



2023 Gulf Shores Invitational

Peninsula Golf & Racquet Club- March 20-21, 2023

FORMAT: 54 Hole Stroke Play **MEN'S TEES:** Men will play from Tee #2 **WOMEN'S TEES:** Women will play from Tee #3

FORMAT: Individual stroke play – team score is best four scores out of five

RULES: USGA governs all play except where modified by a local rule.

Out of Bounds: Defined by freshly painted white lines, the inside edge of white stakes and/or property fences at ground level. The inside edge of public roads also will determine the boundary. The wooden fence on hole #5 (Marsh) is a boundary fence.

Penalty Areas: Defined by the inside edge of the red lines. Players may proceed under Rule 17. Where penalty areas are only marked on one side, the penalty area extends to infinity. On holes #1 and 2 (Marsh) and #7 (Cypress), a ball that is above water's edge is out of bounds.

Waste Bunkers: all sandy areas bordering the fairways are part of the general area (sometimes referred to as 'waste bunkers'). The player may ground his or her club and take practice swings. No free relief for a bad lie of the ball nor for a ball embedded in these sandy areas. **All greenside sand areas are bunkers.**

Ground Under Repair: Areas defined by White Lines, active fire ant beds/mounds, and newly laid sod.

Immovable Obstruction Near Putting Green: Free relief for line of play per MLR F-5.1 Call your rules official before taking relief.

Embedded ball: Any ball embedded in its own pitch mark in the general area, except a penalty area or an unmown sandy area, may be **lifted, cleaned, and dropped** within one club length of the pitch mark, no closer to the hole.

Doubt as to procedure: If you have any doubt as to procedure or the correct ruling—call your rules official—Terry at 517-202-9378. If he does not answer, call Rod Jackson at 404-781-7140.

Cell Phones/Texting Devices

Cell phones and devices that allow texting are not to be used during the course of play.

RULE REMINDERS/PACE OF PLAY

- **Each player must be able to identify their ball at all times. Make sure that your golf ball is uniquely marked. A school logo is not sufficient.**
- If you believe your ball may be lost or out of bounds, you should play a provisional.
(You cannot play a provisional for a ball that is known to be in a penalty area.)

PACE OF PLAY: Players must maintain the pace of play. Violators will be penalized under USGA Rule 5.6.

A: EACH GROUP MUST MAINTAIN THEIR STARTING INTERVAL. A GROUP IS OUT OF POSITION WHEN A GROUP HAS FALLEN BEHIND ITS STARTING INTERVAL AND PACE OF PLAY EXCEEDS 14 1/2 MINUTES PER HOLE.

SPECIAL NOTES: At the conclusion of your final hole, proceed immediately to the scoring area. At the scoring area you are check your hole-by-hole scores with your playing partners, sign your scorecard and the card you scored. You are responsible for the correct hole-by-hole scores and two signatures. Your round is not complete until you have left the scoring area.

COACHING ON THE COURSE

One designated (including assistant coaches on team roster) coach is permitted to coach their players anywhere on the course.

Any player that receives coaching from anyone other than their designated coach is subject to the following penalties:

***1st offense- 2 stroke penalty *2nd offense- Disqualification**

Coaches from other teams may assist anyone in a group in an effort to clarify a player's options during the course of play and to assist in the pace of play.

Rules Official: Terry Kildea – 517-202-9378 – call for rulings.

BCGCA President – Leonard Smoot

Tournament Coordinator- Roderick Jackson 404-781-7140