



Portland Golf Course Women's 9 Hole League 2020 League Rules

Call the Pro Shop (860-342-6107) by 12 noon **Sunday** if you need to cancel a tee time. Members can make tee times in pro shop two weeks in advance.

Call the Pro Shop if play is in doubt due to weather.

Arrive at the course 30 minutes before your scheduled tee time. Be at or around the tee at least 10 minutes ahead of tee time.

A tournament consists of a minimum of 8 players.

During regular weekly play, the maximum score for a hole is two times par. (par 3 is 6, par 4 is 8; and par 5 is 10) This rule does not apply to the President's Cup and League Championship. During these tournaments, a player must record all strokes for each hole.

Score cards must be attested to qualify for prizes. Gross scores for each of the nine holes played should be filled in on the card. If a hole on the card has a blank, you will be disqualified for that day's tournament.

All completed score cards must be turned in to the Pro Shop.

Cash prizes will be awarded for birdies. Each member has the responsibility to inform the golf pro of any earned birdies during a round. In addition, players should circle the hole with the birdie on the scorecard.

The USGA World Handicapping system requires 54 holes to establish a handicap. These can be 9 or 18 hole scores. For a new player without a handicap to be able to participate in net tournaments, she will need three 9-hole scores. The scores will be averaged together to be used as a temporary handicap. The temporary handicap will be used until the player has enough scores entered to have a WHS handicap. Scores from past rounds as well as league rounds can be used to establish a handicap. New players who wish to establish a handicap as quickly as possible should submit scores to the proshop. Handicaps are necessary to be eligible to compete in championship and net tournaments.

Winter Rules are in effect through the month of April. You can lift, clean and place your ball within a club length of its position, no closer to the hole. The PGC pro can decide to implement "Preferred Lies" at any time, based on playing conditions.

No one person is allowed more than one prize in any weekly tournament. The Tournament winners of President's Cup and League Championship are allowed to win one additional prize, e.g. low net, low gross. Other golfers in the President's Cup and League Championship are allowed to win only one prize.

There is no protocol set for the flagstick being in or out. What may work best is to keep it in on longer putts where the hole is not visible and out for shorter putts when players can see the hole. The flagstick actually may cause some putts to miss so the more it is out, the better for the player.

If a player's tee ball lands on the green of another hole, the player is allowed to drop her ball no closer to the hole anywhere in the collar. Drop laterally from where the ball comes to rest.

If a ball is on the root of a tree and the player can take a full swing, she is able to take a drop within one club length no closer to the hole without penalty. This is a PGC local rule. However, if the ball is near a tree and the player cannot make a swing and chooses to take an unplayable, she is able to drop within two club lengths at the nearest point of relief with a one stroke penalty.

Peoria scoring system will allow those players without a course handicap to participate in net tournaments.

Refer to usga.org for a complete list of 2020 USGA rules of golf.

Tournament committee decisions will be final.

RULES WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED. PROBLEMS SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OR VICE PRESIDENT.