

2026
DIVOT DOLLS 9 HOLLERS LEAGUE RULES

ABSENCES – (voted 5/24) Notify the secretary you will be absent, then: 1st, try to arrange a make-up with your opponent before Tuesday of the next week; 2nd, ask another league member to golf with you and attest to your score; 3rd, golf with anyone else and have them sign the card to attest to your score; 4th, use your score from the last time you played that side – you will forfeit totals. The absent player DOES NOT qualify for the extra 4 points, or low net, if it works out that way.

If a player is a no-show her game will be forfeited that week. The no-show person will not receive any points but her opponent will receive the points she earned.

BUNKERS - If you feel you cannot hit your lie, you may take a drop back farther (staying inside the bunker) or two club lengths laterally and take a 1 stroke penalty, **or** you can try to hit your ball out the end or the back of the bunker. **You may NOT throw the ball out of the bunker!** The penalty for that is a disqualification of your round. If you feel you cannot hit it out, you may place it outside the bunker, no closer to the hole and take a 2 stroke penalty.

DROP SPOTS – Hole #2 drop spot is in the middle rough in front the pond (voted 5/2023). Hole #8 drop is at the side point of the pond. These are NOT the designated drop spots marked by the golf course.

GIMMIES – Only the player's opponent can give a "Gimmie" but it cannot be longer than the leather on the putter (voted 5/2023). You MUST count the gimmie as a stroke. If you are golfing unopposed, you MUST putt out! (voted 9/25)

LIGHTNING - LEAVE THE COURSE IMMEDIATELY - TAKE THE CLOSEST SHELTER.

LOST BALL - If you cannot find your ball, you have a maximum of 3 minutes to search. If you cannot find it, take a one-stroke penalty and drop a ball in the spot where you think it went. Verify the spot with your opponent.

HITTING THE FLAG STICK - New PGA Rule in 2019: You can either leave the flag in or out of the cup and no penalty. There is still a 2-stroke penalty if you hit the flag stick while it's lying on the green.

HITTING THE WRONG BALL - Make sure you are at the right ball before hitting it. There is a 2-stroke penalty for hitting someone else's ball. If another person's ball is hit in the fairway, replace ball from where it was hit.

MAKE UPS - If a game is made up, players ARE NOT eligible for any prizes (voted 5/24). Players ARE eligible for the 50/50 drawing and low net. A mulligan can also be used on a make-up.

MOVING THE BALL - You may nudge your ball 6 inches or less with your club, in the fairway, in the rough, "ground under repair", tree roots, casual water, or man made hazard. Verify moving your ball with your opponent.

MULLIGANS – Every player is allowed one mulligan per nine holes. If you take a mulligan and that shot is worse than the first one, you can use your first shot instead (voted 9/2023). This still counts as your mulligan for the nine holes.

OUT OF BOUNDS - If you hit a ball out of bounds (white stakes), you **must** take a one-stroke penalty but you may place the ball anywhere in the line of flight (voted 9/2021) and hit again. If you are unsure whether you went out of bounds, hit a provisional ball.

PICKING UP BALL - Player MUST pick up the ball after the 11th stroke (whether on the fairway or green) and will automatically lose the hole. (voted in 5/2021) If opponent does the same, then points will be split for that hole. Note on card that ball was picked up.

PUTTING - Try to use continuous putting; it speeds up play.

RAINY DAYS - The Pro Shop will be notified of cancellation 30 minutes before the first tee time. It is **your responsibility** to call there and check, or check the website. If play has begun and is suspended and not resumed, points will be given for any holes completed by all players. If play is suspended - **PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE.** In case the weather clears, play will resume at the TEE of the last hole not completed.

TEeing BALL IN FAIRWAY – You may tee the ball up on hole #2 only ONCE before hitting over the water (voted in 9/2020)

TREES - If your ball is close behind a tree and cannot be hit, you may move it one club length, no closer to the hole and take a one stroke penalty. If on tree roots, move it 6 inches using your club, with no penalty.

WATER HAZARD - If you land in a water hazard (2 & 8), you **must** take a one-stroke penalty, go to the other side and drop a ball in the designated drop area. The designated drop area will be marked for the first couple of weeks and after that you will know where it is.