

Best Ball Golf

Play

Each team will be paired with another team. It is the responsibility of each team to be honest in counting of their strokes. It is also the responsibility of the other team to make sure that the team they are paired with is honest in counting all of their strokes. Winthrop Golf Course has 9 holes. You must play each hole. Each set of teams will start on a different hole.

Scoring

Each team consists of two players. Each player must play his/her own ball the entire hole and then both players will record their individual score. At the end of the round you will determine whose score you will use for each hole for the best possible score. Each team must record at least 3 holes from each team member.

Players' Responsibilities

You are responsible for counting your strokes on each hole during a round, including penalty strokes. After each hole, the person designated to maintain the scorecard marks each player's score for that hole. In competition, you are responsible for checking the score for each hole and signing the scorecard at the end of each round. If a mistake is discovered later, the golfer whose score is incorrect is disqualified, not the person who marked the score.

Relief Situations and Procedures

A penalty stroke is assessed if your ball goes out of bounds or is lost. Depending on the circumstance, you will have to take another shot from your original position, or be allowed to "drop" a ball near where your ball was lost. Dropping is a method of putting a new ball in play by standing erect, taking the ball in your hand, and extending your arm to the side at shoulder level, then dropping the ball. Where the ball lands and comes to rest is where it must be played, unless it rolls into a hazard or touches you or your equipment. Then it can be re-dropped without penalty.

If your ball is lost in a water hazard, you are penalized one stroke. Your options include playing a ball from where the original ball was played or dropping a ball behind the water hazard along the line in which the ball entered the hazard.

You can declare your ball "unplayable" anywhere outside a water hazard. You take a one-stroke penalty and have the option of playing from your original position, dropping a ball within two club lengths of where the ball landed, but no nearer to the hole, or placing the ball anywhere along the imaginary line behind the point where the ball lay and the hole

Winter rules apply for all league play. This means balls may be rotated a total of 6" in the fairway but must be played down in the rough. All putts must be putted out (exception: putts within one club length to the hole do not need to be putted; add one stroke to your score). To speed play, shots hit OB will count as one additional stroke only and should be dropped one club length at the nearest point of entry OB. To also speed play, players should pick up after a maximum of 10 strokes on any hole and record a 10.

Each player is to play "ready golf". This means that they are to play their ball, regardless of position on the course to speed along play. If three players have reached the green and one person has blasted out of a trap over the green, players should putt "up" to maximize time use and to speed play along.

All rules are subject to change by the Program Director for Intramural and Club Sports.