



Hard Card

Terms of Competition (v 10.01.22)

Section 1: Spirit of Competition

1.1 Spirit of the tour It is the intention of SBSG to offer golf tournaments that are both competitive and enjoyable for all. SBSG understands, from time to time, discussions will be required for the purpose of determining a rules violation and a potential penalty. Players and staff members are expected to discuss and resolve these issues while demonstrating the utmost respect for all involved. Arguments and anger are to be replaced with healthy discussions intended to solve the problem. Players are asked to be both competitive and nice. Respect the golf course staff, the tournament staff, and your fellow competitors. SBSG reserves the right to address inappropriate behavior, including the possibility of disqualification and suspension from current and future events.

1.2 Handling rules questions and violations In all tournaments, participants are encouraged to address rules questions and potential violations within their playing group. In match play, the scenario must be resolved in the moment before the current hole is completed. Playing two balls, in match play, is never an option. If a resolution cannot be achieved, please call the Head Rules Official (phone number should be provided on the scorecard). Also in match play, keep in mind USGA Rule 20.1.b encourages you and your competitor to come to an agreement on how you choose to handle a violation, including the option of forgiving a rules violation if both sides agree. In stroke play, playing two balls is an option.

1.3 Determining the winners Every attempt will be made to complete all holes. In the case of inclement weather or unforeseen suspension of play, and the event must be shortened, the SBSG Tournament Committee reserves the right to determine the event completed, first keeping in mind player safety, followed by fairness to all players and/or teams. The tournament is deemed FINAL the moment the Tournament Director circles the winners on the official scoreboard.

1.4 Course markings SBSG will request for the course to be properly marked. Whether the course is marked or not, Players are encouraged to read the Notice to Players and/or the Local Rules for more information about the specific rules for the tournament and venue in question.

a. Out of Bounds: Memorial Cup, Legends Cup, and Lovebirds Challenge: OB is considered a red penalty area and should be played accordingly. College Co-Ed Classic, Joshua Cup, and Dogwood Classic: Proceed in accordance with course markings and the instructions provided in the Local Rules.

b. Penalty Areas: For all tournaments, pay close attention to the Local Rules. In situations when the course is not completely marked, the Tournament Committee may provide instructions for areas to be played as Penalty Areas. Ex: Fescue and other unworked areas of the course may be considered as a penalty area, or possibly as Ground Under Repair. Follow instructions provided on the Local Rules.

c. Ground Under Repair: Players may agree to determine an area as GUR if the area has clearly been modified, altered, or unusually damaged. This allowance is given as an option to players primarily when the course has not been marked but may also be used in extreme conditions. Players are asked to consult with the other players in the group prior to touching the ball.

f. Drop Zones: The most forward tee box on every hole is a designated drop zone even if unmarked. Players may choose the designated drop area, or the forward most tee box. (Applies to all tournaments.)

1.5 Range finders are allowed if they do not measure slope.

1.6 USGA Rule 4-1.b is in effect: No more than 14 clubs are allowed.

1.7 One ball rule not in effect However, Players are asked to maintain identifiable personal markings on their golf balls as they change balls throughout the round.

1.8 USGA Rule E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance not in effect This is the USGA local rule allowing a player to drop the ball in the edge of the fairway for a 2-stroke penalty. Not an option in all tournaments.

1.9 Caddie policy Joshua Cup: caddies are encouraged for all players and required for players who do not possess a valid driver license. Caddie and player must ride in a cart. All other tournaments: Caddies not allowed.

1.10 Ball must be holed: The ball must be holed in all stroke play events unless otherwise noted in the Local Rules. Gimmes are encouraged in match play events in accordance with the status of the match and as players deem appropriate.

1.11 Mulligans: Never allowed.

1.12 Play the ball down Unless otherwise noted, the ball is to be played down. This includes alternate shot. Partners of the same side must play their partner's ball rather than replacing with their own.

Section 2: Scoring

2.1 Late to the tee A player or side is late to the tee five minutes past the designated tee time. Upon arrival, Player(s) may join the designated group at the tee of the next hole being played. In stroke play tournaments, a player(s) late to the tee shall receive a triple bogey for each hole not completed, and the player(s) may join the designated group at the tee of the next hole. In match play tournaments, the player or side automatically forfeits each hole until the player or side joins the group, which may occur on the next tee box.

2.2 Scorekeeping: Each Player, or Side, is asked to keep a paper scorecard which serves as the official score. Scorecards must be signed by the scorer and the attest and submitted to the scoring table. Once the scorecard is signed and handed to the official scorer, the scorecard is deemed final. The live leaderboard is a unique feature offered by SBSG at some events, but is not the official scoring.

2.3 Disqualification It is the desire of the SBSG Tournament Committee to avoid Player disqualification for any reason other than behavior. In the case of a rules violation, penalties will be enforced according to the rules, stopping short of disqualification. Triple bogey may be applied. However, players in violation of the Spirit of the Tournament, or any behavior related incident will be subject to immediate disqualification and asked to leave the premises.

Section 3: Modifications for Lovebirds Challenge, Memorial Cup, and Legends Cup

3.1 Max score of Triple Bogey: Applies in the event the player is unable to complete the hole, or in lieu of a disqualification due to a rules violation.

3.2 All About Lateral: All out of bounds and penalty areas penalty areas (red/lateral). No stroke and distance is required. Balls lost in the General Area are to be treated as an unplayable lie and dropped within two club lengths from the spot nearest to where the ball is believed to be located.

3.3 Forgiving violations and calling violations

Players are allowed and encouraged to be lenient and forgiving when there is no competitive advantage gained, but also remember Players have an obligation to protect their teammates and the overall score of the event by helping your playing partners compete within the rules and taking proper penalty strokes. Finding the healthy balance will help increase the enjoyment for all.

Section 4: Modifications for All Tournaments

4.1 One Touch Both Touch In certain formats, such as Scramble, and Total Shamble, there are instances when a player is allowed to lift, clean, and replace the ball in the same condition. In those cases, both partners on a side are allowed to lift, clean, and place. Example: In a scramble, if the best option is a ball located in a bunker or a penalty area, both players may lift, clean, and place in the bunker or penalty area.

4.2 Club Length Relief: Anytime the Player is allowed to lift, clean, and place the ball, the allowable distance is determined by one club length. This includes the green. The ball must always be replaced in the same condition in which it originally lied.