

Rules for Senior Club 2026 Club Championship

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We will be playing our three-week Club Championship on the first three Mondays in June of 2026 (June 1, 8, 15). This document will help to clarify the rules we are going to be playing by. Bill Marsden, Ron Labrum, and Leo Rabago will make up the Tournament Committee which will resolve any issues that may arise. Be sure to email questions to me before the tournament. \$5.00 sweeps will still be collected each week. You do not need to play all three weeks to be in our weekly games – all three weeks will be low net.

1. The Club Champion will be determined by the lowest **GROSS**, three-day total score from the **WHITE** tees.
2. Additionally, there will be LOW NET winners in different flights - flights determined by handicap. You are not required to play from the White tees if you choose not to play for champion of the club. You may also change tees from one week to another for any reason.
3. HANDICAP AND HANDICAP INDEX – The handicaps for each day of the tournament will be the **latest** handicap determined for each golfer on each day of the tournament. This is done because of the USGA recommendations for indexes, the volatility of these indexes, and the fact that the tournament takes 3 weeks to play.
4. All of Shoreline's Local Rules and Senior Club Local Rules are in effect for the Club Championship. You will find them here and on our website using the [Club Local Rules](#) link. Here are some specific reminders:

TRAPS – If you land in a sand trap you must play the ball as it lies. Moving the ball out of the trap can be done, but it results in a TWO stroke penalty. You have another option to declare an unplayable lie and drop within the trap (no nearer the hole) with a one stroke penalty.

ONE CLUB LENGTH: Because fairways and rough continue to suffer, in the fairways and rough players may lift, clean, and place the golf ball within one club length of where it rests, **but no nearer the hole (do not bump the ball forward)**. This rule does not apply to sand traps and hazards (inside the red or yellow stakes). There is no restriction on moving the ball from rough to fairway (or fringe), players may not use this rule to move a ball onto the putting green.

OUT OF BOUNDS OR LOST BALL – If you are not using a provisional and choose to drop a ball near where it went OB or was lost, or anywhere from that point to the edge of the fairway (two club lengths on the fairway) – **NO NEARER THE HOLE**, the penalty is **TWO STROKES**. The golfer DOES have the option to hit a provisional when you are on the tee. If you use the provisional, penalty is ONE STROKE and DISTANCE

SQUIRREL HOLES – There is no penalty for a ball going into a squirrel hole. At least one other member of the playing group must agree that the ball *most probably*, entered a hole. Drop a ball in the approximate area and continue play.

GIMME PUTTS: There are NO GIMME PUTTS. All balls must be putted into the cup. Penalty is **DISQUALIFICATION**.

5. As per all of our tournaments, any of the following information missing from the scorecard is grounds for disqualification:

Name (at least first initial and last name, at the top of the card)

Handicap (at the bottom of the card, in the appropriate spot)

Date (at the bottom of the card, in the appropriate spot)

Scorer's Signature (please make legible)

Attester's Signature (please make legible)

6. Tiebreakers

Tiebreaking procedures for flight awards will be to use the Senior Club's standard tie breaking procedures on scores for the last day of the championship.

Tiebreaking procedures for Club Champion will be a sudden death playoff on the last day of the tournament beginning on hole #1. On the last day, those contending for the title will play in the same group, or if more than 4, in adjacent groups.