

## 2025 Rules of Golf for the Builders Tee Club

### **Divisions Defined:**

At the beginning of each year, all players would be evaluated for proper division placement. The club has two divisions, A and B. Division A players have indexes up to 22.0. Division B players have indexes above 22.0. You are placed into a division at the beginning of the season. A player in division A would not move to division B until his index is over 25.0. A player in division B would not move to division A until his index is below 19.0.

### **All USGA rules are to be followed except for the following:**

1. Lift, clean and place in your fairway only.
2. Out of bounds: Course boundaries or white stakes. The penalty is 1 stroke and distance or drop in the fairway nearest & even to where you went out of bounds, and take a 2-stroke penalty. No out of bounds inside the golf course.
3. Lost ball: You may play a lost ball as a lateral hazard. The drop area must be agreed to by all the members of the group. One stroke penalty.
4. Hole all putts, No Gimmes.
5. Clubs: You may carry 16 clubs in your bag.
6. Yardage devices will be permitted. If they are used, they must be shared with your opponents.
7. Putting ball: You may change your ball on the green.
8. Handicaps will be computed using the World Handicap System except using the best 5 of 10 scores. Rounds before 2025 were recomputed to use slope and rating under the new handicap system for each round. Everyone has a new index carried into 2025, in order to compute their course handicap each week. An initial handicap index can be established after playing 3 rounds with the club. After the 2025 season, scores over 24 months old will be ignored when computing your handicap index. The tee

sheet will show "99" if you do not have a handicap index.

Maximum course handicap allowed will be 39.

9. The tee sheet will show the course handicap and tee box for each golfer. You will have a different course handicap each week based on the Slope and Rating of the course and Tee Boxes you are using. The tee boxes used will not change unless you move between divisions.
10. Tee boxes would be established as below:
  - A) All players in the "B" division will play from the Forward Tee Box (FR).
  - B) All players in the "A" division will play from the Regular Tee Box (RG). If your age is 70 & older as of the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the golf season, you pick either FR or RG, as of the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the year and stay at that tee box all season.
11. All holes with a Par of 3 will be played from each division's normal tee box.
12. Pace of play, please keep up with the group ahead of you even if no one is pressing you from behind.
13. 9-Rule, this rule is designed to help speed up play. If you are lying 8, pick up your ball and record a 9. The only exceptions to this rule are for the following events: 2-Man event, Club Championship, President's Cup and World Series, then count every stroke.
14. You may always rake and place in sand traps. Check the board each week to see if we are playing traps or which traps we are not playing. If we are not playing traps, you may drop the ball at the entry point, or play it from the trap, your choice.
15. Members must have an established BTC handicap to be eligible to play in 2 Man and Club Championship.

### **Golf Tournament Rules:**

**General Rule:** Each round of the tournament must be completed before the next scheduled round. With consent of all the players, matches can be made up outside of the Builders Tee Schedule. Upon your second incident of not showing for a match, you will forfeit the match.

**Club Championship** - Members Only - Individual match play – played with net handicap. Example: Player A has 12 HCP and Player B has 18 HCP. Player A gets 0 strokes. Player B gets 6 strokes on handicap holes 1-6 (the hardest 6 holes). If tied after 18 holes of play, then play a sudden death playoff starting with the next hole in sequence. Only the winner will advance. If you miss a scheduled match twice, that match will be forfeited.

**Two-Man Tournament** - Members Only - would be played at net handicap by subtracting the low man's handicap from the other three players. Example: Team A players have course handicaps of 8 and 12 while team B players have course handicaps of 10 and 22. Team A player 1 gets no strokes, while player 2 would get 1 stroke on handicap holes 1-4. Team B player 1 would get 1 stroke on handicap holes 1-2, while player 2 would get 1 stroke on handicap holes 1-14. The team with the lowest score on a hole would win the hole. If each team's lowest score results in a tie, the team with the next lowest score would win the hole. If there is another tie, the hole is halved with no one winning that hole. If the match is tied after 18 holes, then play a sudden death playoff, starting on the next hole in sequence. Player substitution for health reasons is allowed. The substitute must be plus or minus 2 strokes in handicap from original player. New players may come from the pool of players eliminated or those who have not yet participated.

**Scrambles** will be handicapped as recommended by the USGA. The team's handicap will be the sum of each player's handicap calculated as follows: "A" player@20%, + "B" Player@15%, + "C" Player@10%, + "D" Player@5%. The total team handicap would be subtracted from the gross score of each team. Four drives are required to be used by each player.