



Tonga USA Golf Club Tournament Rules

EagleVines Golf Course on 8/30/24

Chardonnay Golf Course on 8/31/24

1. U.S.G.A. rules will govern all rules of play except as amended by local golf course rules and the Tonga USA Golf Club rules.
- 2.. The tournament is an Individual Stroke Play competition. Total gross and net score for both days.
3. There will be 4 flights (Three for men and one for the Ladies).
 - **A Flight** (Hcp. 13 and below):
 - Tee from the **Blue tee** at EagleVines on Friday
 - Tee from the **Imperial tee** at Chardonnay on Saturday
 - **B Flight** (Hcp. 14 to 18) and **C Flight** (Hcp 19 to 25):
 - Tee from the **White tee** at EagleVines on Friday
 - Tee from the **Double Magnum tee** at Chardonnay on Saturday
 - **Ladies:** Tee from the Ladies' tee
4. You **MUST Putt** out your ball in ALL holes. **No gimme.**
5. If you leave the flag in the pin when you putt, and your ball hits it and does not go into the hole, it is what it is. You still need to putt it out.
6. You may **pick and clean** your ball **anywhere on the golf course** and **place it within 1 FOOT** of its current position but **NOT closer** to the hole. You **MUST** first **MARK** your ball before picking it up. **However**, if your ball is in the bunker or red stake area, you can still clean and place it, but it must still be in the bunker or red stake area. Remember that 1 FOOT is 12 INCHES!
7. Let's all be **READY** to play golf in every hole. We will use the **HONOR** rule for the order of play. Toss a tee or player's ball to determine the order of play in the first hole, and then use scores in each hole to determine the order of play in subsequent holes. The lowest score goes first. If there is a tie, use the previous hole's score, and so on.

Be **READY** to play **GOLF** and use the **HONOR** rule, too.

8. All flights will be assessed using a **MINIMUM net score of 67**. Hence, if your handicap is 20 and you hit a gross score of 85, resulting in a net score of 65, your official net score for the competition will be 67, NOT 65.
9. If your ball lands in the **VINEYARD AREA**, you **MUST drop** within two clubs' length with ONE penalty stroke at the entry point (Red Stake hazard rule). Do NOT hit any ball from the vineyard, even if you can.
10. If your ball is lost in the bushes (red stake or no red stake), you can re-hit or **drop** within two clubs' length with ONE penalty stroke at the entry point (Red Stake hazard rule).
11. If your tee shot goes **OUT-OF-BOUNDS**, you can re-hit from the same spot, hitting your 3rd shot (1 stroke penalty), or drop to the fairway from a line perpendicular to where your ball enters the boundary for out-of-bounds hitting your fourth shot (2 strokes penalty). If it is your second shot, re-hit from the same spot, hitting fourth, drop on the fairway, hitting fifth, and so on.
12. Each foursome will have **2 scorecards**, one for each cart. All players must work together to ensure that all scores are recorded correctly **after each hole and immediately before teeing off** the next hole. To minimize errors, all players should help count the scores, not just the person recording the scores. Avoid asking the "dangerous question": "**What did you get?**"
13. Record the number of strokes taken per hole and NOT +1 for bogey, 0 for par, etc. For example, if a player took 5 strokes to hole his/her ball in a par 4 hole, the score to be recorded should be a 5 rather than +1.
14. Nearest-to-Pin (NTP) prizes on all par 3's. The Ball **MUST** be on the green.
15. You **MUST** play in the group that you were assigned to.
16. If in doubt, play two balls and finalize the matter with the Tournament Directors, **Tommy Moala** or **Tevita Kongaika**, after your round.
17. Failure to follow the rules stated in this document and that of the USGA rule will result in your being **DISQUALIFIED** from the tournament.
18. **ONE** best **GROSS** prize and **FOUR NET** score prizes for each flight (2 days total). Daily Nearest to the Pin prizes in all Par 3's too.
19. May you all have an enjoyable time at this tournament.