



## **Gold Crown Golf: Scorekeeping & Rules Guide**

### **Scorekeeping Instructions**

**1. Each player will keep their own score AND their partner's score.**

- Gold Crown Staff will provide players with their scorecards on the first tee.
- Players will then exchange scorecards to keep track of someone else's score as well as theirs.
- Communicate clearly with your partner to make sure your scores match.
- At the end of the tournament, both players' scorecards must match exactly before turning them in.
- Double-check everything together and add scores before submitting.

### **Rules of Play**

**1. Max Score Per Hole = Par + 3 (Triple Bogey Max)**

- Example: On a Par 4, the highest score you can get is a 7.
- This keeps the pace of play moving smoothly.

**2. Pickup Rule**

- If You're Not on the Green After Your Par Shot, please pick up your ball and place it on the edge of the green, in line from where you picked your ball up. You now have three putts to finish the hole. If you must pick up and follow this rule on any given hole, please circle your final score on your scorecard so Gold Crown knows you picked up.
  - Example: On a Par 4, if you're not on the green after 4 shots you pick up your ball and place it on the green.
  - Go to the edge of the green in line with your ball that you picked up and place it down. You are now ready to putt up to three times.
  - If you sink the first putt, that's a 5. Circle the score to show you picked up.
  - Also let your partner know that you had to pick up so they can circle your score on their scorecard as well.

### 3. Out-of-Bounds, Lost Ball, and unplayable = Lateral Drop

- Take a lateral drop: Two club lengths into the fairway from where the ball went out or crossed the into the hazard, no closer to the hole.
- Add 1 penalty stroke. This means there is no need to hit a provisional shot or extra shot.

### 4. Play Ready Golf

- Ready golf means prioritizing pace of play by allowing the player who is ready to hit their shot to do so, regardless of whether they are farthest from the hole. It's a way to speed up the game by not strictly adhering to the traditional "farthest from the hole plays first" rule.
- For example, if one player is on one side of the fairway trying to decide how to hit their shot, and you are closer but on the other side of the fairway, go ahead and hit your shot.
- This also means walking to your ball and preparing your next shot while someone else is hitting if you are not in their direct line.
- This also should be implemented on the greens by using continuous putting. Meaning if you have a long putt and leave it a few feet short, instead of marking it, go ahead and finish the hole.

## Tee & Equipment Rules

- All players will hit from the same tees which will be assigned at the first hole.
- Players must use their own clubs only.
- Distance devices like rangefinders, watches, or phones are allowed — slope features must be turned OFF.

## Spectator Guidelines

1. Spectators cannot:
  - Caddy
  - Push carts or handle clubs
  - Give golf advice
2. Spectators can:
  - Provide water or snacks
  - Help search for lost balls

## Final Reminders

- Encourage others, have fun, and keep pace with the group in front of you.
- If you have a question, please find a Gold Crown Staff member as we are driving around and we will be happy to help.