

BARTLETT SENIOR GOLF LEAGUE

RULES OF PLAY

The rules of play are to help keep the pace of play and to make the game more enjoyable for all.

1. **Always play ready golf.** Keep up with the group in front of you. If the group ahead of you has completed a hole before you start it, you are playing too slow. Speed up.
2. All strokes plus penalties are counted.
3. Players may take one mulligan per 18-hole round anywhere on the course except the green. Players must decide whether to take the mulligan before leaving where the shot was played. Players may not go look for the ball and then decide to go back for a mulligan. When a mulligan is hit, it is in play regardless of where the original shot may be found. (Mulligans can be used on the par 3 closest to the pin holes to improve your score but can't be used to collect for closest to the pin awards.)
4. Players may move their ball one club length anywhere on course, but not closer to the hole.
 - a. If the player's ball is in the rough, the ball must stay in the rough.
 - b. If the player's ball is in the fringe, the ball must stay in the fringe, and cannot be moved onto the green.
 - c. This rule cannot be used to move a ball out of a hazard.
5. If a player lands in casual water, the player may take relief to nearest relatively dry ground, but no closer to the hole.
6. If there is casual water in the sand trap, the player may obtain relief to nearest dry spot in trap. If the trap has not been raked, the player may rake and place their ball.
7. Gimmies should be in the leather, **no more than 24 inches.**
8. If a ball is deemed lost after a **QUICK** search, drop a ball where you think the ball would have been or where it entered the woods or long grass and play on – one Stroke penalty. Do not spend a lot of time looking, and going back to replay the shot is not permitted!
9. If ball goes in a water hazard, play next shot from point of entry. Count stroke into the water and one penalty stroke. (One club rule does not apply, but you will save a ball)
10. If ball goes out of bounds, play next shot from point of entry to OB. Count stroke out of bounds plus one penalty stroke.
11. Maximum score on any hole is 3 over par. (6, 7, or 8). If your next stroke will reach the maximum – do not play it. Put it in your pocket and move on. That means if you lay 5 on a par 3, take a 6 and go on, etc.

12. ADDITIONAL IDEAS TO SPEED UP PLAY and ENJOYMENT– THE DO’S AND DON’TS

13. Do stand a safe distance behind your partner to watch ball flight from tee.
14. Don’t search for lost balls, if you or your playing partners didn’t see where the shot went, drop another ball and move on.
15. Do play ready golf, but don’t endanger anyone. Hit when ready, honors are waived in favor of speedier play.
16. **Don’t wait in the cart while your partner plays.** Get up, grab your clubs and walk or drive to your ball, when practical.
17. Don’t re-bag your club after you hit a shot if your cart partner is already in the cart ready to go. Re-bag it at your next stop.
18. Do line up your putt before your turn, but do not distract the player who is putting.
19. **Do pick up your ball if you know your score will be three over.** Record it as a 6, 7, or 8. (See rule 12 above)
20. Don’t putt a ball that is within the leather, 24 inches maximum. Don’t let that stretch into 3 or 4 feet or more. (See rule 8 above)
21. Do announce your score to the scorekeeper. Don’t expect him to ask every time. Also enter the score at the next tee box or move away from the green before entering scores.
22. Do keep up with the group ahead of you. (See Rule 1 above)
23. Do try to finish your round in less than the course pace. Most courses are paced around **4 ½ hours**. If it takes longer, it should only be because you have had to wait on the group ahead of you.
24. Do take enough time after the round to check your score and make sure you agree with the card that is being turned in. (Please total your card front and back and total this makes it easier for entering in the computer.)
25. When playing scrambles or handicap rounds, please put score for each hole and total your cards. (Don't just indicate plus or minus for the hole. Put the score on the card.)
26. **Do come in after the round to visit and get to know one another better.**

We would like to wish everyone the best of luck during the 2022 season, and we welcome feedback on how we can improve our league from year to year. If you have suggestions or recommendations on rule changes, please submit your request in writing to Facility Manager Candace Ward. Requests may also be emailed to Candace at cward@cityofbartlett.org.