Springfield Senior Golf Club
2026 Club Officers

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Rules & Procedures

The club has established a number of local rules which apply when playing in club events. Furthermore there are certain financial obligations of the members when playing in such events. These rules and policies are explained in this section of the club software.

As of 2026, the club software will be Golf League Site (GLS) All members are required to use this application to sign up, pay and score for their club rounds.

Greens Fees Payment Policy

Payment of greens fees by ALL PLAYERS is expected no later than the morning of the event. GLS will send notification for delinquent payments on the day following the event. Late payment is expected on that day.

Payment by **PayPal™** is the preferred method of payment. This will require the member to first create a PayPal account and link it to his/her credit card or bank. (go to **paypal.com** for further details and instructions).

Payment may be made by *check* (but only if necessary). Checks can be given to an officer on the day of play or brought to the Gables front desk to be left in the SSGC folder.

Payment by *cash* is discouraged.

If a member has paid for a golf event, but did not play in the event, it is his/her responsibility to notify the Treasurer. If the payment was made to **Paypal**, a refund may be issued to the member's PayPal account, or if a check was used it will be shredded.

Penalty for Late Cancellation

In some cases the SSGC may be charged by a golf course because the club failed to meet the minimum number of players specified in the contract or because a late cancellation occurred. If the club is charged for a member who cancels within 7 days prior to the event, the member will:

a) Forfeit any payment made in advance of the event
b) Be required to remit payment for the event within 24 hours of the event
c) Not be allowed to sign up for subsequent events until payment for the cancelled event is received

If a last-minute cancellation is unavoidable (e.g. the morning of), it is the player's responsibility to call the golf course to notify them of your cancellation. Calling or leaving a message with the Scheduler or a Club officer is not sufficient since it can inadvertently be overlooked or may not be received in time to avoid payment to the golf course when the player did not play.

SSGC Local Club Rules

All official club events (March 1 through October 31) will be played in accordance with the Official USGA Rules of Golf except for the following:

1. Special Event or Tournament Rules shall be provided to participants at the beginning of the event or tournament. These rules will be included in the GLS message sent out by the scheduler in advance of the event. It is the responsibility of the member to review them prior to the event.

2. The Stableford point system shall be used for scoring all events when appropriate (e.g. except scrambles).

3. A ball that is within 18" of the hole is considered a "gimmie". It is not required to hole this ball; however, 1 stroke is counted for the "gimmie".

4. If a ball cannot be found (but is determined to be not out of bounds) it will be considered to have gone into a lateral hazard. The ball may be dropped and played from a point near to where it was last seen. A one-stroke penalty will be assessed. A player may still try to find the lost ball, but if the group ahead is out of range, a new ball should be dropped and played without further delay. This rule does not change the rules for a ball played out-of-bounds.

5. Preferred lies are allowed. Players may mark, clean and place their ball up to one club length from the mark, no closer to the hole, and not onto improved ground; for example, a player may not move the ball from the rough to the fairway, or from the fringe to the green. If a sand trap is unplayable due to standing water or mud, the ball may be removed from the trap and moved to the rear or side of the bunker, no closer to the hole. This rule is intended to improve pace of play.

6. Event participants may choose to play from any tee that has a rating (slope/rating). If one plays from a tee that is not designated in the event announcement/Starters List, members must change the tee

in GLS prior to starting live scoring. If a participant plays from a tee forward of the designated tee, their score will be entered for handicap purposes and Stableford points will be shown in GLS but these will not be counted towards eligibility for end of year tournament prizes. Should a participant play from tees further back than the designated tees, both their score for handicap purposes and their Stableford points will be computed based upon the slope/rating of these tees and will be eligible for end of year prizes

7. Event participants are to use the GLS application to record scores.

8. Maximum scores are recorded as follows:
   If your handicap is:
   1-8 maximum score is Par +2
   9-24 maximum score is Par +3
   25-40 maximum score is Par +4
   40 or above, your maximum score is Par +5

9. If a player does not complete an 18-hole round, it will be considered "Did Not Finish". Scores should be submitted using a "-" when live scoring in GLS. Stableford points will not be calculated but partial rounds will post for handicap index purposes.

10. If you have lost your ball but have not hit a provisional, drop a ball in the fairway near where you believe your ball was lost proceed to play that ball. (The club considers a lost ball to be the same as a ball hit into a hazard. One stroke penalty)

11. If you have hit your ball OB, but have not hit a provisional, drop a ball in the fairway near where the ball went OB and proceed to play that ball. (Two stroke penalty – OB and distance as if you had gone back to the original spot to replay.)

Pace of Play and Ready Golf

Hints for ready golf play to speed up the pace of play:

In accordance with NCGA recommendations on pace of play, players must not unreasonably delay play and are recommended to play each stroke within 40 seconds of when it is their turn. Use the following guidlelines to keep the pace moving.

- After holing out, move away from the green and proceed to the next tee box. This allows the next foursome to approach the green.
- Scorekeeping should be done at the next tee box and not at the green
- The person not keeping score should be ready to tee off, or the player that can hit without interfering with the foursome ahead should be ready to tee off.
- Play ready golf rather than 'honors'. Be aware of other players' locations and readiness to hit.
- Minimize practice swings. Complete pre-shot routines within the recommended 40 seconds.

- After a player hits out from a green side bunker, have a fellow player rake the bunker.

- If the player is on the green and decides to putt up to the hole (rather than waiting for the normal rotation), state your intentions and putt. This avoids playing out of turn. All players should be assessing their putt while others are putting.

- After hitting the ball from the fairway, the player hops in the cart with clubs and both players proceed to the next ball. Once they reach the next ball, both players can attend to their club cleaning and club selection.

- When possible, declare your intention to putt out as opposed to marking and putting later.

- Take a provisional ball when the original ball has or may have gone OB.

- Mark your ball. (Hitting the wrong ball is two-stroke penalty).

- If you have lost your ball but have not hit a provisional, drop a ball in the fairway near where you believe your ball was lost and proceed to play that ball. (The club considers a lost ball to be the same as a ball hit into a hazard. One stroke penalty)

- If you have hit your ball OB, but have not hit a provisional, drop a ball in the fairway near where the ball went OB and proceed to play that ball. (Two stroke penalty – OB and distance as if you had gone back to the original spot to replay.)

DO NOT LOOK FOR LOST BALLS IF IT HOLDS UP PLAY!!

Handicaps & Recording Scores

Handicaps

As of 2026, Springfield Senior Golf Club uses the GLS system to calculate and maintain league handicaps. Non-league events may be recorded in GLS using the Non-League Score function. Scores entered as non-league will generate a World Handicap for use in leagues outside of SSGC.

New members who do not have a handicap will be given a suggested handicap following their initial discussion with the Club Statistician. This will be used to assign the new member to playing tees.

Recording Scores

Scoring is done using the Live Scoring function in GLS. One scorecard per foursome or grouping should be submitted at the end of the round. Groups may choose to keep a manual scorecard or choose to have a second player enter the scores into Live Scoring. Live scoring will notify players of discrepancies after each hole for the purposes of resolution of any differences. At the end of the round only one of the scorecards should be submitted.

Stableford Points

Stableford points are based on a player's handicap index using the player's net score (gross minus handicap strokes) on each hole played. Club software will calculate your Stableford Points based on your handicap index as follows:

POINTS	DESCRIPTION
0	Double Bogey or more (2 or more strokes above par)
1	Bogey (1 stroke above par)
2	Par
3	Birdie (1 stroke below par)
4	Eagle (2 strokes below par)
5	Double Eagle (3 strokes below par)
6	4 or more strokes below par

Stableford Points are used to determine end of season awards. You can track your results in GLS using the My Stats, Point Totals, Event Results and Most Improved menus.

Guest Policy

1. Members may bring guests to any SSGC golf event. Members should notify the scheduler of the name of the guest. Guests will show on the event schedule as Guest #1, 2 etc with names recorded in the comments.

2. There shall be no limitation as to the number of times a guest may play with the club.

3. Guests will pay green fees. There is no additional club fee. SSGC members are responsible to pay for his/her guests. Payment for guests is made directly into PayPal using the club account " Springfield Senior Golf " – not through GLS. Club members should use the normal payment process within GLS under the Event Payment tab.

4. When a guest of a member is signed up for a club golf event, the guest has the same priority as any member based on the order of their sign-up date. If there is a wait list (more members/guests signed up than we have reserved tee times), then a member on the wait list has priority over a guest on the wait list.

End of Season Awards

The End of Season Awards will adjusted annually at the discretion of the Board. Generally, awards will include these categories:

- Low Index Members
- High Index Members
- Women

Members are assigned to a category based on handicap index as of March 1. Men are grouped into high or low, and women constitute a single group with no high/low split. The high/low split for men is determined by identifying the mid-point of all handicaps from low to high, assigning members above the midpoint to the low group, and those below to the high group.

The assignment to a high/low group is permanent for the season, even if a member's index changes during the year in a manner that would place that member in another index group.

Current awards categories for both women and men are:

- *Total Points (15 best rounds; first, second and third places receive awards)
- Iron Man and Iron Woman (most rounds played in the year)
- Low Gross
- *Highest Average Points/Round
- *Highest Points in a Single Round
- Most Improved Player
- Match play winners and runners up (Women and Men)

The categories marked with an asterisk include an award for those assigned as low and high index members. To be eligible for Most Improved Player, one must have joined/renewed by February 28 so that starting index can be determined. All awards are based on achievement during the official season, March 1 – October 31. A member must have participated in a minimum of 8 events during the official season in order to be eligible for any end of year award.

Event Scheduling

Signing up for Events

Club members may sign up for events using GLS. Members must have an email address to sign in to the website and sign up for events.

Event Sign up

Events are open for reservations on the website up to 12 weeks prior to the event's scheduled date. Your reservation is secured by using the Sign Up +1 tile on the GLS app. Reservations are first come, first served, and are accepted in the order in which they are received.

Reservations will be confirmed by GLS. Subsequent requests will be placed on a waiting list. Those on a waiting list will be notified if space becomes available. Players are encouraged to sign up even if the total number of players has been reached or exceeded, since there often are cancellations.

When signing up for an event, please use the comments button on the Sign Up list to note any special requests using the Comments such as special starting time needs, carpooling arrangements, requests to play with specific individuals, etc. The Scheduler will attempt to honor such requests.

Players Pairings and Starting Times

Pairings, tee times and foursomes are available in GLS 3-4 days prior to the event. If you are signed up and wish to cancel, remove yourself from the sign up list prior to the pairings being generated, if possible.

Cancellations: Try to avoid cancelling at the last minute. If unavoidable after the pairings are released, please contact the Scheduler directly via email – not through GLS.

On the day of the event, all cancellations or requests for weather related status of the event should go to the Pro Shop at the event course.