

# *Bucks-Mont Senior Golf League*

## *Playing Procedures and Rules*

**To maintain the league's pace of play, please play "ready-golf" at less than 15 minutes per hole.**

- The maximum number of strokes on every hole is double par. If you reach double par, pick up your ball on that hole.
- If nobody is in front of you on a fairway, go ahead and hit your ball.
- Limit your search for a lost ball (in the woods, under leaves or in a yard) to about three minutes (a USGA rule). Take a one-stroke penalty and play another ball in an unobstructed position inbounds (not on a fairway) approximately where the original ball likely landed or went out of bounds
- Try to time your play on each hole to no more than 15 minutes; that way we can all finish play no later than 6:15 p.m.

### **Problem lies inbounds:**

- You get a free drop if your ball is obstructed by a man-made object or if it lands on a bare spot, divot, hole, gravel, root or other turf problem.
- Take one penalty stroke if your ball is unplayable, such as under a tree/bush or next to a tree trunk.
- In those situations, place your ball in an unobstructed position on grass, but no closer to the green.

### **Out of bounds balls:**

- If your ball is hit out of bounds on holes 3, 4, 6, 8 or 9 and onto an adjacent fairway before the last white fairway boundary stake, in the woods, a yard or the road, one penalty stroke must be assessed. This rule also applies to failed attempts to "cut the corner" on holes 3, 6 and 9. It is for the safety of golfers who may be playing on adjacent fairways.

- Any out-of-bounds ball mentioned above must be placed inbounds (not on a fairway) on grass in an unobstructed position near where it went out of bounds (free from overhanging limbs, etc.) **OR** hit again from the tee box if it is a drive.
- If your ball lands in water, take one penalty stroke and place it in a marked drop zone on the green side of the water hazards.

### **Gimme putts:**

- If a putt rests on a green between the hole and the length of the putter's shaft, the ball may be picked up. **That "gimme" putt counts as one stroke.** Birdie and par putts must be attempted **AT ALL TIMES.**