

## **Juniper Ridge Resort Golf League Local Rules – Revised August 1, 2019**

**Note:** USGA rules apply except as noted below. Our focus is for every golfer to enjoy the game and have fun.

**Golf Ball to be used on JRR Golf Course:** only the Pointfive ball sold in the JRR Pro Shop may be used on the course.

**Maximum Score:** The maximum score on any hole shall be twice the par of that hole.

**Out of Bounds:** all white stakes are course boundaries and beyond them is out of bounds. All JRR paved roads, the Pickleball and Tennis Courts and all rocks and gravel surrounding them, as well as the putting green and practice chipping area is out of bounds. The water tower by the 13<sup>th</sup> hole, and the fence surrounding it are out of bounds. Any private yard surrounding a house or an unimproved lot is out of bounds.

If your ball ends up out of bounds, you drop a ball (from knee height) at the point where your shot crossed the out of bounds mark, take a one stroke penalty, and hit your next shot from that point.

**Unplayable Lie:** a player may deem his/her ball to be unplayable anywhere on the course except when their ball is in a water hazard. The player is the sole judge as to whether the ball is unplayable. If a player deems their ball unplayable, they may take a one stroke penalty and choose one of the following actions:

- 1) Play their ball from the spot where their previous shot was hit.
- 2) Drop their ball within two club lengths from where it lies, no closer to the hole, or
- 3) Go back as far as they wish on the line from where the ball lies to where it was previously hit.

**Drains and Sprinkler Heads:** if your ball is on a drain or sprinkler head, or your stance or swing is impacted by one, you may move your ball one club length away from the obstruction (but not nearer the hole) without penalty.

**Cart Paths:** A ball that comes to rest on a cart path may be move one club length into the fairway, but not nearer the hole, without penalty. The cart path is defined as the red cinder path. Gravel that is not red cinder is *not* considered cart path (for example, the gravel area between the cart path and the road on Hole #8). The player will be the sole judge as to whether their ball is on a cart path or not.

**The Rocks on Hole 5:** If your stance, your swing, or the flight of your ball is effected by the large rocks or boulders lining the road, you may move your ball one club length, but not nearer the hole without penalty.

**The Rocks on Hole 9:** a ball hit from the tee box that comes to rest in the rocks in front of the tee box or in the rocks to the right side of the fairway may be deemed unplayable by the player. If so, the next stroke must be from the drop area directly in front of the cart path between the cart path and the green. A one stroke penalty is accessed.

If ball rolls against EROSION ROCKS lining cart path by the green and does not proceed to the cart path a FREE drop may be applied.

**The Pond on Hole 15:** A ball that lands in the pond is out of play, a one stroke penalty is assessed and you hit your next (third) shot from the drop area where you enter the island.

**The Bridge on Hole 17:** is an immovable obstruction. If your ball lies on or under the bridge; if your stance or swing is obstructed by the bridge, or if the flight of your subsequent shot could hit any part of the bridge, you may move the ball one club length away from the obstruction, but not nearer the hole, without penalty.

**Ball lying on dirt or new grass:** balls will be played where they lie though the green. No relief can be taken without penalty. If ball lays in standing water it may be moved without penalty. The player is the sole judge of unplayable dirt and playable grass.

**Greens in disrepair:** if a player deems that the condition of an area of the green may impact their putt, they may move their ball to a better lie, but not closer to the pin, without penalty.

**Water Hazards:** Any ball that lands in the water, or in the rocks outlining the hazard, is out of play and the next shot can be taken, with a one stroke penalty, from either the spot where the previous shot was hit, or within two club lengths from where the ball crossed from land to water.

#### **Rules for On the Green:**

- (1) If you are off the green and your ball hits a ball on the green, the ball on the green is placed back where it was. The ball from off the green is played from where it comes to rest. No penalty.
- (2) If both balls are on the green, the player who's ball hits the other is assessed a two stroke penalty.
- (3) If you are on the green and putt and your ball hits the pin (whether the pin is in the hole or not), a cart, bag, club or another player, there is no penalty.
- (4) If the wind moves your ball before you putt, place it back where it was and putt. No penalty.

**Player Conduct:** Our intent is to encourage fun, fellowship and good sportsmanship among our members. Confronting, or embarrassing another member over a rules infraction will not be tolerated. If a player doesn't know, or is uncertain of a rule, please coach them in a friendly manner, but don't embarrass them.

If you believe there is an infraction that impacts the outcome of your standing in the game, the actual infraction and the resulting handling of it are to be determined by your foursome at the time of infraction, using common sense. Again, keep it friendly.

**Handicapping:** In order to establish a temporary handicap, a golfer must complete 3 rounds of golf for a 9 hole or 18 hole handicap. An official score card signed and witnessed by a league member for each round completed should be turned in to the golf shop.

**Tournaments:** In order to qualify to play in a league tournament, you must have played a minimum of 5 rounds of golf from a specific tee box ie: white, red, green, or blue.

**Senior Tees:** At age 80, a player may elect to play from the senior tee. The 80 year old player must inform the golf shop of this change of tees, so that documentation can be made on the handicap computer. Their handicap will start over at 0 and remain there until 3 rounds have been reported to the golf shop and witnessed by a golf league member.