**ELMTREE GOLF CLUB RULES** - Updated 3-22-2018

**MEMBERSHIP:**

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| 1. | OPEN TO ALL GOLFERS |  |
| 2. | UNDER 18, PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER AND PLAY. | [3-24-98] |

**DUES and FEES:**

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| 1. | COURSE - $65 ($40 if paid prior to April 1st) or PAID VALID COUNTY GOLF CARD. | [3-09-16] |
| 2. | CLUB - $25.00 NEW MEMBERS, $20.00 RETURNING MEMBERS. | [4-29-10] |

**QUOTA:**

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| 1. | MEMBER MUST MAINTAIN A 6 POINT QUOTA TO PLAY IN WEEKLY ACTION   (1PT-Bogey, 3PTs-Par, 5PTs-Birdie, 7PTs-Eagle)  a. MEMBER FALLING BELOW A 6-PT. QUOTA WILL PLAY AS NEW MEMBER  UNTIL REACHING A 2-ROUND 6-PT. AVERAGE QUOTA | [3-13-12] |
| 2. | NEW MEMBERS MUST PLAY 2 ROUNDS ON RED COURSE WITH A CLUB MEMBER   TO ESTABLISH A QUOTA.  a. QUOTA WILL THEN BE ADJUSTED AGAIN AFTER 3RD ROUND. (BEST 2 ROUNDS / 2)  b. QUOTA WILL THEN BE ADJUSTED AFTER EACH ROUND.   (QUOTA + ALL PLAYED ROUNDS - LOW / [# ROUNDS]) | [5-2-10] |
| 3. | A MEMBERS QUOTA IS ADJUSTED AFTER EVERY ROUND  (QUOTA + LAST 6 ROUNDS - LOW ROUND / 6)  a. QUOTAS CAN BE ADJUSTED TO NO MORE THAN MINUS 3  b. QUOTAS CAN BE ADJUSTED AS HIGH AS ONE SCORES | [3-24-15] |
| 4. | WHEN PLAYER’S QUOTA IS AN ODD NUMBER, ‘MOST’ QUOTA WILL BE MADE ON BACK NINE. | [3-12-18] |
| 5. | QUOTAS WILL BE RECORDED APRIL 1ST THRU OCTOBER 31st. MATCHING NJGA/GHIN GOLF SEASON. | [3-06-17] |
| 6. | WINTER QUOTA: AVERAGE OF LAST 4 QUOTAS IN CURRENT YEAR. IF LESS THAN 4 THEN ALL QUOTAS | [3-06-17] |

**ACTION/FEES:**

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| 1. | $23.00 PLUS GREENS FEES, $4 FOR EACH SIDE(Front9/Back9/Total),  $3.00 IS FOR CLUB, $2 FOR MOQ, $2 FOR GRATUITIES & $4($1EACH) FOR   ‘CLOSEST TO THE PIN’ ON EACH OF (4) PAR-3 HOLES.   1. IF A GREEN IS NOT HIT ON A ‘CLOSEST TO PIN’ HOLE, THE PRIZE WILL ”ROLL-OVER” TO THE   NEXT ‘C-T-P’ HOLE.  b. IF A GREEN IS NOT HIT ON THE LAST ‘C-T-P’ HOLE, THE PRIZE WILL BE   ADDED TO THE CLUB TREASURY.  c. ONLY MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE. | [3-09-16] |
| 2. | WINNINGS ARE TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY.  a. IF 2 OR MORE TEAMS TIE THEN THAT MONEY IS SPLIT EVENLY TO ALL TIED PLAYERS. | [4-5-06] |
| 3. | VALID DAYS OF PLAY ARE ANY DAY IN WHICH FULL ACTION IS COLLECTED. | [3-13-12] |
| 4. | SCORES POSTED ONLY WHEN “FULL” ACTION IS COLLECTED. | [4-5-06] |
| 5. | ANY MEMBER WHO INDICATES IN ADVANCE THAT THEY WILL BE PLAYING ON SUNDAY/HOLIDAY AND FAILS TO SHOW WILL BE FINED THEIR GREENS FEE AMOUNT. THE GREENS FEE WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE ‘GREEN FEE CREDIT FUND’ WHEN ESTABLISHED AND MUST BE REDEPOSITED TO THE ACCOUNT FUND WITHIN 1 MONTH UNLESS THERE IS LESS THAN 3 WEEKS IN THE SEASON REMAINING.  ( MEMBER IS INELIGIBLE UNTIL FINE IS PAID OR FUND RE-CREDITED. ) | [3-06-17] |
| 6. | ALL FINES WILL BE ADDED TO CLUB TREASURY. | [4-29-10] |

**HOLE IN ONE:**

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| 1. | $50.00 CASH PRIZE | [3-26-96] |

**CUT-OFF TIME:**

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| 1. | THERE IS NO LONGER A NON-POSTING CUT-OFF TIME. YOU CAN TRY CONTACTING AN OFFICER OR VISIT PREAKNESS VALLEY GOLF WEBSITE FOR TEETIME AVAILABILITY. | [3-06-17] |
| 2. | IF ARRIVAL TIME NOT PROVIDED PRIOR TO SUNDAY, ALL MEMBERS MUST ARRIVE AT THE COURSE READY TO PLAY ½ HOUR BEFORE 1ST POSTED TEE TIME. | [3-06-17] |

**TEAMS:**

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| 1. | TEAMS MADE UP OF 2 PLAYERS. 3 PLAYER TEAM ONLY FOR ODD NUMBER OF PLAYERS PRESENT.  a. MEMBERS SEPARATED INTO FLIGHTS FOR TEAMS, FIRST  "A"-MEN THEN REMAINDER DRAWN EVENLY.  b. IF 7 OR LESS PLAYERS, MEMBERS PLAY AS “SINGLES”. | [4-3-07] |
| 2. | TEAMS ARE MADE UP AFTER PLAY BY FIRST GROUP FINISHED. | [3-26-96] |

**UNCOMPLETED ROUNDS:**

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| 1. | MEMBER FORFEITS ALL MONEY IF THEY DO NOT COMPLETE ALL 18 HOLES.  a. THE HIGHER OF QUOTA or PRORATED (18 HOLE) SCORE WILL   BE RECORDED FOR ROUNDS NOT COMPLETED.  b. IF MEMBER DOES NOT COMPLETE ROUND OF GOLF, THEY MUST NOTIFY  THE FIRST GROUP BEFORE TEAMS ARE MADE UP.  c. FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE FIRST GROUP WILL RESULT IN A THREE WEEK SUSPENSION OF PLAY. | [4-29-10] |

**TOURNAMENTS:**

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| 1. | OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT.   1. SUNDAY OF APRIL 22nd. 2. ONLY MEMBERS FROM PRIOR SEASON ELIGIBLE. | [3-12-18] |
| 2. | SEAN CHAMBERS MEMORIAL MID-SEASON TOURNAMENT.  a. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER JULY 4TH.  b. MEMBER MUST HAVE 4 PLAYS POSTED.  c. NEW MEMBERS MUST HAVE 6 PLAYS POSTED. | [3-06-17] |
| 3. | CLOSING-DAY TOURNAMENT. (SEPTEMBER 30, 2017)  a. MEMBER MUST HAVE 8 PLAYS POSTED.  b. NEW MEMBER MUST HAVE 10 PLAYS POSTED. | [3-09-16] |

**TOURNAMENT PRIZES:**

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| 1. | FLIGHTS FOR MOQ.  a. 17 OR MORE MEMBERS: DIVIDE MEMBERS WHO QUALIFY INTO 3 FLIGHTS.  9 TO 16 MEMBERS: DIVIDE MEMBERS WHO QUALIFY INTO TWO FLIGHTS.  UNDER 9 MEMBERS: ONE FLIGHT.  b. IF FLIGHT(S) ARE UNEVEN, EXTRA MAN WILL BE PLACED IN LOWER FLIGHT(S).  c. M.O.Q. WINS PRIZE IN EACH FLIGHT. | [3-26-14] |
| 2. | PRIZES.  a. ONE PRIZE IN EACH FLIGHT.  b. TOURNAMENT PRIZE - $50.00. [3-12-18]  c. CLOSING DAY TOURNAMENT PRIZE: $50.00 to $100. [3-26-14]  d. ALL PRIZES ARE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE TREASURER. [2-28-13]  e. FOR EACH TOURNAMENT, OVERALL MOQ PRIZE IS $25.00 | [3-26-14] |
| 3. | TROPHYS. [ If ever recovered]  a. PLAQUE AWARDED TO MOQ WINNER ON OPENING AND CLOSING DAY TOURNAMENTS.  b. PLAQUES MUST BE RETURNED TO CLUB TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT.  FAILURE TO DO SO RESULTS IN TOURNAMENT INELIGIBILITY.  c. WINNER OF PLAQUES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT IF LOST OR STOLEN. |  |

**LOCAL RULES:**

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| 1. | WEST (RED) COURSE WILL BE THE PRIMARY COURSE OF PLAY. | [3-09-16] |
| 2. | TEE MARKERS TO BE PLAYED  a. WEST ‘RED’ COURSE – WHITE MARKERS b. EAST ‘BLUE’ COURSE – BLUE MARKERS  c. LADIES – RED MARKERS, BOTH COURSES | [3-24-15] |
| 3. | FAIRWAY ONLY:  a. BALL MAY BE ROLLED TO A PREFERRED LIE IN PLAYER’S OWN FAIRWAY ONLY,  A MAXIMUM OF 1 CLUB GRIP LENGTH. NO CLOSER TO THE PIN.  b. A PLAYER WHO BUILDS A LIE, EXCEPT ON A TEE, SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THAT  HOLE. BUILDING A LIE CAN BE DONE BY PRESSING DOWN BEHIND THE BALL WITH A  FOOT, DIGGING IN A HEEL OR CLUB AND PLACING THE BALL ON THE MOUND  FORMED OR IN A SAND TRAP, DRAWING A LINE BEHIND THE BALL.  c. BUILDING A LIE OF ANY TYPE MAY BE CHALLENGED. THE PLAYER MAKING THE CALL   MUST DO SO IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOT HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE OFFENDING PLAYER.  PENALTY = "OUT OF HOLE". | [4-29-10] |
| 4. | MOVING A BALL ILLEGALLY BY FOOT, HAND OR CLUB WILL RESULT IN PENALTY = "OUT OF HOLE" | [3-14-95] |
| ~~5.~~ | SAND TRAPS – RAKE & REPLACE WHERE BALL WAS LIFTED FROM. (Head Pro Recommend Rule) | [3-12-18] |
| 6. | FAIRWAYS END AT THE FRONT OF ALL GREENS.  a. FRINGE OF GREENS IS NOT CONSIDERED FAIRWAY.  b. THE NECK/THROAT APPROACHING THE GREEN IS   CONSIDERED FAIRWAY ONLY IF IT HAS BEEN CUT. | [3-22-99] |
| 7. | LOST BALL - HIT PROVISIONAL FROM ORIGINAL SPOT, STROKE & DISTANCE PENALTY.  (IF BALL GOES NEAR TREES, HIT PROVISIONAL! RE-HITTING FROM ORIGINAL SPOT IS PROHIBITED)  a. BALL LOST WITH NO PROVISIONAL PLAYED – PENALTY: OUT OF HOLE  - EXCEPTION: IF ALL IN GROUP AGREE THAT BALL WAS IN PLAY.  b. IF BALL IS LOST IN OWN FAIRWAY, ASK TEAM WHERE TO PLACE NEW BALL.  NO PENALTY.  c. IF BALL IS LOST IN ROUGH OR OTHER FAIRWAY, ASK TEAM WHERE TO DROP NEW BALL.   ONE STROKE PENALTY.  d. OPTIONS FOR PLAY WHEN BALL IS IN RED STAKED HAZARD SUPERCEDE   OPTIONS WHEN PROVISIONAL BALL HAS BEEN PLAYED. | [3-13-12] |
| 8. | UNPLAYABLE LIE. 1 STROKE PENALTY  a. DROP WITHIN TWO CLUB LENGTHS OF UNPLAYABLE LIE, NO NEARER TO HOLE.  b. DROP AS FAR BACK AS YOU WANT KEEPING THE SPOT OF THE   UNPLAYABLE LIE BETWEEN YOU AND THE HOLE. | [3-06-17] |
| 9. | OUT OF BOUNDS.  a. PLAY PROVISIONAL FROM ORIGINAL SPOT - ONE STROKE PENALTY.  b. IN ADDITION TO STAKED “OUT OF BOUNDS”, THE FOLLOWING ARE “OB”.  i. #1 - SHAG FIELD ON RIGHT.  ii. #14 - ROAD ON RIGHT & PROPERTY FENCE LINE TO RIGHT OF GREEN.  iii. #15 - PROPERTY FENCE LINE & ROAD ON RIGHT.  iv. #16 - MAINTANANCE YARD. | [3-09-16] |

**LOCAL RULES (Continued):**

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| 10. | IF BALL LIES IN AREA INFESTED WITH WASPS/BEES or OTHER DANGEROUS CONDITION,  PLAYER MAY TAKE FREE RELIEF AS FAR BACK AS TO ENSURE SAFE PLAY. | [4-3-07] |
| 11. | PUTT OUT ALL HOLES. NO "GIMMEES" | [3-26-02] |
| 12. | IF BALL MOVES ON GREEN, REPLACE ON ORIGINAL SPOT – NO PENALTY (2019 USGA) | [3-12-18] |
| 13. | A PLAYER HITTING ANY ERRANT TEE SHOT ON #9-WEST, MAY PROCEDE TO THE ‘DROP-ZONE’.  IF DROP ZONE NOT CLEARLY MARKED, DROP IS AT BURIED BOULDER (APPROX. 200YD MARKER ) | [3-06-17] |
| 14. | EACH GROUP MUST WORK TO SETTLE ANY RULES QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE WITHIN   THEIR ROUND. IT SHOULD ONLY BE BROUGHT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHEN AN   AGREEABLE RESOLUTION COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED. | [4-5-06] |
| 15. | SPEED OF PLAY IS TO BE A PRIORITY. CONTINUE PLAY WHILE GROUP MEMBER IS   SEARCHING FOR LOST BALL. READY GOLF. CONTINUOUSLY PUTT OUT ON ALL HOLES. | [4-29-10] |
| 2019.1 | THERE IS NO PENALTY FOR:   * Accidently moving a ball while searching for it. * Accidently moving a ball or ball-marker on the putting green. * For a ball striking a player, caddie, flagstick(or attendant) or “double-hit” in a swing. * Moving loose impediments in a bunker. * PENALTY AREA – touching the ground, moving loose impediments or grounding the club. * Hitting an unattended flagstick that is still in the hole. * Touching the line of the putt EXCEPT to improve conditions of stroke. * Touching sand or grounding club in a bunker  EXCEPT for testing of sand and grounding club immediately in front of or behind ball. | [3-12-18] |
| 2019.2 | Other 2019 Changes Implemented in 2018:   * Play ‘READY GOLF’. * 3 minutes MAXIMUM search time for lost ball. * If ball moves on green, replace to original position * Penalty or Free Drops can be taken from a player’s knee height or above. * Free relief from an embedded ball anywhere in the general area EXCEPT SAND * ANY damage on putting green can be repaired EXCEPT natural imperfections. * Player may take a drop at the point a ball is considered LOST or OB for a 2 stoke penalty. | [3-12-18] |

* **LOCAL RULES 2019.1 & 2019.2 cover many of the rule changes the USGA will implement in 2019. ELMTREE has decided to implement them for the 2018 season.**
* **LOCAL RULES 2019.1 & 2019.2 are only valid for the 2018 season at which point they will become USGA rules and the official USGA interpretations will be in effect. LOCAL RULES 2019.1 & 2019.2 will be removed at the end of the 2018 season.**
* **The Executive Committee reserves the right, without membership vote, to suspend implementation of LOCAL RULES 2019.1 & 2019.2.**
* **The Executive Committee reserves the right, without membership vote, to modify any parts of LOCAL RULES 2019.1 & 2019.2 if it is determined that an incorrect interpretation has been used OR a modified ruling has been made by the USGA or NJSGA in regards to a 2019 rule.**

**\*\*\*\* NOTE: ALL PLAYERS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN MAKING DECISIONS RELATING TO THE RULES.**

**DO NOT SUPERSEDE USGA RULES.**