

Rule No.	<b>SILVER EAGLES GOLF CLUB RULES (updated 12/2021)</b>
1	Players hit from the second from the front (senior) tees
2	<b>Beginning January 1, 2022 bumping is no longer allowed</b>
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	<b>Rule deleted April 6, 2022</b> If a ball is sitting on or near a tree root that could break a swinging club, the ball can be moved no closer to the pin and to the closest location where there are no roots. When this is done, you cannot improve your lie.
5	Lost and out of bounds balls and unplayable lies must be played 1) within two club lengths of where they went out of play no closer to the hole, or 2) behind where it went out of play on a line between where the ball is placed and the hole, or 3) from where the ball was originally hit (stroke and distance). A one stroke penalty is assessed.
6	Handicaps cannot be higher than 30
7	Local course rules apply
8	<b>Beginning May 1, 2021 All putts must be putted in (no exceptions)</b>
9	Any rule disputes will be settled by the club officers
10	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.
11	Each golfer within a group will hit his ball when ready (ready golf)
12	If a player needs to leave early, he should call Joe Mata (713-584-3454) or another club officer and get to the course early
13	Handicaps are first determined by three rounds of golf. After that handicaps are determined based on USGA rules. 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.
14	If less than 18 holes are played due to weather, payouts will be made as long as all groups have played 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 and B flights will be considered separate tournaments.
15	If a player arrives late and misses playing one hole, he will be given the highest score plus one of all the players in his group for the hole he missed, but he can participate in all club activities. If he misses more than one hole, he can only participate in any remaining greenies if he agrees to this in advance.
16	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. The decision on whether a ball is playable should be made by the group of golfers playing the hole. <b>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.</b>
17	New 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).

18	The club will play flights on the par three holes. <b>Beginning in January 2022, the club will play three flights (A, B, and C).</b> All guests will play the A flight. <b>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.</b>
19	There is a \$20 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. If a current member pays after December 31, the dues are \$25.
20	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.
21	All penalties that are two strokes per USGA rules are one stroke.
22	For a club event to be official, 12 members must be present and playing.
23	The club year begins the first week after the annual tournament and ends the second week of the tournament.
24	If a club member plays a round of golf with the club, the member must pay \$20 each time he/she plays. <b>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.</b>
25	<b>Beginning on June 24, 2021 skins payouts are a club function. Once a member plays skins one-time after June 24, 2021 he will be required to play skins going forward</b>
26	<b>From November 1 to March 31 begin weekly golf tee times at 9 AM or later and no shotgun starts are allowed (rule passed August 4, 2021)</b>
Officers	
27	Once a year at the end of the annual tournament, all club members will vote on adding new officers or keeping officers as is. This will be done based on majority vote. If an officer is removed he may be replaced by another member based on majority vote. If an officer resigns twice, he no longer will be allowed to be an officer.
28	Officers, with the exception of the club president, can be added or removed by majority vote of the officers. After an officer has been added or removed, the officers must inform the club members that an officer has been added or removed at the next weekly tournament. If a majority of club members at the weekly tournament object, the move will be reversed.
29	To maintain status as an officer, a person must attend 50% of the officer meetings per club year. The attendance requirement will be reviewed on a quarterly basis. By vote of a majority of officers, a category of officers can be exempted from attending the officer meetings and voting requirements.
Rule Development	
30	12 club members or a majority of officers can propose a specific new rule or changes to an existing rule.
31	A ballot will be prepared and club members will vote on the proposed rule. Voting will take place <b>until a majority (changed from 40 members on 11/3/2021) of current club members have voted.</b>
32	If the proposed rule wins a majority of the vote by club members, it will be effective as soon as it is posted on the club web site. If a proposed rule does not win a majority of the vote, the rule or a similar rule cannot be proposed again until the following club year.
33	By majority vote of the officers, minor corrections can be made to the rules at any time. The officers must inform club members when this happens at the next weekly tournament.

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