

SPRINGFIELD SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION RULES AND POLICIES

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The following rules and policies are designed primarily to speed up play.

1. Play ready golf
2. Putts are good inside the normal putter length (i.e., 36 inches).
3. Maximum of three puts per hole. After the second putt, pick up, add another stroke, and move on.
4. Triple bogey is the maximum score per hole. Once you reach triple bogey pick up and move on.
5. Out of bounds should be played as a lateral hazard. With a one stroke penalty, place the ball within two club lengths of the line of flight where the ball crossed out of bounds.
6. Balls may be played UP.
7. Balls should be played out of sand traps as normal. Any exceptions to this rule (e.g., traps are considered unplayable) will be announced before the round begins.
8. Balls may be moved from lateral hazards (not sand traps) with a one stroke penalty. Drop the ball within two club lengths from the hazard.
9. Balls may be moved one club length with no penalty if the ball is considered unplayable – it is on a cart path, on a sprinkler head, etc.
10. There is a 3-minute limit on the search for any lost ball
11. If all players in a group agree that a player's ball was in play and not in a hazard or out of bounds, in the event that after the 3 minute search if the ball is not found, the player may drop a ball and **proceed with no penalty**.