Unless otherwise note, members are only allowed to play one of the two days during the week we are at a course. This rule is designed to give all members an equal chance to play the course.
 - d. If you are a member, with cart privileges, of any course you enter to play please let us know. You will only be responsible to pay into the prize fund.
2. Tee Times:
 - a. All events are shotgun starts beginning at 9:30 AM. We expect to be ON THE COURSE by that time.
 - b. Golfers are expected to be at the course by 8:45 AM.
3. Two-man Events:
 - a. All 2-man events require a 2-man entry form, including payment, for both golfers.
 - b. Golfers are encouraged to find their own partners.
 - c. Two-man teams will compete in the flight of the lower handicap teammate.
 - d. Two-man best ball tournaments – We allow up to a 10-stroke differential between partners handicaps in all 2-man best ball tournaments. For example, if your handicap is 11 and you want to play a 2-man best ball tournament with a golfer having a handicap of 26, his handicap will be lowered to 21 for that tournament.
4. Refund Policy:
 - a. We expect golfers to play all events they have entered. If a member cannot play an event, a cancellation notice is required no later than the Sunday prior to the tournament. Failure to notify will result in forfeiture of the entry fee.
 - b. If rain, or other weather-related issues, shortens an event to less than 18 holes, but at least 9, it will be declared an official event. Scores will be determined by the first nine holes each golfer played and prize money will be awarded based on that score. No additional refund will be awarded.
 - c. If a golfer tees off on his/her first assigned hole and for any reason later decides not to complete the round, no refund will be issued.
5. Rules of Play:
 - a. Gimmies are allowed WITHIN REASON. A gimmee must be declared by a fellow competitor. Partners cannot concede a putt. Rule of thumb: If you think you could miss the putt DON'T GIVE IT!
 - b. Improving lies – In individual and best ball events golfers are allowed to improve the lie by moving the ball no more than 12 inches any place on the course excepting hazards (sand traps, water hazards, etc.). In scramble events partners must play the ball within one club length of where the best shot is chosen.
 - c. Out-of-bounds – Determine where the ball crossed out-of-bounds. Drop a replacement **in the fairway** within two club lengths of the fairway edge. The distance to the pin must be equidistant from the point the ball crossed out-of-bounds. Penalty is one stroke.
 - d. Lost ball – Competitors are allowed no more than three minutes to search for a ball. Once time has expired the ball is declare lost. With the assistance of fellow competitors, determine the approximate point of the lost ball. Follow drop method and penalty described in out-of-bounds.
 - e. Unplayable lie – A golfer may declare any ball as unplayable. For any ball declared unplayable, the out-of-bounds penalty will apply.
 - f. Ball in sand trap (bunker) – Two options: (1) play ball as it lies (2) drop ball behind bunker and play with one stroke penalty. Note that drop must be at a point where line to pin will cross some section of the bunker.
 - g. Police your own group – We do not have officials on the course and therefore cannot render rulings during tournament play. If you believe a fellow competitor violated a rule of golf (or one of those specified here) place the complaint in writing and submit it to one of the association directors. Note that complaints not in writing will be disregarded.
 - h. Golfers in flight “B” that are age 75 or older are allowed to play the forward tees in all events. This rule does not apply to golfers in flight “A”. Golfers in flights “C” & “D” are required to use the forward tees. Note that a golfer qualifying to use the forward tees are allowed to use those tees in all events regardless of the tees used by his/her partner.
 - i. The maximum score allowed on a hole is a triple bogey. Once that score is reached, pick up the ball and record the score. If a scorecard is turned in without a score on a hole, or a score that cannot be read, a score of triple bogey will be recorded.
 - j. Golfers may drop ball from any height and there is no penalty for standing behind a golfer hitting a shot.