

RICHTER PARK MEN'S CLUB HARD CARD

All Richter Park Men's Club events shall be governed by the current USGA® Rules of Golf. The following Local Rules & Definitions shall also be in effect for every event.

PACE OF PLAY: The Richter Park Men's Club policy leaves the responsibility for maintaining the pace of play where it belongs, with the player. Efficient pace of play is a huge factor of a successful and positive experience for all participants. **PLAY READY GOLF**

TEEING GROUNDS: Unless specified by the event format, play will be from the WHITE tee markers, not necessarily the scorecard yardages.

GOLD TEE ELIGIBILITY: Players whose age plus Gold Course handicap is greater than 80 may compete from the gold tees.

DROP ZONES: Players failing to carry the water on holes #3, #5 and #10 may re-tee at their designated tee or drop at the Red Tees. **DO NOT USE THE DROP AREA ACROSS THE WATER.**

LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE: Balls in closely mown areas in the general area may be lifted, cleaned and placed provided they rest in the fairway or green area of the hole being played.

EMBEDDED BALL RULE: Free relief if your ball is embedded in the general area.

BALL MOVED ON THE PUTTING GREEN: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

CELL PHONES/ELECTRONIC DEVICES: Cell Phones may be used only if doing so does not unduly delay play, cell phones must be on silent at all times. In the spirit of competition, cell phone usage during competition is discouraged. A player should be respectful of their fellow competitors. The device should only be used to make phone calls in emergency situations.

TIME OF STARTING: It is the responsibility of the individual player to be at the correct starting hole 10 minutes in advance of the start time.

SCORECARDS: A designated player from the team or group shall turn in the scorecard to the Pro or Asst Pro as soon as possible at the completion of play. Any team or group who has not turned in their scorecard within 10 minutes of completion of the round will be deemed a No Card and is subject to disqualification.

STONES IN BUNKERS: Are movable obstructions.

PENALTY AREAS: Penalty areas are one of the five defined areas of the course and can be marked as either red or yellow. When your ball lies in a penalty area, you can play it as it lies or take relief outside the penalty area for one penalty stroke. For either red or yellow penalty areas, you can play from where your last stroke was made (stroke and distance) or take back-on-the-line relief by going back as far as you'd like on the line between the hole and where your ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area. In a red penalty area, you have one additional relief option, which is to take lateral relief within two club-lengths of where your ball crossed into the penalty area.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR: Defined by enclosed white lines. Shall also apply to deep tire marks, all apparent cart paths (paved or not), any construction area, newly sodded or seed area, aeration holes, and French drains. If there is an area near a green or in a fairway that you believe is GUR and is not marked, please consult your fellow competitors and invoke rule 20.

LOCAL RULE FOR LOST BALL OR OUT OF BOUNDS: Defined by the inside edges at ground level of boundary walls, split-rail fences, perimeter fence posts, street curbing, roads, parking lots, white stakes and white lines connecting markers. A ball that crosses a public road or property line is out of bounds. *As an alternative to Stroke and Distance relief, a player may drop a ball anywhere between where the original ball was believed to come to rest (or went out-of-bounds) and 2 club lengths in from the edge of the fairway, but no nearer the hole. the local rule mimics your score if you had played a decent provisional ball. 2 STROKE PENALTY*

PROCEDURE FOR MISSING PLAYER: If a team is short of a player, a blind draw score from a similar handicap in the event will be added to the team score.

MAX SCORE: Double Bogey NET

POSTING SCORES: Event scores will be posted by the club.