

AUGUST TOURNAMENT GOLF RULES OF PLAY

Alternate Shot Team Play rules will be followed for both Level 2 and Level 3. The Athlete will tee off on the even holes on Saturday and the odd holes on Sunday. Thus, the Unified Partner will tee off on the odd holes on Saturday and the even holes on Sunday. All other shots are alternately played until the ball is holed out.

Reminder: Don't switch the tee shots from 9 to 1 (Both are odd!!).

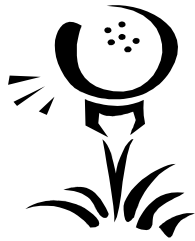
For all Levels... Mulligan's are NOT allowed! A swing and miss counts as a stroke.

For all Levels... Preferred lies are allowed on the fairway of the hole that you are playing. You may "roll" the ball with your club no more than six (6) inches from the original spot where it came to rest.

If a 10th stroke is played without holing out, the team should record a 10X and proceed to the next hole.

Only two people allowed on golf cart...the Athlete and the Unified Partner (or caddie in Level 4 play).

Teams will be responsible for keeping the score of opposing team in each foursome or grouping.



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Rules Quick Guide

2008 August Tournament
GOLF
Cherry Hill Golf Course
North Amherst MA

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SOMA Golf Rules

Attention coaches, athletes, and Unified Partners: the following are some rules to keep in mind while participating at state games.

- All official golf rules set forth by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews and the USGA shall govern competition except when in conflict with official Special Olympics Rules.
- If a ball is lost or is out of bounds, the player must play a ball, **under penalty of one stroke**, as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.
- Ball Unplayable--The player may deem his ball unplayable at any place on the course except when the ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether his ball is unplayable. If the player deems his ball to be unplayable, he must, **under penalty of one stroke**:
 - a. Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played (see Rule 20-5); or
 - b. Drop a ball behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
 - c. Drop a ball within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole.
- Repair all ball marks and divots
- Follow course rules as defined on scorecard, out of bounds, tee boxes, hazards etc.
- There is no coaching allowed on the course for Level 3, 4 and 5 golfers.

Unified Mentoring Play Level 2 and Unified Play Level 3

- The players will play **alternately** from the teeing grounds and then alternate strokes until the ball is holed
 - Example Player "A" plays from the tee on the odd numbered hole then Player "B" plays from the even numbered holes. Only 1 ball is in play
- Scoring- The maximum score on a hole will be a **10**. If the 10th stroke is played without holing the shot, the team shall record a score of 10X and proceed to the next hole.

Individual Stroke Play Competition- Level 4 & 5

- Scoring- The maximum score on a hole will be a **10**. If the 10th stroke is played without holing the shot, the team shall record a score of 10X and proceed to the next hole.



For Levels III, IV, V Partner/Caddie Do's and Don'ts

Please note the rules and especially the "no coaching" rule (as well as all rules) will be **strictly enforced** at August Tournament. Coaching, in this context, is referred to as any discussion with the player during the course of the round relating to technique (see definitions below). The "no coaching" rule is applies to Levels III, IV, V. Athletes in these levels are expected to make choices and to play a round **INDEPENDENTLY**.

Definitions:

A **COACH** is defined by the USGA: as one who assists the golfer in addressing the ball and with alignment prior to the stroke. A coach has the same status under the Rules as a caddie, however a coach may not be able to perform the duties of a caddie.

A **CADDIE** is defined by the USGA: as one who assists the player in accordance with the Rules, which may include carrying or handling the players clubs during play.

USGA defines **ADVICE** as: any counsel or suggestion that could influence a player in determining his/her play, the choice of a club or method of making a stroke.

Allowed

- Offering encouragement, praise and support to the athlete.
- Offering advice to athlete on shot selection and strategy (see definition above & example below). Athlete must then take advice and formulate his/her own decision.
- Stating yardage to the pin
- Rule clarification
- Assisting in finding a lost ball
- Assist in reading the green ***(see don'ts and example below)

Not Allowed

- Lining up the putt and instructing athlete where to hit the ball and how hard to hit it (see example below)
- Lining up any shot for athlete
- Correcting the athletes stance or grip
- Fixing the athlete's swing
- Picking the club athlete should hit (May offer advice on which to hit, but can't select club for athlete)
- Showing athlete the proper technique for a certain shot

Example

When assisting the athlete in reading a green, the Caddie/Partner may say to athlete: "Joe looks like the green breaks left to right." The Caddie/Partner **CAN'T** say "Joe, the green breaks left to right I want you to hit the ball to this spot and only tap it." The athlete must use the partners/caddie advice, formulate his/her own decision, of where to hit the ball and how hard to hit it. This terminology may be used in Level II.

2) If athlete asks for advice on distance to pin, Partner/Caddie may say, "Joe looks like we are 175 yards away, you may want to use a 5 iron." Partner/Caddie **CAN'T** instruct and say, "Joe looks like we are 175 yards out, hit a 5-iron." and then give the club to the athlete. Again the athlete must take the advice and formulate his/her own decision. This may be said and done in Level II play.

3) Ball is 140 yards away from green with bunker in back and to right. Athlete asks partner for advice on what to do. Partner/caddie may say "You may want to consider laying up and we'll chip and put it in" Athlete can then determine to go for the green or lay up. **CAN'T** say and instruct athlete to lay it up, Athlete must decide how to play the ball after listening to advice given.