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Rules of Play

Stroke Play Tournaments will play over 2 weeks. Playing 3 times required to win, plus your **free "Net 67"**, giving you 4 scores for every stroke play tournament (just like on the PGA tour). **Counted rounds** will be: 1) your **last score**, 2) your **best score**, 3) best of your **other scores**. If you don't complete 3 rounds, **\$10.00** entry fee will be refunded.

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2019 Rules of Play for Stroke Play Tournaments

1. USGA and RNA Rules apply, except as noted below.
2. All rounds played are use to calculate your Handicap, so, even in match play when a hole is conceded, you **MUST** play out. Maximum hole score is Double par.
3. Putt everything. Your ball **MUST** be holed. A penalty of "double par" is scored if you pick up your ball before holing out". A "2-stroke" penalty, for playing the wrong ball, is assessed to anyone attempting to 'give a putt', or putting a ball not your own.
4. Allowed to nudge 'One' scorecard, no touching, no cleaning, not in penalty areas, except when carts are 'on path', then "lift clean/place", one club length, not in hazards.
5. A 1-stroke penalty is assessed for a lost ball. Ball out-of-bounds is considered lost. Ball that is found but unplayable after applying Rule 4, is considered lost. "Drop" with a 1-stroke penalty within one club length of ball's last known location. Loss of "stroke and distance" is assessed only by player's own preference.
6. Free Drop is available from all normal circumstances such as 'cart path relief', relief from 'red-ant piles', from swarming bees, and from instances where striking your ball would result in club damage, or player injury (good example of this would be a ball on tree roots).
7. Applying Rule 5 and Rule 6 cannot result in improving your 'line of site' the the flag, and cannot result in your ball being closer to the flag. Consult players in your group to apply Rules 5 and 6 correctly, and to help locate where to "Drop". Apply rule 4 after your "Drop".
8. In matters where correctly apply "Rules of Play" cannot be settled during normal pace of play, a provisional ball can be put into play, making note of both the score of original ball and provisional ball. A final ruling can be sought after completion of the round.
9. All rules are subject to changes with notice before the first tournament ball is put into play. For example, we could decide to "Play the Ball Down".

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Your ideas and suggestions are welcome.

Stroke play Handicapped Tournament Definitions:

George -- is Commissioner of the GGA

Leon -- is Tournament Director, and anyone Leon appoints is Tournament Director. Regarding rules and rulings, three (3) players may Petition the Commissioner.

Dave -- is Tournament Psychologist, and anyone Dave appoints is Tournament Psychologist. Tournament Psychologist is responsible for soothing brushed feeling before lasting bruising

Event -- is a Stroke play Handicapped Tournament.

Entry Fee -- Event entry fee is \$10.00 in advance of play.

Schedule -- Events start play on Saturdays and end on Fridays, over a two week period. Weather delays could push play into a third week. If a Tournament is not complete after three weeks, it is Canceled, and entry fees refunded.

Entrant -- Is a player who paid the entry fee to the treasure.

Eligible Round -- Is any Round of Golf with 2 or more Entrants, all completing 18 holes of stroke play golf at any Golf Course with USGA ratings/slop -- PLUS, a free "Net 67". A player's eligible rounds played at courses other than Lakewood will NOT count if they negatively impact "Total Net Score". In other words, playing poorly at English Turn will not hurt your tournament standings, but could help. This is the "Hold Harmless" provision.

Net Score -- Gross score minus GGA HandiCap.

Total Net Score -- equals the sum of a player's **last round, best round**, and the best of the **other rounds**. Final Tournament Total Net Score is the sum of four rounds of golf and may include the player's free "Net 67".

GGA Handicap -- USGA Handicap Calculator will be used to calculate GGA Handicaps. New Handicaps are published (about) every other week before the beginning of a new Tournament.

Cancelation -- An Event is canceled when fewer than 6 players complete the minimum Eligible Rounds. Entry fees from canceled Events are refunded.

Misses the Cut -- At the conclusion of a Tournament, any player with fewer than 4 Eligible Rounds misses the cut. Missed Cuts will result in Entry Fee being refunded.

Makes the Cut -- Any Entrant with 4 or more Eligible Rounds makes the cut.

Cash Prizes -- Cash Prizes are paid to Entrants with lowest net scores.
Ties are settled with Score Card Playoff
using their score card from final round played.
See this ... http://georgenorth.net/~george/USGA_Rule_9-5.pdf
coin flip only if needed.

Purse -- is the total of Entry Fees paid by all Entrants that "Make the Cut". Cash prizes are paid for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place, on a 50-30-20 split.

Daving -- is not allowed. Tournament Director may declare any round or any player ineligible because of **Daving**

Definition -- Dave, **verb**. Used in a Sentence : "Bruce Daved his way to victory." Translation: Bruce didn't play only because he believed he was leading, and would be Tournament Champion by staying home.

Consequence -- Leon (Tournament Director) declared Bruce to be ineligible.

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