**2023 Duffers Scoring and Rules**

**M I S C E L L A N E O U S D U F F Y S T U F F**

**Dues** - $30

**Social Fee** – Will remain at $5, payable at the cart prior to 1st tee (used for beverages, prizes, banquet)

**Handicap Calculation** – Current USGA rules, as modified by Duffers when applicable by El Prez

**Weekly Course Handicaps** – Handicaps will be listed each week for the course with the pairing assignments, and then tally the “unofficial” net scores at dinner

**Pairings / 4somes** – Will be set by 9am on Thursdays. After that, you can change/add at the course

**Cancellations** – Will make the call by 11am Thursdays at the latest

**C O N T E S T S and P R I Z E S**

**Presidents Cup Championship (The El Prez Taza)**

Champion will be the most points for Net Scoring

Points will accumulate all season long, every sanctioned event counts, except April which is a practice month (ALL rounds count toward handicap, however)

Minimum golfers for the week to make it a sanctioned event for points – 9 (otherwise, just fun/stats)

Must play all 18 holes for score to count

Weekly points of handicapped net score: Win = 1 pt, Top 5 = 1 pt, Top 10 = 1 pt.

**Winner = 3 pts**, **2nd to 5th = 2pts, 6th to 10th = 1 pt, all others = 0 pts**

All rounds in “The Chase” are double points, and 1 pt minimum for playing

**Winner = 6 pts**, **2nd to 5th = 4pts, 6th to 10th = 2 pts, all others = 1 pt**

Ties get the points for their tied place. Ex: two tied winners, each get 3 pts, 3rd thru 5th get 2 pts

**Weekly Contests** – El Prez may do prizes for closest to Pin, long drive, least putts, 5 clubs-in-bag, Chicago, or other mathematical, motorskill, or memory competitions

**Aces and Eagles** – At dinner: if you had a hole-in-one you eat & drink for free. An eagle, drink for free (get your $5 back)!

**Monthly El Prez Prizes** – There might be a monthly prize or two for outstanding achievements   
(Ex, awesome low gross scores, low net scores, numerous birdies, etc. Prez Prizes will vary)

**Annual awards** for most weekly wins, eagles, birdies, pars, low gross scores, most improved, etc.

**No** Blind Hole Contest, or anything else blind related this year

**D U F F E R R U L E S of P L A Y**

**Max Score Per Hole** – Double Par, mark scorecards accordingly. No post round scoring adjustments.

**Three putt max** – After your 2nd putt, pick up and count 3 putts for your score, even if it is less than a double par. A putt is any shot from ON the green. Shots from the fringe are not scored as putts.

**Putting** – A gimmie is 18-inches or less.

**Flag stick** – Each furthest-away putter gets to call for the flag to stay in or get pulled. Once a player calls for the flag to be pulled, it stays out. The only exception might be a steep putt.

**Winter Rules** – All year is winter rules. Stir it, no more than a 6” reposition, no better shot at the green, lift and clean if mud clumps.

**Rock & Tree Root Rule** – Do not damage a club or injure yourself. If you get stuck in trees or landscapes with lots of rocks or roots, move the ball within a few feet to where it is safe to hit, usually away from the hole, not improving your shot past a tree, etc.

**Unfound Ball / Leaf Rule** – If you can not find your ball in the fairway or rough in 2-3 minutes and everyone knows for sure that it was not in a hazard, your group or cart partner must agree on a reasonable location of where the shot should have been, drop a ball and play on, no penalty. This is not intended for shots that went into the woods, tall grass, etc., those are lost for one stroke penalty.

**Wet Sand** – After wet weather, if the sand traps have standing water or wet/hard sand, ALL sand shots can be dropped in the grass on the backside of the trap away from the flag. Prez will try to remind you of the ruling before the start of the round so that all players benefit from the relief.

**Water Hazard** – Drop a ball on the line of trajectory that the ball went toward the water, or drop circle, one stroke penalty. In other words, after a tee shot, you hit your 3rd shot from where it headed toward the water.

**Out of Bounds** – Special Duffer Ruling, similar to a water hazard. Drop a ball in-line with the trajectory of your OB shot and take a one stroke penalty. In other words, after a tee shot, you hit your 3rd shot from where it headed toward the white OB stakes.

**Mulligans** - 1 on the front nine, 1 on the back nine. Tee shots only. Must clearly declare a mulligan is being used to re-tee the shot. If you call for a mulligan, and your 2nd shot is worse, or you just do not use your 2nd shot, you will have used your mulligan!

**Provisional tee shot / possible mulligan** – This is an honor system, to be used maybe once or twice a round, and not to be abused. Hit a provisional 2nd tee shot if you are **unsure** your 1st tee shot is OB, in a “hazard”, or obstructed, ONLY. [*“Hazard” can be water, sand, rocks, wild grass, trees, buildings, basically anything obstructive for a clean shot*]

* If your original tee shot is in a playable location and you play it, you keep your mulligan;
* If you play your provisional tee shot, you will have used your mulligan, obviously;
* If both your original tee shot and your provisional shot are both in water, out of bounds, lost in the woods, etc, you will have used your mulligan. (Ex. Original tee shot went into trees, provisional is also in trees, your mulligan is gone).