

Houston Engineering Contractors Golf Tournament

- Most important:** USGA Rules govern all play and importantly:
 - If there is a chance your shot is lost or OB, hit a provisional ball. If you do not hit a provisional and cannot find your ball or it is OB, take a 2 stroke penalty and hit from where your opponents think your ball was lost or went OB.
 - Take a legal drop for relief.
- Two person scramble format:** Each player will tee off, one ball will be selected for location of play by the team. Each player will then play the next shot from within **one club length** of the selected ball's original position. Note: Do not drop ball to provide relief from behind a tree, etc. Ball in rough must stay in the rough, etc.
- Both balls** can be picked up and cleaned, then placed within one club length before playing.
- If a player fails to show up for play, then the remaining team player will play his own ball through the green without the benefit of an extra shot. After play has begun, a player cannot show up late to begin play.
- If a substitute player is inserted then that player must complete the tournament. No substitution of players can be made once play has begun i.e. if the "better player" shows up after the tournament begins he cannot play.
- The 14 club rule **IS IN EFFECT.**
- BALL IN HAZARD:** If the shot selected is within a hazard, then the original ball must be played as it lies. The second ball may be placed within one club length, no closer to the hole. The placed ball must be played from the hazard.
- BALL IN SAND BUNKER:** If the shot selected is in a bunker, then the original ball must be played as it lies. The second ball may be placed within one club length, within the bunker, no closer to the hole. The bunker **CANNOT** be raked for the second ball.
- PUTTING:** On the green, each putt must be played as close as possible to the original position of the ball i.e. no more than a putter face distance and no closer to the hole.
- There are **NO "GIMMIES"** in regards to putting.
- Men will play from the **Blue** tees. Ladies will play from the **Red** tees.
- All water hazards will be considered lateral water hazards and are defined by red lines. In the absence of red lines, the break down to the water's edge will define the margin of the hazard. Drop within 2 club lengths of entry into the hazard.
- Out of bounds is defined by white stakes, inside edges of property fences at ground level, and may also be defined by any public road. If you did not hit a provisional ball, the penalty is two strokes.
- Ground under repair includes the following:
 - All active fire ant mounds.
 - Ruts and damage caused by vehicles.
 - Any hole made by the ground's maintenance crew.
- The use of "range/yardage meters" is allowed.
- There are no Mulligans.
- A tie in the E&C trophy competition or the Sponsor/Supplier competition will be broken via a score card playoff between the low 2-person teams for each company starting with hole number 18 and working backwards and the team with the first winning hole will be declared the winner.
- The **highest team score is dropped and the four lowest two man scores are combined for the team score.** The team with the lowest total will be **HECGT Champion Team!**
- Additional Tournament Rules may be announced by the Club Pro prior to start of tournament.