

Beal City Senior League Rules

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Tee times are from 4:00 to 5:12

Members 65 and older may use gold tees provided they start using them at the beginning of the year. 75 and older may use the red tees.

If you are new to this league or a sub playing with the same partner multiple times, you will need to establish a handicap. You will do this for three consecutive 9-hole rounds. Your handicap will be figured after each round until you reach your third round. Then you will have a handicap. If you have been in the league and are moving from the white to the gold/red tees, you will need to establish a new handicap as stated above.

Handicaps are calculated using all scores for the season.

If a ball lands in the pond on hole 14, it will be played as a lateral hazard. Another ball may be dropped in the line of flight, no closer to the hole and a one stroke penalty is assessed.

If a ball is hit into the tall grass between the holes 7,8, and 9, it is considered "in a hazard area" and can be played as it lies or moved back in the line of flight to the short grass, two club lengths from the long grass, no closer to the hole. Add one stroke.

A ball hit out of bounds off the tee – hit again off tee and add two strokes

Ball hit out of bounds off fairway, hit again and add two strokes

If you are not sure if ball is out of bounds, play a provisional ball, if you find it not out, play original ball with no penalty.

If a ball lands in "casual water", ball may be moved out of water no nearer to the hole.

Standard scramble rules – the ball may be moved one club length, no closer to the hole and you cannot change the cut you are on. For instance, you cannot move it from the rough to the fairway or out of a hazard.

If a ball lands in the sand trap or a lateral hazard, the first person must play the ball as it lies. The second person may drop it for their shot.

If a golfer misses the ball after addressing the ball – it is considered a whiff and counted as one stroke.

If a ball lands in a hazard, drop ball in line of flight no nearer to the hole – count as one stroke.

When putting, if you hit another player's ball, it is a two-stroke penalty.

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If one member of your team is absent. The player will use the team handicap and will play one ball only.

If both members of a team are absent, a makeup date may be set, and the game may be made up before or after the regular scheduled night. If it is to be made up after the regularly scheduled date, it must be made up on or before the following Tuesday. Also, there must be representation from both teams (at least one player from each team) when a match is played.

A lost ball that you know is definitely inbounds, take a drop and count one stroke.

In the event that no player from the opposing team shows up to play, it is considered a forfeit. You will still play that night. The points will be determined as follows: You will start with 15 points, for every point below your handicap you play, you will get an extra point. For every point above your handicap, you will subtract a point.

Strokes are assigned by the lowest handicapped holes first. They will not be assigned to par 3's until all the other holes have strokes assigned.

If you play your league match on any night other than the regular time, please put the cards in the club house and send a picture of the card to me via text.

If no handicap is available, record actual score and label card as such

Should need for rule interpretation occur, the foursome should try to settle it prior to the next tee off. Problem with settlement will be referred to the Rules Committee upon return to the Clubhouse

Any other questions regarding rules will be determined by PGA rules.

You have the option of pulling the flag when putting. It is recommended for speed of play that you and your partner agree on whether you want it in or out.

If the flag is left in the hole and the ball is leaning against the flag stick but not in the bottom of the cup, it is still considered a made put.

Fun night – No substitutes are allowed unless approved by the league secretary.