

Rules of Play

PLAY:

USGA, OHSAA, and SWDAB rules govern all play.

- Please note OHSAA Rule: A golfer may pick up their ball at any point during the round, but will be disqualified as soon as they choose to do so. However, he/she should continue to play with his/her group to finish the round. From the point of pick up, each hole thereafter should be marked on the scorecard as “N/A”.

VIOLATIONS:

- A. **Tobacco:** Participants (Coach, Player, Managers, etc.) are prohibited from using any form of tobacco on the golf course, in the clubhouse, or anywhere on Walden Ponds facilities during any tournament. Penalty for any violation of this rule will result in 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 bunkers.
- 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 as White Lines, White Stakes, and Road Ways. **In the instance there is a white line and a white stake, the white line determines Out of Bounds.**

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 to the left of the white stakes down the left side of the driving range tees, the ball is out of bounds
- Hole #18: Any ball coming to rest to the left of the white stakes after crossing the bridge, is out of bounds.
- Any ball coming to rest in a parking lot, on or over neighborhood roads or sidewalks, in the cart corral, or in the maintenance facility area, is out of bounds.
- All **Yellow Penalty Areas** 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, and blue on the 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 to play a second ball and which ball will score if the rules permit. Putt both balls out and record both scores. **The competitor MUST report the facts to the Committee and get a ruling before signing the scorecard!**

SCORECARDS:

Write score 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 in the back tent. When you finish eighteen, go to the scorer's table to review, total, sign, and attest scorecards. **Players are responsible for the hole-by-hole score on their own scorecard.**