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# Golf Rules

## USGA Handicap System

### Rule 9-4 Handicap Allowances

#### A. Match Play

(iii) Four-Ball Match Play (Partner's Best Ball)

In four-ball match play, two play their better ball against the better ball of two other players (see "Rules of Golf, "Rule 30 and Definition of Four-Ball). After handicap allowances are determined, Section 9-3c must be applied in competitions from different tees, or in competitions between men and women from the same tees.

Allowance: The Course Handicap of all four players is reduced by the Course Handicap of the player with the lowest handicap, who then plays from scratch. Each of the three other players is allowed 100 percent of the difference (See Decisions 9-4a/2).

Example: Players A, B, C and D have a Course Handicap of 5, 10, 15 and 20 respectively. Player A plays at scratch, B receives 5 strokes, C receives 10 strokes and D receives 15 strokes.

In mixed four-ball match play, strokes are taken as assigned on the players' respective stroke allocation table. The Committee in charge of the competition designates the tees to be played (See Section 9-3a).

To explain the reason the USGA has this rule is to create the fairest competition possible. This will allow those that have strokes remaining after the allowances are calculated and strokes put on the scorecard, to receive their strokes on the harder holes rather than the difference in the handicaps on the easier holes.

Stroke play Best Ball is totally different.

## Match Play

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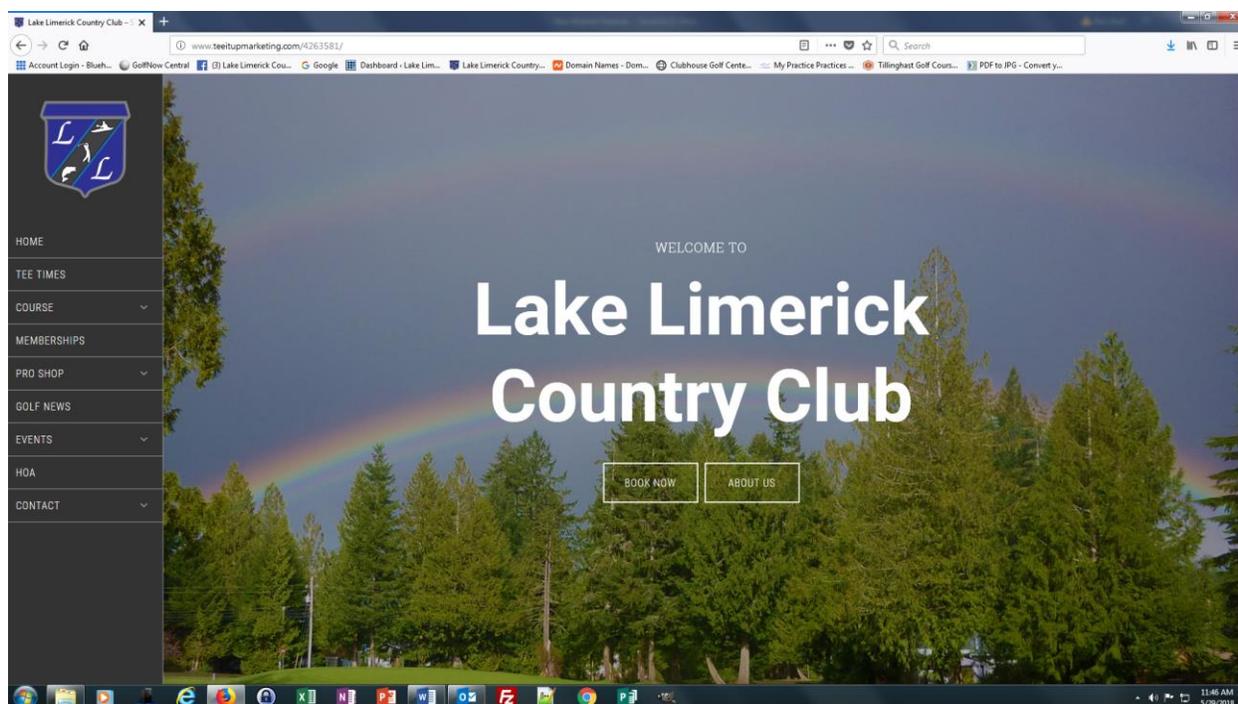
## Cart Rule

Please review the below image.



## New Website Features

As many of you know we are always working to make our website more functional for the golf members and public, and as tournament season approaches we've made some great improvements. We have a new website that should be available by the time you get this newsletter ([www.lakelimerickgolf.com](http://www.lakelimerickgolf.com)). It has a link to our HOA website and from there back to the new golf website. The new website will be "user friendly" for those that want just good golf information.



Please check the site out and let me know what you think. We are always happy to make surfing our website fun, informative and easy to navigate.

# Golf Humor

*(everyone's favorite segment)*

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- After a particularly poor round, a golfer spotted a lake as he walked disappointingly up the 18<sup>th</sup>.

He looked at his caddie and said, "I've played so badly all day, I think I'm going to drown myself in that lake."

The caddie, quick as a flash, replied, "I'm not sure you could keep your head down that long."

- Fairway: [faer-wai]: An unfamiliar tract of closely mown grass running directly from tee to the green. Your ball can usually be found immediately to the left or right of it."
- Real golfers don't miss putts, they get robbed.
- Golfer: That can't be my ball, it looks too old.  
Caddie: It's been a long time since we started.
- A good golf partner is one who's always a little bit worse than you are.
- If your opponent has trouble remembering whether he shot a six or a seven, it means he probably shot an eight.

## Upcoming Events

- June 22<sup>nd</sup> is our second Couples Night Tournament of the season.
- June 23<sup>rd</sup> is Big Dan's annual private Tournament
- June 24<sup>th</sup> brings us the Alberts Annual Tournament
- June 25<sup>th</sup> Men's and Women's Scramble
- July 7<sup>th</sup> Limerick Days!

# USGA Golf Rules

## Rule 6-6 Scoring in Stroke Play

### a. Recording Scores

After each hole the marker should check the score with the competitor and record it. On completion of the round the marker must sign the score card and hand it to the competitor. If more than one marker records the scores each must sign for the part for which he is responsible.

### b. Signing and Returning Score Card

After completion of the round, the competitor should check his score for each hole and settle any doubtful points with the Committee. He must ensure that the marker or markers have signed the score card, sign the score card himself and return it to the Committee as soon as possible.

## Rule 33-5 Score Card

In stroke play, the committee must provide each competitor with a score card containing the date and the competitors' names.

In stroke play, the Committee is responsible for the addition of scores and application of the handicap recorded on the score card.

In four-ball stroke play, the Committee is responsible for recording the better-ball score for each hole and in the process applying the handicaps recorded on the score card, and adding the better-ball scores.

In bogey, par and Stableford competitions, the Committee is responsible for applying the handicap recorded on the score card and determining the result of each hole and the overall result or points total.

**Note:** The Committee may request that each competitor records the date and his/her name on his score card.

**What this means is that the player can't be penalized for adding up their scores or applying handicaps on the score card incorrectly.**

It is of great help if the competitors double check not only their scores but the addition of the scores also. When the committees are running a tournament and going over so many score cards, it is just as easy for them to make a mistake as it is for the competitor. Either way the error should be corrected even after the competition has been completed. See Decision of the Rules of Golf below!

**33-5/2****Wrong Handicap Applied by Committee Results in Player Not Receiving Prize**

Q. In a stroke-play competition. A returns a card showing the handicap to which he is entitled and the Committee applies the wrong handicap or miscalculated the correct net score. This results in another competitor receiving a prize to which A was entitled. The error is discovered after the competition has closed. What is the ruling?

A. The committee should correct its error by retrieving the prize and awarding it to A. There is no time limit for correcting such an error. Rule 34-1b is not applicable since it deals with penalties and not with Committee errors.



## Ron's Golf Tips

Chipping, as with all other shots, especially requires evaluating the lie of the ball, the slopes between you and the hole. No two chip shots are alike, so you should consider using different types of shots rather than using your favorite club all the time. Try different ball positions with different clubs paying attention to how high they go in the air and how far they roll out.

Certain rules/suggestions need to be followed to increase your success rate in chipping:

- Always try to land the ball on a low point or a flat spot on the putting green.
- If you need to land the ball short of the green, like on hole #8, land it short of the uphill slope.
- Use the club with the most bounce angle from the rough, this is usually the sand wedge (not a lob wedge).
- Practice using a hybrid and the putter from off the green.
- Don't use the putter from off the green when the grass is wet.
- If you have a chip from an uphill slope, use a less lofted club than if the lie was flat. (A slope of six degrees can turn a pitching wedge into a lob wedge.)
- If you must use your normal club on an uphill lie, don't swing up the slope; swing into the slope to keep the loft from being added by the stroke.
- No wrist cock helps keep the club low to the ground but keeps the ball lower than with wrist cock on the backswing.
- Choking down on the grip counter balances the club making in easier to hit a soft shot.
- A tight grip makes the ball go further than a light grip. Chose the light grip!
- If you are taking divots with a sand wedge you have too much forward shaft lean (hands are too far ahead of the ball).
- If you hit thin shots and fat shots both, you are using too much wrist action on the downswing.

If some of these items seem confusing, I will be glad to help you learn more.

**Ron Stull**

## Etiquette

There are many aspects to Etiquette. Let's look at some of them below:

- Respect for others
- Respect for the game/rules
- Respect for the golf course
- Respect for the golf staff
- Respect for the League or Tournament Chairperson or Committees

Respect for others includes being polite with proper manners. Before each round you should introduce yourself if you do not know those that are playing with you. You should wish them well and let them know what ball you are going to be playing. You can verify the tees and competition that you are playing that day (if any). **A good goal for playing with others, is to make their fellow competitors to be glad they got to play with you that day and look forward to playing with you again.**

You should make comments that are complimentary such as "nice shot". If the shot is not nice, just let the opportunity to be critical pass without comment. The game is hard enough, help other locate balls that are errant. **If they have trouble seeing ball marks or divots that they have made, point it out to them or fix/replace them for them.**

The Rules of Golf and the Local Rules should be followed. If the golf course has designated "Summer Rules" you should play "Summer Rules". **I understand that it is easier to play "Preferred Lies", that's why you should play the ball as it lies.** Your handicap in competition will be hurt.

The golf course staff are there to help you. Marshals are to help facilitate play. It would be incorrect to not follow their requests. **If you have questions about anything, please let the Pro Shop Staff answer your questions.**

The Golf Professional, Captains and Tournament Chairs or volunteers work hard to try to create both a fun and a fair competition. They have put a lot of thought into how they want to run and organize a tournament based on USGA recommendations and/or experience from past chairs. If you think something is wrong, politely ask them why they did something a certain way. **If they give you an answer, respect the answer.** If they say, "I'll get back to you", it may be because they want to confirm with others on the Committee what the answer should be.

## Member Personal Bests

Last but not least

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- Jerry Nokes- Birdied hole nine!
- Debbie Nokes- Birdied hole seven! Toughest green on the course.
- Cindy Gainey- Broke 100 with a 92! Nicely done.

Honorable Mention: Our very own Head Chef Brandon's son, Liam Lawin, was on the green in 3 shots on hole nine from the black tees; finished with a double but still great!

