

SILVER EAGLES GOLF CLUB RULES AND BYLAWS

Rule No.	
1	Players hit from the second from the front (senior) tees
2	If the course is cart path only, "pick and clean" is allowed. Otherwise players cannot pick up their ball unless allowed by USGA rules.
3	Handicaps cannot be higher than 30
4	Local course rules apply
5	Beginning May 1, 2021 All putts must be putted in (no exceptions)
6	Any rule disputes will be settled by the club officers
7	Club members may not throw clubs or physically or verbally abuse other club members, other golfers, or course employees on the course, clubhouse grounds, or the clubhouse. A first violation will result in a warning and a second violation will result in suspension from the club. Violations will be determined by the club officers.
8	Each golfer within a group will hit his ball when ready (ready golf)
9	If a player needs to leave early, he should call a club officer and get to the course early
10	Handicaps are first determined by three rounds of golf. Handicaps will be calculated every two times that the group plays. Scores from the prior club year and current club year will be used for the calculations.
11	If less than 18 holes are played due to weather, payouts will be made as long as all groups have played the same 9 holes. If less than 9 holes are played, money will be returned to the players. The payouts will be calculated based on the nine hole score and subtracting the handicap divided by two. Greenies will be paid out as long as all players have played the par three hole. For purposes of this rule, the A, B and C flights will be considered separate tournaments.
12	If a player arrives late, he will be given a triple bogey for all the holes he missed. He must participate in all club activities.
13	New on April 6, 2022: The maximum score on a par three hole will be 6; on a par 4 hole it will be 7, and on a par 5 hole it will be 8 (maximum is triple bogey).
14	New in January 2022, the club will play three flights (A, B, and C). All guests will play the A flight. Beginning on June 24, 2021 winnings for the par three holes that are not hit will be distributed to the players in the same flight that hit the par three greens.
15	Beginning in November 2022, there is a \$25 annual fee to be a member of the club. It is due by January 31 for current members, and before new golfers can play as a member. Beginning on June 15, 2023, If a player becomes a member after July 1, he will pay a \$15 annual fee.
16	To be able to play in the annual tournament, a golfer will need to have played 12 rounds with the club in the current club year (changed from 15 to 12 in 7/2024). If a club member in 2016, only 10 rounds are required to play in tournament (added on 9/21/2023)
17	All penalties that are two strokes per USGA rules are one stroke.
18	For a club event to be official, 12 members must be present and playing.
19	The club year begins the first week after the annual tournament and ends the second week of the tournament.
20	If a club member plays a round of golf with the club, they must pay \$25 each time they play, except when there are 5 par three holes, then \$26 must be paid. A guest must pay \$13 (or \$14 when there are 5 par three holes) and will be given a zero handicap for purposes of determining handicap winners. Beginning on September 23, 2021 the fee must be paid on the same day as he/she plays. Once paid the fee will not be refunded. If the fee is not paid in the same day, the player is disqualified from winning any payouts.
21	Beginning on June 24, 2021 skins payouts are a club function.
22	A member with a handicap of zero or less, must hit from the back tees. (passed 8/17/2022)
23	Beginning March 2024, funds distributed to members and retained by club will be based on payout sheet.
24	Beginning March 6, 2024, members over 80 years in age and with a handicap of 25 or greater can hit from the forward tees.
25	Beginning on February 2, 2024, The club will pay out \$100 to any club member who shoots a hole-in-one.
26	Beginning on April 19, 2024 , bumping is permitted in the fairway and the rough. Ball may be bumped a maximum of one foot, no nearer the hole.
27	Beginning on April 19, 2024 , free drops are allowed for tree roots and mud - on a line from the pin through the ball, to the nearest point of relief. Free drops are allowed for cart path, tire ruts, culverts and other man-made obstructions, fire ants, casual water, ground under repair, and abnormal green conditions; drop to nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole.
28	Beginning on April 19, 2024 , no free drops are allowed for balls lost, out of bounds, unplayable or in a ditch. If not in a hazard, player may drop two club lengths from the point of loss, or to where a free swing can be made, for a one stroke penalty per incident. If ball is in a hazard, USGA rules apply.

29	Beginning on July 3, 2024 , A member must pay \$10 if they sign up to play and do not play, unless they notify the tournament director by Tuesday at midnight the week of the tournament. This fee will be waived the first time it happens. After the first time the fee is waived, there will be no exemptions from paying.
Officers and Rule Development Bylaws	
Bylaws and club rules shall be established by a majority vote of officers. Officers shall not make exceptions to rules without a vote.	
30	<u>Officers duties:</u> President: call and manage meetings, call for votes, assign jobs. VP: Serve as president as necessary. Treasurer: Maintain debit card, cash collections, payouts and monthly financial report. Secretary: Manage internet sites, communications and elections. Handicap manager: Collect scores and manage handicaps. Tournament director: Make arrangements with courses. Tournament coordinator: Sets up foursomes, tee times, scorecards. Rules official: Interpret the club's playing rules. Advisor(s): Provide additional membership insight Non-voting officers: Sergeant(s) of arms and honorary officers
31	All officers may take on more or fewer duties, as assigned by the president.
32	Petitions with 12 signatories from members to change club rules will be put to a vote by the members, as described in these bylaws.
33	If an officer cannot do his job, the president may temporarily replace him. Upon a majority vote of officers, the position may be filled by someone else. Removal of the president can occur through the petition process.
34	Club Purpose: To have fun playing golf on Thursdays. The club's resources shall not be spent on personal, social or political type causes.
35	Elections: Near the end of the club year the membership shall meet to vote for the next year's officers. Any member may nominate himself for any position. The secretary or assignee will solicit nominees for office and two weeks before the meeting shall provide all members with a ballot that includes: a.) the nominee's names, b.) position sought, and c.) optional statements from the nominees stating their qualifications and/or aspirations. The process for petitions shall be similar. To vote, members will return the ballots to the secretary prior to, or at, the election meeting. If no candidate achieves more than 50% of votes for a position then the secretary will manage the run-off. The vote-counting shall be open to all interested members. Complaints about the nomination and other processes shall be reviewed by the officers and, if determined valid, a remedy vote will be held.
Club Web Site: https://www.mdsphillips.net/golf	