

Cameron Hills Golf League

Membership Rules and Regulations

Season March though October

04-15-09

- 1. Membership**- Becoming a Cameron Hills Golf Links member is not necessary in becoming a Cameron League Member. Cameron Hills Golf Links members (gold, blue, etc) are eligible for all tournaments upon notifying Cameron Hills Golf Links that you wish to participate in the League. For these members the \$30 handicap fee is included in the (gold and blue) membership dues. The Cameron League only membership fee is \$30 per year. This includes your membership into the GHIN Handicap Program provided by VSGA. Once the registration form is completed, and the \$30 handicap program fee is paid, you are eligible for all club events. Once a member of the League/GHIN Handicap Program, you will be given your GHIN number (this will allow you access to the VSGA/GHIN Handicap Program at the clubhouse). The GHIN number will allow you to post scores and check your handicap at the clubhouse. You will then be able to access the GHIN website at www.ghin.com on any computer to post scores, verify handicaps, and to see club news. You will also receive your VSGA handicap index card with your handicap index and GHIN number. ****previous year member's GHIN numbers will not change from one year to the next****
- 2. Registration**- is open all year, but the sooner you join and the more events you play, the more league points you will acquire.
- 3. Event fee**- you only pay for the league events you play. The fee is only \$18 for weekday events, \$28 for Sunday events, and \$50 for the Sat/Sun events. These fees include your cart fee and greens fee.
- 4. Obtaining a handicap**- Once the **\$30 League/Handicap Program fee** is paid, you are a Cameron League member. You will now need a handicap. Obtaining a handicap is simple. You will need to post five true (USGA RULES APPLY) rounds in the system, 18 holes per round. If you do not have five rounds posted before the event play begins, you can still play in the events, however your gross score will be used instead of your net score (score minus handicap) until the five scores are posted. On the sixth round your score will be reflected minus 80% of your handicap (**EXAMPLE- 20 handicap golfer- your score for round is 92, minus 80% of hdep (16) equals your net score of 76. 76 is your score for the event.** Handicaps equal the playing field between the scratch golfer and the average golfer. Your USGA handicap index will be updated twice a month, and your new Handicap index decal will be posted on the corkboard for you to take and place on your VSGA card after the 1st of every month. This decal goes on the back of your VSGA handicap card.

5. **League play**- Play as many league events as you want, but to qualify for the League Playoffs you will need to be in the top twelve in points. All League members can play at any event even if they are not in the championship hunt. We will do our best to place new members with members that they know and that they are comfortable with, because we want the golf experience to be enjoyable, however this may not always be possible. Check the schedule for start times. **There is a half hour grace period if needed**, whereas if the league member arrives within this grace period, he/she can pay the event fee, get a cart and join with a league event group already the course. Afterwards they can finish the holes missed from initial round (this can be done with a no point penalty). **If the member cannot make it inside the grace period, that member is allowed to arrive, pay the event fee, get a cart, and play 18 holes, however that member will only accrue the League 250 point minimum for showing for weekday and 400 points for majors.** We understand that everyone cannot make all scheduled times, but we still want to make golf fun and affordable for our League/Handicap members. All events are played in accordance with the USGA "Rules of Golf"

*******NEW RULING FOR 2010- SENIOR TEE BOXES*******

Different tee boxes may be rotated throughout the season (check schedule). Male golfers 60 yrs of age or older will use one men's tee box in front of where the league is playing that day, EXAMPLE if blue tees have been declared for the day, seniors will use the white tee box. Likewise, if white is the declared tee box, seniors will use the gold tee box. Women will play from the red tee box when men are playing from white, and play from gold tee box when men are at the blue tee box.

6. **Sign-up for League events**- There is no need to sign up for a League event, come if you can make it, and you are in. If you are going to be late give us a call and we will do our best in scheduling groupings to get you into a later flight. If you call, we can let the last group know to expect you on the first few holes.
7. **The season and special events**- The League Season begins in March with four preseason events, that are set up as practice for the golfers with a handicap. This is also a good time for players that do not have a handicap to log some rounds for the purpose of obtaining their handicap at the \$18 rate. Also it gives everyone a chance to meet new members. Check the schedule to for the beginning of the League Season. The season will end with the League Championship in October. There will be one League event each week, to be played on Tuesday one week and Wednesday the following week. There will be three events called MAJORS, to be held on Sundays. There could be weather related make-up days during the League season, however some dates, depending on unforeseen circumstances may not be made up. There are three dates built into the season following the Majors that will be used as make-ups as needed, if not, they will be team event specials. Each League event will be one 18 hole round, scored using the GHIN handicap program. There will be 35 scheduled League Events to play in 2010 League season. Some events will have side games, such as closest to the pin, for a chance to win prizes from the clubhouse.

8. **The championship-** The top twelve in points automatically make the playoffs. The points from the regular season do not carry over to the play-offs, however players will be assigned points according to their finish in the regular season. There are three rounds in the playoffs, ranked golfers 1 through 12 (from the regular season) will play all three days and will earn weekday points for each round. After the third play-off round, points will be tallied and the top six in play-off points will make the three day championship tournament. The players in the championship tournament will play stroke play handicapped rounds (no point system will be used). The player with the lowest combined score in the three rounds, is the league season champion. A tie will result in referring to the score of the first difficult handicap hole, and so on until a winner is found. The champion will have his or her name engraved on the Cameron Cup. This cup will remain at the clubhouse to honor the player's accomplishment. As part of the award, the champion will receive a Cameron Hills Golf Links Membership. This membership will allow the player to golf at CHGL the following year March to March, on any day of the week at a reduced rate along with other perks. The champion fee for the following year Cameron League will be waived.
9. **Rules of play-** The League play will follow the USGA rules of golf and etiquette. Rule on clubs states that each member must play in at least one club sponsored event and play with another member/s at least three times in a year. The club must have a handicap committee, with a chairman who is not an employee of the golf course..
- A. **out of bounds** - Local rule- out of bounds only on hole #11 and #3. On hole #11 the edge of the pavement, closest to the right side of the #11 fairway, on Salem Church Rd, is the boundary line. If the ball crosses this line traveling away from the fairway, it is out of bounds. Hole #3 is marked with white stakes, if ball crosses this line or is thought to cross the line, a provisional ball must be re-hit from the tee under penalty.
- B. **Designated drop zone-** Only hole #9. If a ball is struck in the wetland/brush hazard area between the fairway and the green, the player may under penalty of one stroke move to the area to the left front below the green, designated by sign as a drop area, playing from the drop area to the hole keeping the sand bunker between the ball and the green. (Local)

- C. **Provisional ball**- it is recommended that a ball struck from the tee into the woods, and it is likely the ball is lost, that the golfer, play a provisional ball from the tee, before leaving the tee to locate the first ball, however a golfer must announce to others in his group that he will be hitting a provisional. If the first ball is located, and it is not out of bounds, this first ball must be played, and the provisional picked up. However, if the first ball is not located, the golfer under penalty of one stroke may play the provisional (at this point the golfer's next shot would be his fourth, **counting first ball, penalty stroke, and provisional**). Once the provisional ball is played past the original ball, if the original ball is found after the provisional is played past, the provisional ball is now the ball in play.
- D. **Cart paths, gravel, and man made obstructions**- if while playing to the hole, the ball comes to rest in obvious gravel or rock that have washed into the rough or fairway, or the gravel or rock interferes with the player safely making a swing through the green, the ball may be lifted and dropped behind the gravel/rock area inside one club length no closer the hole. Likewise if the ball lands in hard pan that contains rock and or gravel, that will cause damage to golf equipment and or personal injury, notify others in the group of the lie before moving the ball, treat this as the same as above **without penalty (this local rule is not intended to improve the lie, but to remove the golfer from possible damage or injury, however not all hard pan contains gravel or rock, if this is the case the ball will be played as it lies unless marked as ground under repair (get a ruling from your group if needed))**.
- E. **Wet conditions**- wet conditions do cause some areas of the course to become saturated, hole #16 near the creek, below the green becomes extremely saturated, hole #1 also becomes saturated as well. If conditions dictate, play as casual water. **This will prevent any unnecessary damage to the course. If lift, clean and place is ruled by Cameron Hills Golf Links prior to the event start, this rule will apply to all grass areas that are not hazards or wooded. KEEP CARTS OUT OF WET AREAS.**
- F. **Cameron Hills rules**- Follow directions on cart signs. Do not cross ropes with carts. If the fairway has a rope entirely to the area near the green, do not drive on that fairway. Keep carts from water saturated areas. No carts on tee boxes or greens. Keep carts out of woods. When playing hole #4, if your ball is struck toward the #5 green, drive toward the ball, leaving the cart on the cart path, walk to find ball (**Do not drive the cart on the hill sloping to the #5 green**). Violation of these rules will be cause for your dismissal from the golf property without refund or rain check.

- G. **Late arrivals** - If you are running late, give CHGL a call at 775-GOLF, to let us know. We will start the event on time, but will arrange a group short on players to be on the first few holes. Half hour grace
- H. **Disputes**- any disputes or protest will be settled by a majority vote of the committee along with the course superintendent. If any of these individuals are involved in the dispute or protest, they will disqualify themselves from that particular decision.
- I. **Tie Breakers**- will be decided by the gross number of strokes on the hardest handicap hole and so on until tie is resolved.
- J. **Score entry**- all players will enter their own applicable non-tournament scores using either the handicap computer hole by hole scoring option or
- K. the hole by hole scoring option over the internet (www.GHIN.com). When using this option ESC (equitable stroke control) will be used. However the committee will not use ESC to determine the results for a particular tournament placement (for tournaments your actual score minus handicap will be used for scoring of that tournament, however it will show when transferred to your handicap with ESC automatically). **DO NOT ENTER TOURNAMENT SCORES** (this will be done at tournament scoring by the handicap liaison)

ESC Table- ESC is an adjustment of individual hole scores (for handicap purposes) in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability. ESC is applied after the round and is only used when the actual score or the most likely score exceeds a player's maximum number. ESC sets a limit to the number of strokes a player can take on a hole depending on Course Handicap™. Apply ESC to all scores, including EVENT scores. Below is the maximum number a player can take:

<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 and above	10

N. The Committee- the League Committee is defined as a must by the USGA. The chairman cannot be an employee of CHGL, however other committee persons are permitted to be employees. At least one committee member must have taken and successfully completed the USGA online test, in which the results are automatically posted with the USGA. It is recommended that the committee consist of yearly or bi-yearly elected members. If not elected, the golf course/League liaison will ask members to fill the positions required by the rules on committees. It is suggested that the committee consist of 3 to 5 members, a chairman, treasurer, secretary, and a prize chairman. It is suggested that the committee hold at least 3 meetings a year, one preseason, one post season and one midseason, others may be necessary to resolve disputes if they should arise. At minimum, a preseason meeting for the election of members and other issues, and one post season to present the championship award. These meeting can take place on special event days. The committee will work along with the golf course/League liaison. The liaison may be a course employee and is suggested as such. The liaison will work with the committee as a representative of the Cameron Hills Golf Links. The liaison will be responsible for posting the League event results, schedule, tournament sign-up, internet postings, and the responsibility of the Cameron Hills handicap computer will be his/hers.

2009 Tournament Club Committee

Club Chairman- Jon Davis
Prize chair/Treasurer- Jim Simmons
Course superintendent- Rob Ferlazzo