

# 2025 Rules of Golf for Builders Tee Club

## **Groups Defined:**

At the beginning of each year, all players would be evaluated for proper group placement. The club would have two groups, A and B. Group A would be indexes of less than 22. Group B would be over 22. You would be placed into a group at the beginning of the year and remain there throughout the year. A player in A Group would not move until his index is over 25. A player in group B would not move unless his index was below 19.

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

1. Lift clean and place in your fairway only
2. Out of bounds, there is still the white stakes, The penalty is stroke and distance or drop in fairway even to where you went out of bounds with a two 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 on by the other members of the group. One stroke penalty.
4. All holes must be completed through the hole. 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 only on the green.
8. Handicaps to 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 will have a new index to carry into the new year to compute their course handicap each week. An initial handicap 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. Maximum course handicap allowed will be 39.
9. The tee sheet will show the course handicap for each golfer from the selected tees the club is using. You will have a different course handicap each week based on the Slope and Rating of the course and Tee Boxes you are using.

10. Tee boxes would be established as below:

- 1) All players in the “B” group will play from the Forward Tee Box.
- 2) Players in the “A” group over 70 years old can pick their tee box. All other “A” players will play from the Regular Tee Box.

Each player would play from the above tee box for the entire year unless they move from one group to another.

11. All holes with a Par of 3 will be played from each player’s normal tee box.

12. Pace of play, please keep up with the group ahead of you even if no one is pressing you.

11. 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.

12. You may 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, drop the ball at the entry point.

13. 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 tournaments 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. If tied after 18 holes of play, then play a sudden death playoff. Winners’ advance-losers cannot advance under any circumstance. If you miss a scheduled match twice your second match will be forfeited. 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).

**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 has course handicaps of 8 and 12 while team B has course handicaps of 10 and 22. Team A player 2 would get 1 stroke on the hardest 4 holes. Team B would receive shots for player 1 on the 2 hardest holes and for player 2 shots on the 14 hardest holes. The lowest score on a hole would win the hole. If there is a tie for low score, the next lowest score would win the

hole. If there is a tie, the hole is halved. If the match is tied after 18 holes, then play a sudden death playoff. 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** should be handicapped as recommended by the USGA. A player 20% of his Course Handicap, B Player 15%, C Player 10%, and D Player 5%. Total handicap would be subtracted from the gross score of each team. Four drives are required to be used by each player.