

Oceanaire Men's Golf Association



OMGA 2023 Rules

1) Tree Line Rule

Fescue / Tree Line Rule – Will be played as a **red penalty** area.

If a ball is hit into the tree line /**penalty area**:

a) With no penalty attached, hit the ball from where it lies in the tree line /**penalty area**.

*Club may be grounded and loose impediments moved.

b) Take a one stroke penalty and drop the ball within 2 club lengths, no closer to the hole, from where the ball crossed the tree line /**penalty area** (not from where the ball is lying in the tree line /**penalty area**).

c) A player does not need to find their ball for the above to apply

d) The player may take “back on the line relief” by going back as far as desired on the line between the hole and where your ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.

Local Rule Option – This shall only apply when relief from a ball coming to rest in the Tree line /**penalty area** and the player is standing on the cart path. Take nearest point of (Full) relief on the golf course side of the cart path and drop your ball away from the cart path within one club length and not nearer the hole.

During Regular and Tournament play the marked Drop Zones on 7 and 12 may be utilized for a ball hit into the penalty area or, lateral relief may be taken in accordance USGA rules governing lateral relief. During Regular and Tournament play the marked Drop Zone on 16 will be utilized for a ball hit into the Tree Line/Penalty Area, the wooded area between the Green Tee and the entire front and left side of the 16th green. A ball may be “placed” in the drop zone. **If a player is certain or virtually certain that his or her ball has cleared the Tree Line/Penalty Area but is not found, or is within the penalty area, lateral relief may be taken in accordance with USGA Rules. If found, the ball may also be played as it lies.**

***NEW:** A ball coming to rest on the designated entrances and exits (white posts and exit markers) to the fairways should be played as Ground Under Repair with free relief. Free relief is the nearest point of (Full) relief within one club length and no nearer to the hole.

NEW: "Safety Relief", If there is a safety concern (i.e., rocks, tree roots etc.) it should be played as Ground Under Repair with free relief. Free relief is the nearest point of (Full) relief within one club length and no nearer to the hole. **NOTE: Any such requested relief should only be taken after discussion and agreement with at least one playing partner**

***NEW:** Drop Zones on #7, 12 and 16: Ball may be “placed” rather than dropped in these areas.

2) Tee Box Assignment / Handicap

All men will play from their respective tee box based on handicap index.

20.0 and below will play from White/Green Tees

20.1- and above will play from Green Tees

3) Putting

All putts must be holed out, No Gimmee’s

4) Winter Rules

Winter rules (also called "preferred lies") are in effect, unless specified, clean and place in your fairway only. A ball lying in any closely mown area may, be lifted, cleaned and placed within 1 club length of where it originally lay, but not nearer the hole and not in a penalty area or putting green. In scrambles you cannot change the area where you play the ball. For example, you cannot move the ball from the rough to the fairway or fairway to fringe, you may place it 1 club length from the marked ball in the same condition.

***NOTE 1:** "closely mown area" is any area of the course, including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less. This includes the apron / fringe around the green.

5) Scrambles

In Scrambles when there are inadvertently 3-man teams the following will apply:

The 3 players will alternate the 4th shot.

Player #1- Will take the extra shots on the 1st, 4th, 7th, 10th, 13th & 16th holes played.

Player #2- Will take the extra shots on the 2nd, 5th, 8th, 11th, 14th & 17th holes played.

Player #3- Will take the extra shots on the 3rd, 6th, 9th, 12th, 15th & 18th holes played.

(Note: On Par 3’s the player who takes the additional shot can only use his first shot for the Closest to the Pin contest. He may take the additional shot, but it will not qualify for the Closest to the Pin prize. The additional shot, taken by a player in a threesome, will also not be eligible for the Hole in One Contest)

6) Awards in 2023 :

OMGA Shootout Champion, OMGA Sportsman, Most Improved Golfer

OMGA 9 Hole Champion *(Chosen by the OMGA Committee)*

7) Shootout

OMGA League will culminate with an end of season “Shootout” by the top 14 point winners.

Three players each will be knocked off on the first 2 holes and 1 player each on the remaining holes until we have the Shootout Winner.

The OMGA Committee will make an annual determination, based on participation, on qualified participants for the Shootout.

Weekly Points will be assigned as follows:

1st Place = 3 Points,

2nd Place = 2 Points,

3rd Place = 1 Points,

All Players will also receive 1 Point for participation.

8) Hole-in-One

The OMGA will have a season long “Hole in One” contest for anyone who chooses to enter for \$3.00. Hole in One prize is only valid on Wednesday, during OMGA League play. *(If there are two, or more, “Holes in One” on the same day the prize will be split among those members. If you are playing in a threesome and you take the second shot on a Par 3, that second shot does not qualify for the Hole in One prize. Separate HIO Contests for 9 & 18 Hole groups)*

9) Contests

There will be weekly “Closest to the Pin” Contests on all Par 3 Holes.

(If you are playing in a threesome and you take the second shot on a par 3, that second shot does not qualify for the Closest to the Pin Contest or the Hole in One Contest)

10) 9 Hole League (New)

*Will follow 18 Hole League

*Will follow same formats as 18 hole OMGA

*Green & Silver Tee Boxes will be used. Tentative median handicap is 28 based on the number of players who have handicaps. Once everyone has established their handicap that median (28) may change. Any player with 28.0 handicap index or below will play from the Green Tee Box, Any player with a 28.1 handicap index or above will play from the Silver Tee Box.

*Top 4 Season Point Leaders will have a 4 Man Playoff for Championship

*Points: 1st Place - 3 Points, 2nd Place - 2 Points, Participation - 1 Point

*Must have 8 golfers to have a contest (1 Point awarded for anyone who plays)

*\$5 entry, \$3 for contests and \$2 to the league

*9 Hole League will establish their own Hole in One Contest

*Season Points will only count for 9 Hole play

*Shotguns are open to all members (9 & 18 Holes)

11) Sign Up Sheets

Sign-Up Sheets for 9 Hole and 18 Hole OMGA League Play are available on the entrance table in the Pro Shop. The Sign-Up sheets are available until 5:00 PM on Sunday afternoon for the following Wednesday's League Play.

12) Golf Etiquette

As an OMGA Member you are expected to adhere to all rules of golf etiquette including repairing divots, fixing ball marks on the green and always raking the sand traps after you hit out of the sand. We are also expected to comply with all USGA and Local Rules

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