Rules of Play

PLAY:
USGA and OHSAA rules govern all play.

VIOLATIONS:
a. **Tobacco:** Participants (coach, players, managers, etc) are prohibited from using any form of tobacco on the golf course, in the clubhouse, or anywhere on Walden Pond facilities during any tournament. Penalty for any violation of this rule will be disqualification.
b. **Conduct:** A two-stroke penalty shall be assessed for unsportsmanlike conduct. Unsportsmanlike conduct shall include but not be limited to club throwing, willful acts which damage property or equipment, use of abusive, language, profanity, obscenities, and other unsportsmanlike conduct as determined by the Golf Rules Committee. Penalties imposed may result in disqualification.
c. **Cell Phones:** Are prohibited on the course during play by players, coaches (unless calling for a ruling), and spectators. Players – First violation – 2 stroke penalty. Second violation – disqualification. Spectators and coaches will be asked to leave the course.
d. **Coaching Rule:** The **head coach only** may speak to **his/her** players without delay of play at any time. Coaches are not permitted on any green or in any sand bunker.
e. **Range Finders:** Are permitted provided the range finder is not part of a communication device and meets the rules and/or standards set by the USGA.

OUT OF BOUNDS:
All Out of Bounds areas are defined by white stakes and roadways.

LOCAL RULES:
- Sand-bunkers: Rocks and pebbles may be removed from the bunker if they obstruct the swing path.
- Hole #1: If your ball comes to rest in the mown area of the driving range or driving range tee, it is out of bounds.
- Hole #18: Any ball coming to rest on the left side of the cart path, after crossing the bridge, is out of bounds.
- Any ball coming to rest in a parking lot, on or over neighborhood roads or sidewalks, or in the cart corral, or in the maintenance facility area, is out of bounds.
- All water hazards have the option of a drop area that is located closer to the hole.

OBSTRUCTIONS:
All flowerbeds, buildings, staked trees, cart paths (USGA Rule 24) relief is mandatory.

TEES:
All play will be from the blue tees.

YARDAGE MARKERS:
All yardages measured to front, middle, and back of green from sprinkler heads.
Red, white, blue, and gold circles on cart paths and fairways at 100, 150, and 200 to center of green.

QUESTIONABLE PLAY:
If there is any doubt as to the proper procedure of play, announce your intentions play second ball and which ball will score if the rules permit, putt both balls out, record both scores, and get a ruling before signing your scorecard. **You must report the facts to the committee before signing your scorecard!**

SCORECARDS:
Write scores of player whose name is on the label in the contestant boxes. **After nine** holes, report the score of the card you are keeping to the scorer's table inside the clubhouse. When you finish eighteen, go to the scorer's table to figure your scorecard, sign and attest scorecards. **You are responsible for the hole-by-hole score on your own scorecard.**