

**EBAC**  
**INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEN'S GOLF LEAGUE**  
**RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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## SECTION 1 - THE LEAGUE

### 1-1 - FEES

- 1-1-a** A non-refundable league fee is required for all players in the amount of twenty dollars (\$20) for Shennecossett season pass holders and twenty eight dollars (\$28) for non-pass holders.
- 1-1-b** A forfeit fee of twenty dollars (\$20) is required per team (balance returnable at banquet).

### 1-2 - ROSTER

- 1-2-a** Each player must be a member of the EBAC.
- 1-2-b** Each team must have a minimum of nine (9) players and a maximum of thirteen (13) players.
- 1-2-c** Rosters may only be changed up to June 1st and in special cases may be supplemented with the approval of the league commissioner and/or the Grievance Committee.
- 1-2-d** For each player, two (2) matches are mandatory in order to play in the playoffs and to qualify for team prizes.

### 1-3 - ORGANIZATION

- 1-3-a** The number of divisions in the league will be determined by the number of teams participating. In general, those teams with the lowest team handicap averages will be placed in the first division; those with the next lowest averages will be placed in the second division, etc.
- 1-3-b** Each team will play the other teams in its division. The number of rounds depends on the number of teams participating. Position nights may also be added where the pairings are the 1<sup>st</sup> place team vs the 2<sup>nd</sup> place team, the 3<sup>rd</sup> place team vs the 4<sup>th</sup> place team etc. The first place team at the end of the regular season will be declared the regular season division champion
- 1-3-c** In general, the top four teams in each division will qualify for a playoff for its division championship and each division champion will qualify for the overall league championship match to determine the overall league champion.

## SECTION 2 - THE GAME

### 2-1 - ETIQUETTE

The following rules should serve as a friendly reminder to all players and team captains must alert team members to observe these rules of etiquette:

- 2-1-a** If you are a beginner, please give due regard to faster and more experienced players when you are holding up play.
- 2-1-b** Invite faster groups behind you to play through if they are pressing you.
- 2-1-c** When a ball is lost for a short period of time, the players behind have the right to play through. Once they have made their shots, you must stand aside.
- 2-1-d** Replace all divots and repair ball marks.
- 2-1-e** Smooth out sand traps after playing your shot. This includes foot prints as well as holes caused by playing the shot.
- 2-1-f** Never leave a trap by climbing the front bank.
- 2-1-g** If you are carrying your clubs or using a cart, do not leave them in front of the green. This delays play when you have finished the hole. Leave to the side of the green nearest to the next tee box.

### 2-2 - HANDICAPS

- 2-2-a** Starting handicaps will be based on past years scoring history with the previous years' scores carried forward. If a player skips up to two seasons, his scoring history from the past seasons will be used to establish his handicap unless there is just cause not to (at the commissioner's discretion). Starting handicaps for new league members will be based on approved club or league handicaps. New golfers without an established handicap will submit a probable score.
- 2-2-b** All of a player's most recent scores, up to a maximum of ten (10) rounds, will be used to calculate the player's handicap with the exceptions stated in 2-2-a.
- 2-2-c** Only the lowest handicap differentials are used in the handicap calculation and the number of handicap differentials to use is shown in Table I.
- 2-2-d** Handicaps will be recalculated after each match. A player's handicap can only increase 50% when it is recalculated.
- 2-2-e** Nine (9) hole division playoff scores are included in handicap calculations, but the eighteen (18) hole championship rounds are not recorded for handicap calculations.

**2-2-f** The nine (9) hole course ratings and slopes for the white tees at Shennecossett are as defined in Table II.

**2-2-g** League Handicaps are calculated as follows:

Calculate the Handicap Differential ( $D$ ) for each score and round answer to nearest tenth.

$$D = (\text{score} - \text{course rating}) \cdot \frac{113}{\text{course slope}}$$

Calculate the Handicap Differential Average ( $D_{AVG}$ ) using the prescribed number of best Handicap Differentials (Table I).

$$D_{AVG} = \sum_{i=1}^n \frac{D_i}{n}$$

Calculate the Handicap Index ( $I$ ) and truncate answer to tenths.

$$I = 0.96 \cdot D_{AVG}$$

Calculate League Handicap ( $H$ ) and round answer to nearest integer.

$$H = I \cdot \frac{(\text{Front 9 course slope})}{113}$$

**TABLE I - NUMBER OF HANDICAP DIFFERENTIALS**

NUMBER OF ROUNDS PLAYED	NUMBER OF LOWEST HANDICAP DIFFERENTIALS USED
1-2	1
3-4	2
5-6	3
7-8	4
9-10	5

**TABLE II - SHENNECOSSETT COURSE RATING AND SLOPE FOR WHITE TEES**

HOLES	COURSE RATING	COURSE SLOPE
FRONT 9	35.8	122
BACK 9	33.5	123

## **2-3 - MATCHES**

- 2-3-a** Matches will be played from the white tees at Shennecossett Golf Course.
- 2-3-b** Teams will field four (4) golfers for regular season matches and six (6) golfers for the division playoffs and play 9 hole matches. For the overall league championship, teams will field six (6) golfers and play 18 hole matches.
- 2-3-c** Each team must play on the day and time specified in the league schedule. It is the team captain's responsibility to ensure that his team plays on the date the match is scheduled. Players must be at the golf course and ready to play by 4:30p, time on clock in Pro Shop. Failure to do so will result in a forfeit. The forfeit time may be waived by mutual agreement. Allowances must be made for players who indicate in advance that they may be later than the 4:30 forfeit time. Team captains or their delegates are urged to contact their opponents at least two days in advance of their scheduled match.
- 2-3-d** All players are urged to cooperate with the starter at Shennecossett. If there is any cause for disagreement, do as the starter directs, then report your grievance in writing to the league commissioner.

## **2-4 - PAIRING OF PLAYERS**

- 2-4-a** Team captains shall make pairings by mutual agreement. If a disagreement develops, the accepted policy of low handicap player against low handicap player and high handicap player against high handicap player shall prevail.
- 2-4-b** If two or more players on one team have the same handicap, it is the option of that captain to decide their position of play in a given match.
- 2-4-c** To expedite play, players who are at the course early can decide to pair up differently than what was arranged by the captains, if both players agree.

## **2-5 - SCORING**

- 2-5-a** Each match will be scored as follows: One point for nine hole match play and one point for nine hole medal play for each individual team member. Two points for nine hole team medal play (all four team members). This totals two points per individual and two points for team medal for a total of ten points for regular season team matches and 14 points for play-off matches.
- 2-5-b** Regular season standings will be determined by the best won/lost record. Ties will be broken by utilizing the highest point total, if a tie still exists, the tie will be broken based on the teams' won/lost season record against each other. If a tie still exists, the tie will be broken based on the most points accumulated in the matches played against each other.
- 2-5-c** Each division champion will be decided by a playoff between the top four teams, each team fielding six (6) golfers as scheduled by the commissioner. If a playoff match is tied, the tie will be broken by matching cards, net total team score on lowest handicap hole (6), this method will continue from lowest handicap hole to highest until a winner is decided. The winner of each division will constitute the champion of that division and will qualify for the overall league championship by playing all other division champions in a round robin by fielding six (6) golfers and based on eighteen (18) holes. Won/lost record will determine the winner. Total points will be the first tie-breaker, if a tie still exists it will be broken by matching cards, net total team score on lowest handicap hole (6), this method will continue from lowest handicap hole to highest until a winner is decided.
- 2-5-d** The number of strokes a player shall receive in match play is  $\frac{3}{4}$  the difference in handicaps. In all medal play (team and individual) a player shall receive the full difference. For the 18 hole league finals, each player's handicap is doubled and then the  $\frac{3}{4}$  is taken for match play. No player shall receive more than eleven (11) strokes match and fourteen (14) strokes medal in nine holes or twenty two (22) strokes match and twenty eight (28) strokes medal in 18 holes. Note: these limits do not apply towards total team medal.

## **2-6 - SCORE CARDS**

- 2-6-a** Score cards must be deposited on the night of the match in the box provided at the golf course. Pictures of the cards may also be taken and sent to the statistician.

- 2-6-b** Each player may keep a separate score card with his and his opponent's score or a player may keep a score card with all four scores (his score, his teammate's score, his opponent's score and his teammate's opponent's score). If all four (4) scores are kept on one card, the scorer **must** indicate on the card who played who, **otherwise it will be assumed that the first player listed on the card played the first player listed from the opposing team, etc. and once the results are processed by the statistician, the results are final. Indicate on the score card each player's first initial and last name.** Deposit one score card in the box provided at the golf course and retain the other score card in the event the card deposited should be lost.
- 2-6-c** Cards shall be completely filled out by one player and attested by a player from the opposing team. Include on the card the players' names (first initial and **last name**), date, and teams' numbers. Player and opponent who sign and attest a score card containing scores of four players are doing so for all four scores.
- 2-6-d** Scores for individual holes should be agreed upon and recorded prior to teeing off on the next hole. Disagreements should be resolved prior to teeing off on the next hole. If a player's score for a particular hole cannot be agreed upon, leave the score for that hole blank and do **not** sign the card. Bring the situation to the Rules/Grievance Committee who will resolve the disagreement.

## **2-7 - RULES**

All rules pertaining to the USGA will apply except when they differ from local (see SECTION 4 - THE LOCAL RULES) or EBAC rules. EBAC rules are as follows:

- 2-7-a** Preferred lies are permitted in your fairway only. A preferred lie shall not improve a player's position on the course. See local Shennecossett Men's Club Rules for specifics. Embedded ball rule is in effect (if a ball is embedded, it may be moved by hand, no penalty).
- 2-7-b** Preferred lies are permitted in sand traps. The ball can be picked up, the sand smoothed with foot or rake, and the ball replaced in the exact same spot.
- 2-7-c** Team captains must alert each member of his team to observe the rules of etiquette at all times.
1. Speed up play as much as possible.
  2. Report slow players to the commissioner.



## **2-8 - POSTPONEMENT OR SUSPENSION OF PLAY**

All matches shall be played on the date scheduled. The only justifiable reason to postpone a match is inclement weather.

- 2-8-a** In the event of inclement weather, the two team captains will arrive at an agreement whether to play or not. If no agreement can be reached, the two teams will appear at the golf course at which time a decision should be reached by the team captains or the team representatives. If an agreement cannot be reached at the golf course, it shall be decided by a coin flip.
- 2-8-b** If a match is postponed because of inclement weather, it must be made up within the next three weeks. If a match is postponed during the last week of the schedule, it must be made up no later than the following week. If the two captains cannot agree on a date for the makeup, the statistician will schedule a makeup date. If only one team shows at the golf course on that date, that team will be declared the winner by forfeit.
- 2-8-c** If a team can't field a full team on the date scheduled a forfeit can be declared or the two captains can agree to play a partial match. If a partial match is to be played, the following shall occur: the captains shall agree to a date to make up the match within the following three weeks and inform the commissioner and statistician about the partial match and scheduled make up. If the match is not completed within three weeks, the commissioner can declare a forfeit on the team that originally couldn't play as scheduled. The onus is on that team to make up the match.
- 2-8-d** Any league match that must be suspended after it was started because of inclement weather (i.e. rain, snow, fog, lightning, thunder storms, or darkness) or because of injury, sickness or emergency to one of the players, shall be continued from the last completed hole and shall be finished within the next three weeks. If the suspended match is the last scheduled match of the season, it must be finished within the following week.
- 2-8-e** Every effort should be made to complete the match the day that it is scheduled. Rescheduling the continuation of a match is EXTREMELY difficult. If inclement weather arises, players should not just hop in their cars and go home, they should go to the club house and assess whether the weather conditions will improve enough to complete their rounds.
- 2-8-f** Continuation of the match:
1. Scores for the holes completed at the time of suspension of play stand as recorded and will count when the match is continued.
  2. Players continuing the match will play to the handicap in effect at the time the match was suspended.

3. If a player is not available to continue the match within the prescribed time limit (three weeks or one week) the team captain may substitute for the absent player. The substitute player will play the remaining holes to the lower handicap of the substitute or absent player. Since neither player played 9 holes the final score will not be used in calculating the handicap for either player.

## **2-9 - FORFEITS**

- 2-9-a** All matches shall be played on the date scheduled.
- 2-9-b** The only excuse for not playing a scheduled match will be inclement weather that is covered in section 2-8 - POSTPONEMENT OR SUSPENSION OF PLAY.
- 2-9-c** If a player does not appear for a scheduled match, that player's team loses his individual two (2) points and the two points for total team medal. The remaining part of the match should still be played.
- 2-9-d** If a player's opponent forfeits (does not appear for the scheduled match), the player may play if he chooses. However, to have his score count for handicap and prizes, he must declare his intent prior to teeing off, play with a player from the opposing team and have his score attested by a player from the opposing team. If a player has already paid, then decides not to play because of a forfeit, he needs to get a rain check from the Pro Shop.
- 2-9-e** Matches won by forfeit will not be credited toward calculating Most Valuable Player award.
- 2-9-f** All forfeit money will be deducted from the twenty dollar team forfeit fee as applicable to the following regulation:
  1. Penalty of five (5) dollars from forfeit fee for any individual player who fails to play a scheduled match
  2. If an opponent does not appear on the golf course by 4:30 p.m., by the Pro Shop clock, a forfeit can be declared by the waiting player and paragraph "11 d" above applies. If a player and his opponent make a prior mutual agreement to play after 4:30 p.m., the 4:30 p.m. deadline may be waived.
  3. A maximum of four forfeits will be allowed any team. The fifth forfeit will result in the following penalties:
    - (a) The team will be dropped from the league.
    - (b) League results/standings will be adjusted accordingly at the discretion of the commissioner and statistician.
    - (c) The entire team will lose the forfeit fee and banquet privileges.

Note: A team forfeit (entire team does not show) constitutes four forfeits.

## **2-10 - GRIEVANCES**

- 2-10-a** A three man grievance committee is appointed by the golf commissioner in order to resolve any type of grievance. Any grievance must be submitted in writing to the golf commissioner within one week of the incident and he will consult the grievance committee for a decision. This decision will be final and binding. As determined by the grievance committee, any rule or regulation can be waived for “good and sufficient reason”.

## SECTION 3 - THE PRIZES

### 3-1 - INDIVIDUAL PRIZES

- 3-1-a** Individual prizes are awarded at the EBAC golf banquet at the conclusion of the EBAC Golf League season. Prizes and eligibility requirements for individuals are as stated in Table III. Scores of regular season and nine hole playoff rounds **will be** used to determine prize winners. Back nine scores shall not count for low average, low gross or low net.

**TABLE III - INDIVIDUAL PRIZES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

PRIZE	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
LOW AVERAGE	Must play in <b>five</b> league matches or more and have lowest average. Average will be determined as follows: The average of all front nine scores up to and including 7 matches. One score (highest) will be dropped for players who post between 8 and 10 front nine scores. Two scores will be dropped for players who post 11 or more front nine scores.
LOW GROSS	None. Number of prizes (ie. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> ...) will be at the commissioners discretion.
LOW NET	All players are eligible after they have played five league matches (previous years count). Scores for 6th match and later. Number of prizes (ie. 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> ...) will be at the commissioners discretion.
MOST IMPROVED CLASS A (0-4 HDCP)	Must play in <b>five</b> league matches or more and have played at least three league matches the previous year.
MOST IMPROVED CLASS B (5-9 HDCP)	
MOST IMPROVED CLASS C (10-15 HDCP)	
MOST IMPROVED CLASS D (16+ HDCP)	
MOST VALUABLE	Must play in <b>five</b> league matches or more and have best winning percentage.

### 3-2 - TEAM PRIZES

- 3-2-a** Team prizes are awarded at the EBAC golf banquet at the conclusion of the EBAC Golf League season. Prizes and eligibility requirements for teams and team members are as stated in Table IV.

**TABLE IV - TEAM PRIZES AND ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

PRIZE	ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS
DIVISION REGULAR SEASON WINNERS	Each team member must have played a minimum of two matches.
DIVISION PLAYOFF WINNERS	
LEAGUE CHAMPIONS	

## SECTION 4 - THE LOCAL RULES

### 4-1 - DISCLAIMER

The Official Rules of golf, as published by the USGA, shall govern all play. The following [Shennecossett] Local Rules (Section 4-2 - RULES), as allowed by the USGA, are established in the interest of fair play given the local conditions. Disputes shall be decided by the Men's Club Rules Committee Chairman, or, in his absence, the Men's Club President.

### 4-2 - RULES

- 4-2-a** The Course- Out of Bounds is defined by Fences and White stakes; & lines if present. The interior Protective fence behind the 3<sup>rd</sup> green and Protective Net left of #1 fairway are designated as obstructions. Water hazards and lateral water hazards, are defined by Yellow and Red stakes respectively. Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) defined as Hazards identified with Yellow or Red stakes with Green tips (Definitions & Rule 33-2).
- 4-2-b** Entrance into a designated Environmentally Sensitive Area (ESA) is prohibited. If a ball is in or there is reasonable evidence that it is lost in an environmentally sensitive area, which is defined as a hazard, the player must, under penalty of one stroke, proceed under Rule 26-1. For the ESA at #15 there is a designated drop zone to the left of the 15<sup>th</sup> green or proceed under Rule 26-1. (Appendix 1 Part B-2 & 8)
- 4-2-c** When deemed necessary due to weather & Course conditions and posted by the Committee, "preferred lies" are permitted using the following procedure. A ball lying through the green, may without penalty, may be lifted, cleaned and placed within one shoe length of where it originally lay but not nearer the hole. (Appendix 1 Part A-4b).
- 4-2-d** Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions. Rule 24-1 applies (Appendix 1 Part A-5b)
- 4-2-e** Railroad Track on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole is defined as an obstruction. If a ball lies within the area marked (Orange Lines or Stakes) relief may be taken. If the obstruction is not marked, it is defined as the area within one club length of the end of the railroad ties) Rule 24-2b applies. (Rule 33-2)
- 4-2-f** Unpaved roads and paths are defined as obstructions. This includes the paths/ roads on the following holes. Rule 24-2b applies (Appendix 1 Part A-5c)
- a) in front of the mound by the 1<sup>st</sup> green;
  - b) leading into the railroad crossing on the 2<sup>nd</sup> hole;
  - c) Utility Road that runs from in front & across the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Tee's, 6<sup>th</sup> green & across the 5<sup>th</sup> fairway;

- d) to the right and in front of the 3<sup>rd</sup> green;
- e) to the right near the 4<sup>th</sup> green;
- f) Left & behind the 5<sup>th</sup> green;
- g) In front & to the left of the 7<sup>th</sup> tee;
- h) To the right & behind the 7<sup>th</sup> green;
- i) to the right by the 10<sup>th</sup> green;
- j) Left of the 11<sup>th</sup> green;
- k) right side of the 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> greens;
- l) Front left of the 18<sup>th</sup> green;

- 4-2-g** If a ball lies Through the Green and an Immovable Obstruction (e.g. sprinkler) on or within 2 club lengths of the Putting Green and within 2 club lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows- the ball may be lifted and dropped at the nearest point that is not nearer the hole and avoids such intervention and not in a Hazard or on a Putting Green. (Appendix1 Part B-6)
- 4-2-h** The following areas are designated as ground under repair from which play is prohibited: Cultivated areas, Flower bed at 7<sup>th</sup> Tee and areas adjacent to young staked trees Rule 25-1B applies. (Rule 33-2)
- 4-2-i** Embedded Rocks on the right side of the fairway on #8 from the Ladies Tee Box to the top of the hill are designated as an Abnormal Ground Condition. Relief may be taken from an embedded rock in that area **but** does **not** allow relief for player's stance or intended line of play. If the player's swing is affected by a rock, drop the ball within 1 club length at the nearest point of relief from the rock but no closer to the hole. This local rule is intended to keep players and equipment from damage, **not** too give relief from a bad stance or tree in the line of play. Player must advise opponent when taking relief. Rule 25 applies. (Rule 33-2)
- 4-2-j** Turf dug up by non-burrowing animals is defined as ground under repair. Loose turf that affects the players lie or stance must be present to warrant relief under this local rule. Player must advise opponents/ partners. Rule 25-1B applies. (Rule 3-/8/32.5)
- 4-2-k** A ball which is embedded in its own pitch mark, through the green, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. (Appendix 1 Part A4-a & B4-a).
- 4-2-l** Through the Green a ball, which comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the Putting Green a ball that comes to rest on in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation. (Appendix 1 Part B4-d).

**4-2-m** The use of electronic devices that measure distance only, are permitted. Rule 14-3 applies. Ref decision 14-3/ 0.5.