



## *MPGA Playing Rules*

*As established at the Royal and Ancient "Mike's Professional Golf Association", Halifax, Nova Scotia, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and ninety five. These rules are so promulgated as to make the playing of golf a more enjoyable event for duffers, and to vastly improve your score.*

1. Each player shall be afforded the privilege of taking a Mulligan per nine holes (front and back), with no carry overs. Mulligans must be declared by the player to his partners, and shall be only taken from the tee box. The intent of the Mulligan rule is to help players score better, so the player has the option of playing either his original shot or the Mulligan ball, but in either choice the player will have used his Mulligan for that particular 9 holes.
  - a. In the event a player and **his playing partners agree**, they are not sure if his original shot is in play, then he can declare to play a "provisional Mulligan" and if the original ball was in play, the player can play the original ball and not lose his Mulligan.
2. "Hit till you're Happy" off the 1<sup>st</sup> tee of the day. Maximum 2 attempts and then place ball in play next to playing partner (any of the other 3 players in your group) who is closest to the hole.
3. Players are granted 'Preferred lie' within a club length, or close to it, (belly putters and ball retrievers are not considered 'legal' clubs). No closer to the hole. Hazards included but you can't remove the ball from the hazard.
4. There shall be only one stroke taken for lost balls. Use lateral distance for placement of your ball.
5. There shall be two strokes taken for lost balls that players care to look for (30 second tolerance).NOTE: This rule will be enforced to keep pace of play.
6. On the putting green, "Gimmes" must be given by the opposing players, never taken. It is widely accepted that players who assume gimmes will be left waiting by their playing partners. \*NEW in 2015, if the putt is given pick it up, or if you choose to play it and happen to miss then your score will count and you won't get the option of the gimme. This is to help with pace of play.
7. The maximum score you need to record on any hole during the game is equivalent to double the course-posted Par score.

*\* Approved at the annual sitting of the MPGA Rules Committee, August 2016.*

## *Tournament Scoring Rules*

*The competition committee, in an effort to always keep improving your golfing experience, is implementing a slight change to the Green Jacket scoring.*

1. Selected rounds from Sunday to Friday will count towards the Callaway and average score calculations and if you happen to sit out or miss a scoring round you get the average score of the other players.
2. Sunday to Fridays matches will utilize the Callaway handicap system to establish the leaderboard for entering Saturday's stroke play and your average scores for the week.
3. Saturday's two rounds will be stroke play based on your average score and how many strokes you are behind the leader as of Friday night. The maximum amount of stroke deficit anyone will have entering Saturday's stroke play will be 6 strokes. This method will provide every player to have a chance to win the Green Jacket.
4. The NEW rule for 2018 rewards players an additional 1 stroke off for every Birdie they score and 2 strokes off for every Eagle they score during the two rounds on Championship Saturday.
5. There is a website for an up to date leaderboard for Saturday's rounds to monitor where you are in the field. It should be pretty exciting.