

Rum River Hills Men's Club Rules

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ALL PLAY IN EVENTS OF THE RUM RIVER HILLS MEN'S CLUB IS GOVERNED BY THE CURRENT U.S.G.A. RULES UNLESS STATED OTHERWISE. [Click here to visit the USGA Rules Homepage.](#)

Event Play

You can play the tees of your choosing, but you are required to play from the tees you select at the beginning of the year in all events, unless there is a special event (Black Tee, etc.). SUMMER RULES APPLY UNLESS NOTED OTHERWISE. This means there is no moving the ball anywhere on the course (to improve a lie), or there is a General Penalty. There are exceptions when you have special circumstances as listed in the Rules of Golf. **Note: The RRH Men's club board will clarify by email when lift, clean, and place is to be played.**

Scorecards

Use the Men's Club score cards; put **your first and last names on the card** (we don't know all the nicknames). Check to see that your score, and/or team score, is correct and **sign the card**. The deadline for turning in scorecards is 2 ½ hours after that last tee time. Due to the new handicapping rules, the board must enter the scores before midnight, so **YOU MUST TURN IN YOUR CARD ON TIME!** If you plan to play additional holes, you should make arrangements to have your card turned in or face disqualification. **Note: Incorrect* scorecards turned in will result in a two stroke penalty. If you have any questions on scoring an event, ask a board member before turning in your card.**

***Incorrect Scorecards can include one or more of the following: Lack of full names; partial scores; no signature(s).**

It is a good idea to take a picture of your scorecard in the event a person in your group does not turn it in or there is an issue.

Signing Up For Events and Payment

Signing up for all RRHMC events will be done via email. Each Tuesday event will have an email sent out with the relevant sign-up information. Read the email and follow the sign-up instructions. Each weekend Major tournament will have a separate sign-up email sent out. Read the email and follow the sign-up instructions. All transactions will be done via a cash account. Each member will have an account in which funds will be withdrawn for each event, (Tuesdays, Majors, Match Play, 2-Pot, Horseshoe, etc). Each member is required to keep a positive balance in their cash account, or they will not be permitted to participate. Refer to the schedule and website for specific dollar amounts for each event type.

The RRHMC Board will send out periodic updates to the cash account to all members via email. Members can add to their account by putting a check (minimum \$50) or cash (clearly identified, minimum \$40) in the tournament box (same place where the scorecards are turned in), or use electronic transfer (currently Venmo).

Professionals Playing in Men's Club

Professionals Jeff Tollette and Dick Tollette will be grandfathered in under the old rule under which they could play all events except the Club Championships. New Golf Professionals that want to play in the RRHMC must either currently work at RRH, have worked at RRH, or are a former member of the RRHMC. They may play in Tuesday events and drawn team major events (except the Calcutta), and will pay regular Men's Club membership fees. Like the above mentioned, they will not receive seed money in their payouts.

Hole Out Every Putt

You are expected to hole out every putt in RRHMC events. Exceptions to this rule are (1) when playing in a team event and you are out of the hole, you may pick up to save time, and (2) when putts are conceded in Match Play events.

Score Posting for Handicap Purposes

The RRHMC will post your scores for all Tuesday night 9-hole events and weekend Majors when applicable. It is the responsibility of the member to post his scores for all match play events (Net Singles, Net Doubles, Gross Singles, Gross Doubles). It is also the responsibility of the member to post all acceptable scores for any rounds played at Rum River Hills outside of RRHMC events, at other courses, or any other acceptable score not posted by the tournament host (rounds played alone are not acceptable for posting). It is expected of you that the scores are posted as soon as possible after the round on the day the round is completed and always before midnight. Scores can be posted via the GHIN App on your phone or the GHIN.com website. ***Repeated inability to post scores as described above may result in a penalty as outlined in the World Golf Handicap Manual Rule 7.***

Handicap Allowances

RRHMC has adopted the use of the USGA recommended Handicap Allowances. ***These allowances will change how many strokes you will receive based on what format we are playing.*** Please see the different allowances listed below:

1. Stroke Play, Stableford 95%
2. Four-Ball (2 Man Best Ball) 85%
3. Singles Match Play 100%
4. Doubles Match Play 90%
5. Foursomes (Standard Alt Shot) 50% of combined team HCP
6. Best 1 of 4 Stroke Play 75%
7. Best 2 of 4 Stroke Play 85%
8. Best 3 of 4 Stroke Play 100%
9. All 4 of 4 Stroke Play 100%
10. 2 Person Scramble 35% of the low HCP and 15% of the higher HCP
11. Chapman Format Foursomes (Alt Shot) 60% of the low HCP and 40% of the high HCP

Rounding of strokes is as follows: 0.0 to 0.4 round down, 0.5 to 0.9 round up.

Match Play

RRHMC holds 4 different season long Match Play events: Gross Singles, Gross Doubles, Net Singles, and Net Doubles. For the Net competitions, each competitor must tell the other competitors his handicap for the day the Match is played. This can be done via the GHIN App or on the GHIN.com website. RRHMC is now using handicap allowances: the allowances for Match Play are 100% for Singles, and 90% for Doubles. Example of how to determine strokes for a Doubles Match:

Player A: 7 Course HCP X 90% HCP Allowance = 6.3 = 6 Playing HCP
Player B: 10 Course HCP X 90% HCP Allowance = 9 Playing HCP
Player C: 15 Course HCP X 90% HCP Allowance = 13.5 = 14 Playing HCP
Player D: 20 Course HCP X 90% HCP Allowance = 18 Playing HCP

In the RRHMC, the low player will always play at zero strokes and the other players will play off the low HCP Allowance. In the above example Player A will play at zero strokes, Player B will receive 3 strokes, Player C will receive 8 strokes, and Player D will receive 12 strokes.

Settling Ties in Match Play: Per Rule 3.2 a, 4 – If your match is tied after the final hole and you need to establish a winner (in RRHMC events, you do), the match is extended one hole at a time until there is a winner. Whenever possible, the holes played settling the tie should be played in the same order as the match. Handicap strokes are given by hole the same way as in the round.

Traditions

Hole-In-One:

When someone makes a hole-in-one, every member will be charged \$1 in their cash account (even the person that made it). So if we have 215 members at the time of the ace, the member that made it will get \$215, and can spend it any way they want.

Some specific examples:

DO pay out: Tuesdays (including second shot in 1-Man Scramble, Par 3 Challenge); weekends (all majors, Club Championship & Senior CC, P3C, and 2-Man Scramble)

DO NOT pay out: any of the match play tournaments, 16-Man Team, 8-Man Team, MGA & MPGA events, Pro-Am

Yearlong 2 Pot:

An optional game will be a yearlong 2 pot. It's pretty simple, if you make a gross 2 on any hole, you will share a cash payout with anyone else who made a gross 2 during that event. Anyone making an ace will also share in the 2 pot payout.

The price may vary year to year and will be noted at sign up time.

A separate 2 pot may be offered for each weekend Major. Details will be in the sign up email.

Cheering from the Deck: Once your round has been completed, cheering on your fellow competitors from the deck is encouraged during major events. Please be mindful of those who may be teeing off on the first hole.

Club Championship Eligibility

You must play in at least 2 of the 9 majors and a total of at least 8 events. MPGA events (including 16-Man and Senior 8 Man events), MGA events, the Senior Championship and the RRH Pro Am count as an event, but NOT a major. No petitions considered.

Refunds and Player Injury Policy

Refund Requests:

Any Men's Club Member request for a full, or partial, refund of Men's Club dues is subject to review and approval by the board. The board will determine what, if any, refund may be granted using the following guidelines:

Any refund will be minus the MGA annual handicap fee.

Full refunds will only be granted prior to the first event being played.

Refunds requested after the season has started and the player has participated may be granted on a pro-rated basis.

No refunds will be granted once the season reaches the half way point.

All requests regarding patron card or full play membership refunds must be handled by the player and the golf course directly.

Player Injuries:

If a player is injured before or during the season, the player needs to inform the board as soon as possible. The board needs to be aware to see if any handicap adjustments need to be made. If the player is going to miss time, any refund requests will be reviewed per the Refund Policy written above. If a player is injured and does not disclose the injury to the board in a timely manner, participation in certain events may be restricted.