

# 2017 Chattanooga District Golf Association Men's Metropolitan Amateur

## Black Creek Club

July 7 - 9

### Conditions of Play

#### *General Information:*

Groupings for Saturday's play will be based on Friday's score [8:00 am - #1 tee].

Groupings will be available approximately 30 minutes after conclusion of play on Friday, and will be posted on [www.ifyoulikegolf.com](http://www.ifyoulikegolf.com) and Twitter (@ifyoulikegolf) Friday night.

Sunday's round (beginning 8:00 AM) will be low 25 and ties. Senior Division and Super Senior Division are 36-hole events, concluding on Saturday.

Top 15 players in Regular Division, top 10 players in Senior Division, and top 4 players in Super Senior Division will receive gift certificates. Champion, Senior Champion, and Super Senior Champion will receive trophies.

Team play on Friday is best-ball (one ball) of the team. Winning team will receive Harold Lane Memorial plaque to be placed at club of winning team until next year's Men's Metro.

#### *Rules Committee:*

Jim Srite, Sean Rice (615-210-4286), Richard Keene, Mike Jenkins, Black Creek Club assistant golf professionals

#### *Rules of Play:*

Play is governed by the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association, and where applicable, by the following Local Rules and definitions.

**Tee:** Regular Division play will be from BLACK tees, Senior Division play will be from BLUE tees, Super Senior Division will be from GOLD tees.

**Pace of Play:** (Rule 6-7 Undue Delay; Slow Play). A player shall be subject to penalty if he unduly delays play. Notes under 6-7 (optional condition) shall be in effect. Expected pace of play is 14 minutes per hole.

**Embedded Ball:** Relief may be taken through the green (Appendix I)

**Practice Putting:** Practicing at putting green of hole last played is prohibited (Appendix I)

**Advice:** Team members may not give or receive advice during Friday's team competition, since team competition is done in conjunction with individual competition. Penalty for breach of rule is both two stroke penalty for the individual and two stroke penalty for the team.

**Play-offs:** In case of tie for Metro Champion, sudden death play-off will begin immediately following conclusion of play on Sunday. In case of tie for Metro Senior Champion or Metro Super Senior Champion, sudden death play-off will begin immediately following conclusion of play on Saturday. All other ties (including team championship) will be decided according the USGA recommendation for scorecard play-offs (last 9, last 6, last 3, etc.)

**Out of Bounds:** Defined by inside edge of white stakes, white lines, fences, roads, parking lots. Note: A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is considered out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course. In addition, the road beyond #4 green serves as the margin of the out of bounds. The wall of the swimming pool serves as the margin of the out of bounds on #9.

- Ground Under Repair:** Defined by enclosed white lines.
- Water Hazards:** Defined by yellow lines and designated by yellow stakes. When both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the margin.
- Lateral Hazards:** Defined by red lines and designated by red stakes. When both stakes and lines are present, the stakes identify the hazard and the lines define the margin.
- Obstructions:** Wooden steps and/or walkways are deemed obstructions.
- Suspension of Play:** When play is suspended for a dangerous situation (lightning, tornado, etc.), players shall discontinue play immediately and shall not thereafter resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. Failure to discontinue play immediately in a dangerous situation shall result in disqualification.
- A suspension of play for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one long siren note. All other types of suspension shall be signaled by one or several short intermittent siren notes. Resumption of play shall be signaled by three intermittent siren or horn notes.
- Scorecards:** Scorecards shall be turned in at scoreboard upon conclusion of round.
- Distance-Measuring Devices:** A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.” Breach of 14-3 is two strokes for the first offense and DQ for subsequent offense.
- Local Rules:** *Drop zones* are located on holes #9 (short of creek), #12 (short of creek), and #18 (short of creek).
- Fans located throughout the course are deemed TIO’s* (temporary immovable obstructions. Relief is available without penalty under Rule 24-2. (This includes line of sight relief).
- Through the green, *seams of cut turf (not the turf itself) are deemed to be ground under repair*. However, interference by a seam with the player's stance is deemed not to be, of itself, interference under Rule 25-1. If the ball lies in or touches the seam or the seam interferes with the area of intended swing, relief is available under Rule 25-1. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.
- 2x2 rule:** If a player’s ball lies through the green, and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club-lengths of the ball, intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief.
- When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.
- The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.