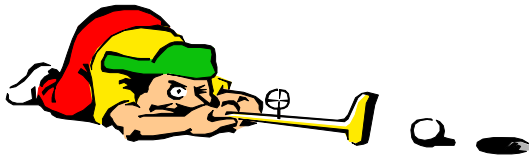


Lake of the Pines Men's Golf Club

TOURNAMENT RULES



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Distance-Measuring Devices

For all Men's Golf Club play at this course, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Relief for Embedded Ball

Through the green, a player may lift, without penalty, clean and drop the ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground. The ball must be dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer to the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. The pitch-mark may only be repaired after the player has played his ball.

Exception: a player may not take relief under this Local Rule if interference by anything other than the condition-covered by this Local Rule makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole: Stroke play – Two strokes.

Winter Rules (Preferred Lies)

Winter rules will only be in effect when declared by the Tournament Director or by the Director of Golf.

A ball lying through the green may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within **6 inches of and not nearer the hole** where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed, and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty, and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.

If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match-play – Loss of hole; Stroke-play – Two strokes.

Hole #6 – Ball not found.

During the wet season from November through April or as determined by the Tournament Director or Director of Golf, the entire landing area through the green, for balls stuck from the teeing ground, shall be considered abnormal ground condition. The player may proceed under Rule 25-1c. As an additional alternative, the player may drop a ball, without penalty, near the 150-yd. marker (white post). In order to apply this Rule, it must be known or virtually certain that the ball is in the abnormal ground condition. In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must proceed under Rule 27-1 (lost ball).

French drains

Relief without penalty may be taken from French drains

(nearest point of relief plus one club length). The following drainage ditches with rock lining shall be considered French drains. Hole #3 – left side of the fairway from near the gold tee to the stairway near the pull-out at the top of the hill. Hole #6 – the rock lined drain at the base of the dam. Hole #14 – left side of the fairway from about the red/gold tee down to the water hazard. Hole #18 - Left side of the course from the water hazard to the corner of the dog leg.

TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

All tournament play, INCLUDING THURSDAY MEN'S DAY, shall follow USGA RULES OF GOLF and NCGA summer rules subject to the following local Men's Club Rules.

HANDICAPS used in a tournament shall be those of the current by-monthly period during which the tournament is commenced. The maximum handicap allowed for men is forty (40). In any tournament, which extends over a period of non-consecutive days, the player shall play to the handicap in effect on the day of play, subject to the maximum limitation shown above.

PARTICIPATION in Men's Club Member-Guest Tournaments are limited to members of LOPMGC and their guests. Members must be listed on the NCGA bulletin with an established handicap based on the last twenty (20) rounds of golf as listed on the differential sheet. Ten (10) of these twenty (20) rounds must have been played during the past twelve (12) months.

THURSDAY MEN'S DAY tournaments may be played with a ten (10) round temporary handicap as assigned by the LOPMGC handicap committee.

GUESTS: A guest is any golfer, male or female, who is not a

member of LOPMGC or the LOPWGC or LOP Women's or Men's Niners.

MULTI-BALL EVENTS: The Tournament Committee shall establish the handicap differentials between players as necessary

SCORE CARDS: In all tournaments, except Men's Day, players must exchange scorecards. The scorer must sign and date the card and the player whose score was kept must attest the accuracy of the score for each hole by signing the scorecard. It is up to each player to check the correct allocation of strokes (pops) on the official card. Side bets should be kept on a non-official card. Scorecards are to be turned in to the Tournament Committee promptly after completion of the round. If not, player(s) will be disqualified. On Men's Day play, scorecards must be turned in on or before five hours from start of play.

TEE TIMES AND PAIRINGS; will be scheduled by the Tournament Committee. Players should check in at least 15 minutes prior to their assigned tee times and be ready to play as scheduled.

TOURNAMENT ENTRY APPLICATIONS must be complete and include the entire amount of the entry fee for it to be valid. **LATE ENTRIES** will only be accepted by the Committee to fill out a twosome or a foursome or to replace a withdrawal. The team may not replace a player without advance approval of the Tournament Committee. Entry fees are not refundable unless the Committee receives notice prior to closing date. The Committee may refund an entry fee for justifiable reasons when notified twenty-four (24) hours before the first tee time

POSTING: Each player is personally responsible for posting

his adjusted score of all eighteen (18) and nine (9) hole rounds **unless the Committee directs otherwise.**

MATCH-PLAY TIES shall be decided by a sudden death playoff beginning on Hole No. 1. Handicap strokes, if applicable, will be allowed as in original play.

36 HOLE STROKE PLAY TOURNAMENTS Ties for the **OVERALL WINNER** shall be decided by a 3-hole play-off, beginning on hole #1 with handicap strokes applied as in original play. If after the 3-holes, a winner has not been determined, sudden death play will ensue. The loser will be awarded 1st Place in his respective Flight. **FIRST PLACE TIES IN FLIGHTS** will be broken by a sudden death play-off starting with hole #1. The loser will be awarded 2nd place. If there is a 2 way tie for 2nd Place, the pay-out will be shared equally by combining the money for 2nd and 3rd place. Depending on the number of places being paid, the procedure would be the same - equally among the players in the tie..

18 HOLE STROKE PLAY TOURNAMENTS In the event of a tie for 1st place within a FLIGHT, the tie will be broken with a sudden death play-off starting on Hole #1. The appropriate handicaps will apply. If there is a 2 way tie for 2nd Place, the pay-off will be shared equally by combining the money for 2nd^t and 3rd place. Depending on the number of places being paid, the procedure would be the same - equally among the players in the tie.

PRIZE MONEY will be credit on the books in the Pro Shop. Exceptions will be qualifying rounds for the NCGA tournaments where entry fees will be given to the qualifying players to help defray expenses to attend the tournaments. Some tournaments have a LOW GROSS winner. Low gross winners cannot also win LOW NET awards in the same event.

In Nassau events, players may win only one award—their highest place for nine or eighteen.

THURSDAY MEN’S DAY ENTRIES

SIGN UPS for Thursday Men’s Day play may be made up to one week in advance. All members are required to pay an entry fee when they sign up. A member may cancel any time before Wednesday noon at the Pro Shop without penalty. After Wednesday noon, no cancellation is accepted for the Thursday Game. A member who is a NO SHOW may forfeit his entry fee.

EXCEPTION: A foursome may replace a player for justifiable reasons, without loss of entry fee, prior to play on Thursday providing the Pro Shop is notified before starting time regarding the substitute's name.

SWEEPS MONEY will be paid for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place. In the event of a tie, money will be combined and paid equally. Example; Tie for 1st Place. Money for 1st and 2nd will be combined and distributed equally between players. A tie for 2nd place will be distributed between the 2nd and 3rd place winners. A tie for 3rd place will be equally distributed between the players. Money will be rounded to the nearest dollar - \$.49 down, \$.50 up

A DECISION TO CANCEL MEN’S DAY due to course conditions, inclement weather, or any other reason, must be made by the Tournament Committee only. Cancellation may be decided upon at any time before, during, or after some players have completed their round. No sweeps will be awarded as prizes and all entry fees will be carried over to the next scheduled play. Refunds will be allowed subject to the rules above.

DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

DISCIPLINARY ACTION may be taken by the LOPMGC Board of Directors against any member who:

- Does not abide by the RULES OF GOLF and the Local Rules of Golf during tournament play.
- Who consistently fails to post properly adjusted scores for rounds of nine holes or eighteen holes.
- Who consistently causes excessive delay of play
- Whose actions are damaging to the golf course and in violation of LOP Golf Course Rules, or
- Who displays un-sportsmanlike conduct.

GOLFERS MAY BE REFUSED PLAYING PRIVILEGES FOR FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH EXISTING RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING GOLF PLAY, PRACTICE, OPERATION OF GOLF CARTS OR PPULL CARTS, PERSONAL CONDUCT, AND APPROPRIATE DRESS.

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Is this really worth the one stroke penalty?