

SILVER EAGLES GOLF CLUB RULES AND BYLAWS

Rule No.	
1	Players hit from the second from the front (senior) tees
2	Beginning January 1, 2022 bumping is no longer allowed
3	If the course is cart path only, "pick and clean" is allowed. Otherwise players cannot pick up their ball unless allowed by USGA rules.
4	Beginning June 15, 2023, for balls lost, out of bounds and unplayable lies , balls can be dropped near the edge of the fairway, no closer to the hole. As an alternative, USGA rules can be applied. In all cases a one stroke penalty will be applied.
5	Handicaps cannot be higher than 30
6	Local course rules apply
7	Beginning May 1, 2021 All putts must be putted in (no exceptions)
8	Any rule disputes will be settled by the club officers
9	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.
10	Each golfer within a group will hit his ball when ready (ready golf)
11	If a player needs to leave early, he should call a club officer and get to the course early
12	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.
13	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.
14	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.
15	When a ball lands in a sand trap in standing water, gravel. or very muddy conditions, the ball can be moved to another place in the trap where it is playable without penalty. If there is no place in the trap that is playable, it can be moved behind the trap, no closer to the hole, without penalty. Beginning on 4/6/2022 a player can decide to remove their ball, rake in place, and return it to the same place in the trap if the ball is unplayable. The decision on whether a ball is playable should be made by the group of golfers playing the hole.
16	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).
17	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.
18	There is a \$25 annual fee to be a member of the club. It is due by the end of each year 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.
19	To be able to play in the annual tournament, a golfer will need to have played 15 rounds with the club in the current club year (changed from 12 to 15 on 12/20/2022). If a club member in 2016, only 10 rounds are required to play in tournament (added on 9/21/2023)
20	All penalties that are two strokes per USGA rules are one stroke.
21	For a club event to be official, 12 members must be present and playing.
22	The club year begins the first week after the annual tournament and ends the second week of the tournament.
23	If a club member plays a round of golf with the club, they must pay \$20 each time they play, except when there are 5 par three holes, then \$21 must be paid. A guest must pay \$10 (or \$11 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.
24	Beginning on June 24, 2021 skins payouts are a club function.
25	A member with a handicap of zero or less, must hit from the back tees. (passed 8/17/2022)
26	Payouts will be distributed in each flight 1) to the lowest third of the net scores per a payout sheet posted on the Silver Eagles web site; 2) to the skins winners when only one player has the low score on a hole; and 3) to the player closest to the pin on a par three green (player must have a par or better). Funding for payouts will be based on \$10 per player for handicap winnings, \$5 per player for skins winners, and \$4 per player for the par three winners when there are four par threes, or \$5 per player if there are five par three holes.
27	Beginning on February 2, 2024, The club will payout \$100 to any club member who shoots a hole-in-one.

Bylaw No.	Officers and Rule Development Bylaws
28	Bylaws and club rules shall be established by a majority vote of officers. Officers shall not make exceptions to rules without a vote.
29	<p><u>Officers duties:</u></p> <p>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. Course 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</p>
30	All officers may take on more or fewer duties, as assigned by the president.
31	Petitions with 12 signatories from members to change club rules will be put to a vote by the members, as described in these bylaws.
32	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.
33	Club Purpose: To have fun playing golf on Thursdays. The club's resources shall not be spent on personal, social or political type causes.
34	<p>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.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>
Club Web Site: https://www.mdsphillips.net/golf	