

## MURRIETA VALLEY LADS TOURNAMENT RULES

The primary purpose of our tournaments is the enjoyment of our members. The tournament chairman shall determine the course schedule and tournament formats with the assistance of other Club officers. All members are encouraged to provide suggestions about any of these rules.

All tournament participants should determine the tee box they want to play from for each of our tournaments. The tee box must be allowed by the GHIN system. The allowed tee boxes will be shown on the website for all of the tournaments on our schedule. Players should make a tee box selection for all active courses. The website does not allow members to sign up for a tournament unless a tee selection has first been made. Signups, or tee selections for any tournament can be made or changed at any time up until one day before a scheduled tournament. I.E., for a Thursday tournament, changes are allowed up until midnight on Tuesday. After that you need to contact our Tournament Chairman to make your request.

Signups through our website for an upcoming Thursday tournament must be made before midnight on the Tuesday proceeding the tournament. The results of the tournaments will be published on our website. The normal rules of golf will apply to all tournaments. Listed below are the Club's exceptions to those rules.

All tournament players must maintain 2 sets of scorecards for their group. At the conclusion of play the scorer and the backup scorer must ensure that the two cards are in agreement prior to submission of a card to the tournament chairman. The players not keeping score on one of the two scorecards should review the cards to make sure that their score is correct as shown.

Players may sign up to play in either an eighteen-hole, or a nine-hole tournament regardless of the number of players; even a one-man tournament is allowed. A player who has signed up for eighteen holes can declare himself to be in a nine-hole tournament after playing nine holes. Once a player tees off on the tenth hole without having declared to be a nine-hole player, and decides to stop before completing eighteen holes, he will be treated as having withdrawn from the tournament. However, if the a nine-hole player continues to ride around the back nine he may occasionally play a few more holes without being withdrawn.

Players may optionally pay a \$10 entry fee for each tournament. Seven dollars of the entry fee will go to pay the 50% of players with the lowest net scores. One dollar of the entry fee will go to pay the winner, or winners, of the skins hole. Two dollars of the entry fee will go into an “Accum Fund” which will be paid after the end of each year to the players who have accumulated the most points during the year.

The maximum gross score to be recorded for any hole is 5 over par

As the fairways of some courses are in less-than-ideal condition, a ball in a patch of dirt or a divot, in a fairway, may be moved to the nearest patch of grass that is no closer to the hole. This does not apply to balls in the rough. “Bumping” the ball is allowed all year for balls in a fairway.

A player whose ball lands in an unmarked drainage ditch may move their ball to the nearest point of relief without penalty. Balls in drainage ditches marked as a hazard will be subject to the rules regarding a ball in a hazard. Players whose ball lies against a fence surrounding a hazard should treat it as a man-made obstruction and take appropriate relief. When a storm causes the water in a hazard to exceed its normal boundaries, any water above those boundaries is to be treated as casual water and subject to relief without penalty.

All putts must be holed out. There are no “gimmie” putts. In order to speed play for groups that are behind, players should continue putting until they “hole out”. Any player who feels that another player’s putting will interfere with his putts may request that he putt first. This rule is meant to speed play and not to impede the putts of others. Players are encouraged to play ready golf.