

2018 MSL Parents and Coaches Rules

The enjoyment of the game of golf is largely based on the individual's expectations, goals set, and overall etiquette of all participants. In order to ensure that all players enjoy their time in this league, we have set forth a guideline of rules that all parents, coaches, and players MUST follow in order to participate:

Upon Arrival

1. The official "Tee Time" for players will be 4:30pm. Although some players may tee off later, all players must be ready to start by this time. If a player fails to appear on the tee box by the designated tee time, he/she may not be allowed to participate.
 - a. Any driving range and putting green practice must be complete prior to this scheduled start time.
 - b. Coaches must hand out scorecards and pencils and have players in designated starting order by this time.
2. All range balls and scorecards must be gathered from the school's coach/chaperone. **Students are not permitted to ask the Pro Shop employees for range balls.**
3. Spectator Golf Cars may be purchased in the golf shop. **All spectator carts MUST stay on cart paths at all times.**
4. We will only be able to accommodate the number of players that were signed up by the coach so if a team brings extra kids, we will try to include them but cannot guarantee that this will happen.

On Course Rules

1. All players must tee off from the designated tee markers (to be assigned before start of play at each golf course).
 - a. **Scores must be kept by players ONLY.** Scorecards should be exchanged on the first tee so that all players are keeping another player's score, along with his/her own at the bottom of the card.
 - b. A maximum of two (2) practice swings may be taken before each shot.
 - c. All out of bounds will be treated as lateral hazard
 - i. If a ball crosses an out of bounds line, a player may drop, in accordance with lateral hazard procedures, at the point the ball crossed as opposed to re-hitting from the last position. (This rule is necessary in order to finish play before dark)
2. Coaches MUST instruct students of the proper procedures to take this drop before the start of the first match.

3. Scores shall be kept by the total number of strokes taken on each hole, including penalty strokes.
 - a. The maximum score (strokes-per-hole) is a double par (par 3 = 6 strokes; par 4 = 8 strokes; par 5 = 10 strokes).
 - i. Once this number is reached, a player must pick his/her ball up and be ready to help other players complete the hole being played, or go ahead and prepare to hit on the next hole
 - b. At the conclusion of the 5-hole round, a player should sign his/her own scorecard, and the scorecard for the player he/she is keeping.
 - i. This is to verify that the scores have been checked by two players and they are correct at the conclusion of the round.

Putting Greens

1. Once all players have reached the green, one player must pull the flagstick from the hole and gently place it to the side, away from any player's path to the hole.
 - a. This flagstick should remain out until all players have holed out. Someone must then put it back in the hole before proceeding.
2. All ball marks made on the greens should be repaired, and no players should run on the greens at any time.
3. Once the round is complete, and all players have putted out, everyone must shake hands and exit the putting green immediately to tally scores.
 - a. This is to ensure the next group can continue playing immediately after.
4. **If the ball is within 3 feet of the hole, around one club length, it must be putted out, no marking the ball again.**

Parents Do's and Don'ts

1. Please keep golf carts on paths at all times!
 - a. Players must not ride in carts at any point unless mentioned before the start of the round, bad weather conditions, or in the case of a ride in to the clubhouse at the conclusion of the round.
 - b. At the conclusion of the round, please be willing to assist in shuttling players off of the golf course safely.
 - c. **ALL PLAYERS BEING SHUTTLED MUST BE SITTING ON THE SEAT OF A GOLF CART. NO STANDING OR HANGING OFF THE SIDES OR BACK AT ANY TIME. FAILURE TO FOLLOW THIS RULE WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION FOR THAT PLAYER AND THEY WILL NOT BE INVITED BACK TO THAT GOLF COURSE IN THE FUTURE.**
2. Parents are not permitted to assist in any part of the playing process at any point, they are there to observe and support only.
 - a. If assistance is needed, please ask a coach or league coordinator to relay any messages.
 - i. THIS WILL BE MANDATORY AND STRICTLY ENFORCED

3. Parents may keep scores on his/her own, but are not permitted to participate in scorekeeping between players.
 - a. If a discrepancy is noticed, please, again, relay to a coach or league coordinator.
 - i. THIS WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED
4. Please keep all criticism/comments to yourself until the conclusion of the round. Positive and motivational comments are permitted and can be given to the children as they walk from one hole to the next.
 - a. Any complications with players and fundamentals should be worked on in practice ONLY.

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