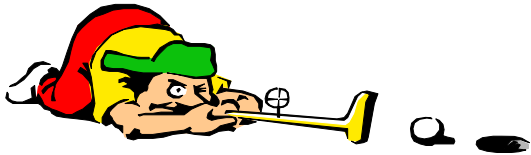


Lake of the Pines Men's Golf Club

LOCAL & TOURNAMENT RULES Revised 2025



LAKE OF THE PINES MEN'S GOLF CLUB
TOURNAMENT RULES

LOCAL RULES

1. Relief for Embedded Ball

In the general area, 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 in the general area. 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 Relief of Embedded Ball in breach of local rule:
Match play – Loss of hole: Stroke play – Two strokes.*

2. Winter Rules (Preferred Lies)

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

When a player's ball lies in a part of the general area from tee to green, the player may take free relief once by placing the original ball or another ball and playing it from this relief area:

Reference Point: Spot of the original ball.

Size of Relief Area Measured from Reference Point: 6 inches of and not nearer the hole where it originally lay, that is not in a penalty area or on the putting surface.

In proceeding under this Local Rule, the player must choose a spot to place the ball and use the procedures for lifting, cleaning and replacing a ball under Rules 14.1 (marking, lifting and cleaning ball) and 14.2 (replacing ball).

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

3. Hole #6 – Ball not found.

During wet conditions, 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. If the player's ball has not been found, and it is known and virtually certain that the ball came to rest in an abnormal course condition, the player may use this relief option instead of taking stroke-and-distance relief. In the absence of such knowledge or certainty, the player must proceed under Rule 27-1 (lost ball):

The player may proceed under Rule 16-1e (without penalty) using the estimated point where the ball last crossed the edge of the abnormal course condition or the estimated point where the ball embedded as the spot of the ball for purposes of finding the nearest point of complete relief.

Once the player puts another ball in play to take relief in this way, the original ball is no longer in

play and must not be played, even if it is found before the end of the three minute search time.

Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: Match play – Loss of hole / Stroke play – Two strokes Under Rule 14.7.

4. French drains

Relief without penalty may be taken from French drains

The following drainage ditches with rock lining shall be considered French drains: Hole #3 – ditch along the left boundary of the course from near the gold teeing area to the top of the hill near the wooden steps. Hole #6 – the rock lined drain at the base of the dam. Hole #14 – ditch along the left boundary of the course (left of the red teeing area to the creek). Hole #18 – left side of the course from the penalty area (drainage ditch in front of the red teeing area) to the dog leg.

The player may take free relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Reference Point: The nearest point of complete relief in the general area.

Size of Relief Area: 1 club length from reference point

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

Must be in the general area.

Must not be nearer the hole.

5. Immovable obstructions near putting greens

Local Rule F-5.2 is a golf rule that addresses immovable obstructions near putting greens. It states that a player can take relief under Rule 16.1b if the following conditions are met:

- The ball and obstruction are in an area cut to fairway height or less
- The obstruction is on the player's line of play
- The obstruction is within two club-lengths of the putting green
- The ball is within two club-lengths of the obstruction
- There is no relief if the player chooses an unreasonable line of play.
- Ball will be dropped within one club-length of the nearest point of complete relief not nearer the hole.
- Must take complete relief from all interference by the French drain.
- Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a.

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.

1. HANDICAPS used in a tournament shall be those of the current 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.
2. PARTICIPATION in Men's Club Member-Guest Tournaments are limited to members of LOPMGC and their guests. Members must be listed on the NGCA roster 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.

3. CLUB and SENIOR NET CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENTS: Participation in the Club Championship and Senior Net Championship is limited to current LOPMGC members;

AND

Within 12 months prior to the event, renewing and new members must participate in 5 (Five) MGC sponsored 18 Hole Rounds of Play in any of the following events:

- a. MGC Thursday Sweeps
 - b. MGC Sponsored 12-man Events
 - c. Any MGC Sponsored Tournaments
4. THURSDAY MEN'S DAY tournaments may be played with a ten (10) round temporary handicap as assigned by the LOPMGC handicap committee.
 5. 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.
 6. MULTI-BALL EVENTS: The Tournament Committee shall establish the handicap differentials between players as necessary
 7. 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.

8. TEE TIMES AND PAIRINGS will be scheduled by the Tournament Committee. Players should check in at least 30 minutes prior to their assigned tee times and be ready to play as scheduled.
9. 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

10. POSTING: Each player is personally responsible for posting his Thursday Sweeps adjusted scores (before midnight), unless advised not to. If posting the day of the event is not possible, then as soon as possible. All scheduled regular tournament scores will be posted by the handicap committee.
11. 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.

12. 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.

13. 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

14. A DECISION TO CANCEL THURSDAY MEN'S DAY events due to course conditions, inclement weather, or any other reason, must be made by the Thursday Sweeps Director 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 rule 11 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 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, PERSONAL CONDUCT, AND APPROPRIATE DRESS.

Rules Revised **December 7, 2024**

Notes

Added CLUB and SENIOR NET CHAMPIONSHIP
TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS- DECEMBER 10, 2022

Rules Revised January 9, 2024

Changed Tournament Procedures, Section 3. CLUB and SENIOR
NET CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT REQUIREMENTS

Rules Revised December 7, 2024

Adopted Local Rule F 5.2 - addressing immovable obstructions
near putting greens.



Is this really worth the one stroke penalty?