

# 2019 Rolling Meadows Ladies Golf Association (RMLGA) Rules and Regulations

First and foremost, the current rules of the USGA will be the guiding light for your golf play. Special course rules and conditions will be applied wherever applicable. The course owners determine the greens fee and cart prices.

Etiquette: From the Rules of Golf. Behavior on the Course is defined as “the overriding principle is that consideration should be shown to others on the course at all times. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship always, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf.”

## I General Rules

In order for a tournament round to be official, you must play **with at least one** other member of the RMLGA. You will be given a roster of all league members and their contact information. Please do not list guests on scorecards turned in for tournament play. Not all members of the group need to play the tournament, however, the tournament player’s card needs to be attested by another RMLGA member in the group.

All weekly tournaments must be played between course opening on Thursdays and course closing on Sundays.

On occasion, weekly tournaments may be cancelled when participation is low. Refunds for paid tournament fees will be returned to the member in the form of Golf Shop chits. If applicable, scores can be counted for Ringers. Round will count towards the Club Championship and Net Championship eligibility.

Depending on participation, the league may or may not subsidize that week’s prize fund.

## II Weekend Tee Times

Members may sign up for tee times two weeks in advance. Call the Golf Shop at (860) 870-5328 or sign-up on the Rolling Meadows web site.

You can sign up as an individual or as a group. Usually Mondays prior to that weekend’s play, the Golf Shop will email confirmation of your tee time. On Thursday, if there is a change to the tee times, you will be

notified by email. It is your responsibility to know if your tee time has changed. You can call the Golf Shop to confirm.

If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled tee time to play on Saturday, the Golf Shop should be notified by Friday morning. If you are unable to fulfill your scheduled tee time to play on Sunday, the Golf Shop should be notified by Saturday morning. RMLGA members who are habitual “no-shows” may incur penalty fees and/or tournament exclusion.

### **III Tournament Rules**

Members may play in weekly tournaments anytime during the Thursday-Sunday timeframe. Players may enter a weekly tournament more than once, but may not win more than one prize within one tournament. If a member enters twice, her best round between the two will be used in determining prize winners.

### **IV Tournament Fees**

Each time that you play in a tournament the cost is \$5. The \$5 tournament fee is used for weekly prizes presented in the form of Golf Shop credits (CHITS). These CHITS are honored through the end of November of each season in which they are won. You must check in and pay in the Golf Shop prior to playing your tournament round.

The \$5 fee is nonrefundable unless the course closes during play due to inclement weather. In this case, your fee will be refunded to as a CHIT. An attempt should be made to fulfill your commitment if the weather is inclement. If the course is still open, but a RMLGA officer deems that the conditions are not fit to play golf, tournament play will be canceled that day and your fee will be refunded to you in the form of a CHIT.

### **V Procedure for Recording Tournament Play**

Every member participating in the weekly tournament must sign in the RMLGA Tournament Sign-In notebook located in the Golf Shop **before** the start of the round. Note the date and your full name.

During the round, at least two players should record all scores for the group. Scorecards should be compared and attested. At least two players must sign and date the card.

**\*\*\*Include first initial and full last names of all players (no nicknames) \*\*\***

After the round, participants are responsible to record individual scores on the large scoring sheet in the scoring hut between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> holes. Include first initial, full last name, date, and score according to the tournament format that week.

Refer to the listing of handicaps posted next to the large scoring sheet. Always use the "Course Handicap" (C.H.) when calculating NET scores, not the Handicap Index (H.I.).

After posting on the large scoring sheet, hand in scorecards to the Golf Shop desk.

If the above steps are not followed, you may be disqualified with no refund of \$5 fee.

## **VI Club Championship**

To participate in the Club Championship, you must have played a minimum of five (5) RMLGA tournaments. A current GHIN handicap index must be established and active for the member's participation.

## **VII Scoring and Handicap Adjustments**

The RMLGA utilizes the United States Golf Association (USGA) Handicap System. To establish a handicap, players have to play and post at least five 18-hole rounds. The rounds can be a combination of 18 and/or 9-hole rounds. Scores can be entered from rounds played at any golf course with a USGA Course Rating and Slope Rating. Members will only be eligible to win prizes based upon Gross scores until a handicap is established.

To adjust your scores; use the chart below to determine your maximum score per hole (if applicable) when noting your final adjusted score on the official scorecard. Please circle your adjusted score.

The following chart will not apply until your handicap is established. These same adjustments will apply to your per-hole scores for play at any USGA rated golf course. See Pro Shop for assistance in posting scores from other courses.

<i>If your 18-Hole Course Handicap is:</i>	<i>Maximum Number on a Hole</i>
9 or less	Double bogey
10 – 19	7
20 – 29	8
30 – 39	9
40 – 42 (RMLGA maximum)	10

Do not adjust your scores on the large scoring sheet. Your actual scores (not adjusted scores) will be used for awarding weekly prizes.

Our league has a maximum stroke policy for pace of play. The maximum number of strokes you may take per hole is 10. If you reach 10 prior to putting the ball into the cup and you are slowing up play, you must pick up your ball and mark a 10 for the hole. **NOTE: The only exceptions are for the Club Championship and Pro's Trophy tournaments. In each of these tournaments, you must play your ball all the way into the hole regardless of the stroke count.**

### **VIII Local Rules** – Always check with Pro Shop for any changes

150-pole (refer to Rule 24: Obstructions) – The 150-yard pole is considered a movable obstruction, so if it is in your way, you can move the pole without penalty. Of course, replace it! If your ball hits the pole, play it as it lies. If the pole and/or its base impede your swing, you may take relief as an Immovable Obstruction. Player may move the pole, take full relief, without penalty, at nearest point, then one club length no nearer the hole. (Since this is a local rule, it may not apply at any other course).

Preferred lie in the fairway only (per RMLGA only) – If your ball is in the fairway of the hole that you are playing, you may roll your ball over within a club head of its location. This rule will apply throughout the entire year, including the Club Championship and Net Championship tournaments. (Since this is a Local Rule, it may not apply at any other course).