

# Welcome to the 2021 Falls Men's Club Kickoff Meeting



- When something falls into the category of “but that’s how it’s always been”, it doesn’t mean it was the best way
  - Manage to the rule, not the exception
    - Disagree does not mean Unfair
      - Fair does not mean Equal
        - Handicap Index does not mean Pops
  - Not everyone will be happy. Someone will be pissed, no matter what you do
- Some people just want to bitch about stuff even if they really don’t have an issue with it

# 2021 Committee Members

Courtney Cooper

Jim Ahlgren

Jim Warwick

Larry Walworth

Mike Lawton

Norm Street

Scott Meyer

Steve Bywater

Wil Meyer

- Role: To be the voice of the membership when it comes to implementing standards and policies regarding the Men's Club
- Top Priority: the betterment and growth of the Men's Club
- No member of the committee agrees 100% with these solutions >> compromises
- Good mix of handicaps so all skill levels are represented

# Falls GC and the Men's Club (NO CHANGE)

## Falls GC Responsibilities

- Provide a quality golf course
- Set aside blocks of tee times
- Communicate special projects or course conditions to committee
- Collect skins money each week at check in
- Collect and manage the membership fees
- Payout weekly shop credit prizes

## Men's Club Responsibilities

- Treat the Falls staff and each other with courtesy and respect
- **Realization that we are in O'Fallon, MO and playing for an insignificant amount of money.**
- Setting up tee times and pairings
- Record scoring, maintain pops, and disburse weekly prize money *(shop credit & skins)*
- Provide members with full transparent reporting for all scoring, prizes, and club finances

# 2021 Men's Club Entry Fee (NO CHANGE)

- Entry Fee: \$180.00
- \$30 of the entry fee pays for your GHIN subscription
- Men's Club budget is based on total number of members times \$150
- Falls pass holders pay \$150 for the Men's Club entry fee
  - GHIN subscription is included in season pass
- Each week player is responsible for their greens fee, cart, and optional skins

# 2021 Member / Member & Calcutta (NO CHANGE)

- You must establish a 2021 Men's Club Index by the Saturday open play date of 7/3/21 to be eligible for the Member / Member & Calcutta
- New members for 2021 must have completed 3 Men's Club Saturday rounds on or before the Saturday open play date of 7/3/21
  - There are 6 Saturdays before opening day to establish a Men's Club Index
  - There are 12 dates where you can post a score for your Men's Club Index between opening day and 7/10/21

# Tee Times & Pairings (NO CHANGE)

Players will be required to sign up for play by responding to the weekly email about playing or by sending an email to the Men's Club email address [fallsmensclub@gmail.com](mailto:fallsmensclub@gmail.com)

- DO NOT CALL THE SHOP TO BE PUT ON THE PLAYING LIST
- The pro shop will tell you to send a note to the Men's Club email
- Pairings will be sent via email to the pro shop and to the players no later than 5pm on the Thursday prior to the Men's Club event
- THE PAIRINGS PROCESS IS NOT AN EXACT SCIENCE
- We will try to accommodate as many requests as we can  
(Please let me know your preferences!)
- We will try to pair according to requests, similar skill levels, and gambling habits

# Score/Differential/Index/POPS (NO CHANGE)

(Holy Grail of the Men's Club)

- **Adj Score** = Sum of the recorded score for all 18 holes (Max score of Net Double)
- **Men's Club Differential** = (Men's Club Adj score - course rating - PCC + Exceptional Score Adj)\*(standard slope rating of 113)/(course slope rating)
- **Men's Club Current Index** = (average the "X" most recent differentials according the # rounds played) *Cut off after 1st decimal (NO ROUNDING)*

# of Most Recent Rounds Played	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
# of Lowest Differentials to Use	1	1	1	2	2	2	3	3	3	4	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	8
<i>Adjustment to Index</i>	<i>-2</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-1</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

- **Course Handicap** = (Current Men's Club Index \* slope rating)/(standard slope rating of 113) + (Course Rating - Par) *Round to nearest whole #*
- **Playing Handicap (POPS!)** = Course Handicap x Handicap Allowance (% based on format) *Round to nearest whole #*

# World Golf Handicap (NO CHANGE)

- Max Scores
  - Gross quadruple bogey: max gross score you can take  
(Please pick up when you get to 4 over on the hole)
  - Net double bogey: max score for handicap POSTING purposes  
(A player will not have a score higher than net double bogey POSTED for their handicap)
- PCC (Playing Conditions Calculation)
  - USGA will make this adjustment each day when 8 scores are posted
  - Men's Club will get the adjustment factor from the USGA and apply it to that day's Score Differential
  - PCC Factor Range: -1, 0, +1, +2, +3 (higher number = tougher playing conditions)
  - Considers acceptable scores submitted on a golf course each day and requires at least eight acceptable scores to determine if an adjustment is required
  - Equals zero if fewer than eight acceptable scores are submitted
  - Men's Club will NOT be making the decision about what the PCC factor is
  - We will default to the USGA in order to be standardized



# World Golf Handicap (NO CHANGE)

- Exceptional Score Adjustment
  - If Score Differential is 7.0 - 9.9 strokes or more below a player's Handicap Index
    - **Exceptional score reduction of -1.0 is triggered**
  - If Score Differential is 10.0 strokes or more below a player's Handicap Index
    - **Exceptional score reduction of -2.0 is triggered**
  - A reduction can be applied based on a single exceptional score.
  - Reductions for multiple exceptional scores are applied cumulatively.
  - A reduction is automatically applied within the calculation of a player's updated Handicap Index following the submission of an exceptional score.
  - A reduction for an exceptional score is applied by adjusting each of the most recent 20 Score Differentials recorded in the player's scoring record, which includes the exceptional score. As a result, the impact of the reduction will remain after the next score is submitted but will dilute over time as new scores are submitted.
  - If there are fewer than 20 Score Differentials in a player's scoring record at the time an exceptional score is submitted, the reduction is applied by adjusting all the Score Differentials recorded in the player's scoring record, which includes the exceptional score.

# World Golf Handicap (NO CHANGE)

- Limit on Upward Movement of Handicap Index
  - **Low Handicap Index**: is established once a player has at least 20 acceptable scores in their scoring record
  - **Soft Cap**: Is triggered when the difference between a player's newly calculated Handicap Index and their Low Handicap Index is greater than 3.0 strokes.
    - When a calculated Handicap Index increase is greater than 3.0 strokes, the value above 3.0 strokes is restricted to 50% of the increase
  - **Hard Cap**: Is triggered to restrict the amount by which a player's Handicap Index can increase, after application of the soft cap, to no more than 5.0 strokes above their Low Handicap Index

# Pops, Scoring, and Payouts (NO CHANGE)

- A player's # of pops will be based on their course index from Saturday Open Play Men's Club rounds ONLY (Sunday & Tuesday afternoon rounds do not count)
- 20 or more scores returns the most accurate course index
- The World Handicap formula will be used to calculate pops
- We use 4 different hdcp allowances of your MC index for 4 different prize pools:
  - [Special Event Pro Shop Credit Awards: USGA hdcp allowance per format](#)
  - Open Play Pro Shop Credit Awards: 100% with full pops
  - Optional Skins Awards: 80% with ½ pops
  - Birdie Board Awards: 50% with full pops

# Pops, Scoring, and Payouts (NO CHANGE)

- Pops are capped at 18 for all skins games but not capped for special events shop credit awards
- Score history and current index calculation will be available after each round
- It is not required that you play in the skins game during Saturday open play
- If you opt out of the skins game, you are still eligible for shop credit prize money awarded for low gross and net finishes that week.

**Notify the shop at check in if not in skins.**

# Tee Groups (CHANGE)

- Rule of 72 used to qualify members for White tees
  - Age PLUS Index equal to or greater than 71.5
  - EXAMPLE: 59 years old on or before 4/17/21 with a Men's Club index of 13
  - If you are not eligible for the White tees or you do qualify but choose to play the Blue/Gold tees, you cannot switch during the year

Exception: extenuating circumstance that committee would rule on
- Rule of 90 with min age of 65 to qualify for Red tees
  - Age PLUS Index equal to or greater than 89.5
  - You must be age 65 on or before 4/17/21
  - If you qualify and choose to play the red tees, you must stay there for the season

# Tee Groups (CHANGE)

- Separate optional skins games and shop credit prizes for Blue/Gold tees & White tee groups
- Separate shop credit prize pool each week
- Blue/Gold tee group
  - Players may play Blue or Gold tees each week and for all events
  - You do NOT have to declare at the start of the season and stay at that tee
  - The new handicap calculation accounts for the difference in tees
- White/Red tee group
  - Players that qualify for and choose to play the White tees cannot play the Blue or Gold tees
  - You must decide at the beginning of the season and stay there
  - Players that qualify for and choose to play the Red tees cannot play the other tees
  - You must decide at the beginning of the season and stay there

# Guests (NO CHANGE)

- Men's Club members are encouraged to bring guests to the Saturday open play rounds but not for any team special events
- Guests are NOT eligible for shop credit prize money and cannot get into the skins game (even if they play at scratch)
- Guys felt we needed to protect the integrity of the membership and not let this become an issue going forward
- We want guests to experience the Men's Club so we can grow the membership for the long term
- If someone is willing to come play in the Men's Club as a guest, knowing they aren't eligible for prize money or skins cash, then it's pretty clear they aren't looking at it as a quick money grab, but as a test drive of a group they would possibly like to join for the long term

# Local Rules & Course Conditions (NO CHANGE)

- Carts off the path >> ball played down everywhere
- Cart path only >> ball played up in the fairway and down in the rough
- Playing it “up” in the fairway means you can pick it up, clean it, and place it back within an irons grip length (not a putter grip)
- Definition of a “gimmie”: 12 inches or closer
- If a putt is for net par or better, it MUST be holed
- Only your 4some can enforce these. Everyone will be better players for it.
- Max score on a hole is a quadruple bogey (new USGA Rules provision)  
(4 shots over the stated par for that hole)
- NOTE: THIS IS NOT THE SAME THING AS (ESC)
- Committee members will work with the Pro shop staff to pass along information regarding any special projects that could affect play



# Inclement Weather (NO CHANGE)

- If you are unsure about weather conditions, pay and play at your own risk
- If at least 60% of the field from each tee group finishes the round, it will count as an official Men's Club round and all prizes (skins and shop credit will be paid out)
- If the course isn't closed and you decide to not finish the round, you must still turn in your incomplete score card. Failure to turn in a card forfeits you from any prizes
- The committee will discuss any weather issues, make a decision, and communicate to the membership if the round is cancelled, delayed or any other outcomes

# Special Event Formats Using USGA hdcp Allowances (NO CHANGE)

- Weekly Skins
  - The USGA does not have a formal recommendation for a skins event
- Event #1: Two-Best-Balls-of-Four Stroke Play (ABCD best 2 of 4 Balls)
  - Allowance: Men receive 90 percent of Course Handicap
- Event #2: Modified Stableford (Stableford)
  - Allowance: Each competitor receives full Course Handicap
- Event #3 & #4: Four-Ball Stroke Play (2 Man Best Ball & Member/Member)
  - Allowance: Men receive 90 percent of Course Handicap
  - Note: It is recommended that the Committee considers it a condition of four-ball stroke play competitions that the Course Handicap (after allowance) of the members of a side may not differ by more than eight strokes.
  - A side with a large difference has an advantage over a side with a small Course Handicap difference. If a difference of more than eight strokes cannot be avoided, it is suggested that an additional 10 percent reduction be applied to the Course Handicap of each member of the advantaged side.

# Special Event Formats Using USGA hdcp Allowances (NEW)

- Event #5: Two-Best-Balls-of-Four Stroke Play (ABCD best 2 of 4 Balls)
  - Allowance: Men receive 90 percent of Course Handicap
- Event #6: Total Score of Partners Stroke Play (2 Man Total Gross Score Event)
  - Allowance: Partners receive full combined Course Handicap
  - Example: Player A has a Course Handicap of 12 and scores 87. Player B, A's partner, has a Course Handicap of 26 and scores 101. The team score is:  $(87 - 12) + (101 - 26) = 75 + 75 = 150$ .
- Event #7: Individual Stroke Play (Club Championship – Stroke Play)
  - Allowance: Each competitor receives full Course Handicap
- Plus Handicaps
  - A player with a plus Course Handicap must add strokes according to the allocation table beginning with the 18th stroke hole

# 2021 Schedule of Events

3/06 Saturday New member hdcp establish

3/13 Saturday New member hdcp establish

3/20 Saturday New member hdcp establish

3/27 Saturday New member hdcp establish

4/03 Saturday New member hdcp establish

4/12 Saturday New member hdcp establish

4/17 Saturday Open Play 1 (opening day)

4/24 Saturday Open Play 2

5/01 Saturday Open Play 3

5/08 Saturday Open Play 4

5/15 ABCD Event (Best 2 balls of 4)

5/22 Saturday Open Play 5

5/29 Saturday Open Play 6

6/05 Stableford Event

6/12 Saturday Open Play 7

6/19 2 Man Best Ball Event

6/26 Saturday Open Play 8

7/03 Saturday Open Play 9

7/10-7/11 Member / Member (Calcutta 7/09)

7/18 Sunday Open Play 10

7/24 Saturday Open Play 11

7/31 ABCD Twister Event

8/07 Saturday Open Play 12

8/14 Saturday Open Play 13 (Possible Sun 8/15)

8/21 2 Man Total Score

8/28 Saturday Open Play 14

9/04 Saturday Open Play 15

9/12 Sunday Open Play 16

9/18-9/19 Club Championship

9/25-9/26 Ryder Cup

# 2019 New Rules of Golf

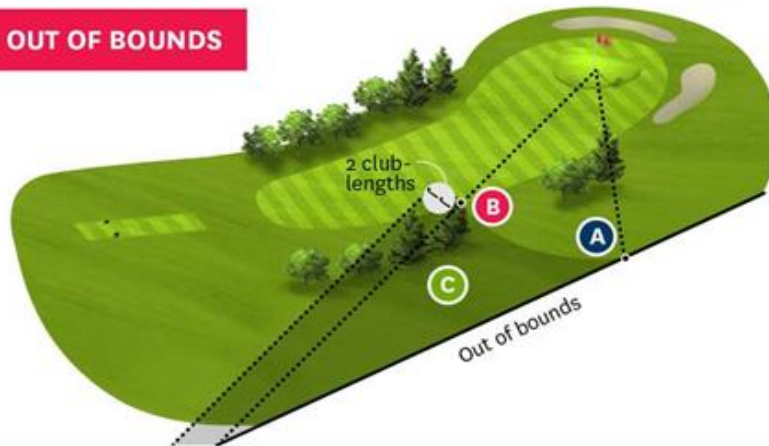
## LOCAL RULE FOR OUT OF BOUNDS & LOST BALLS

1. A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds.

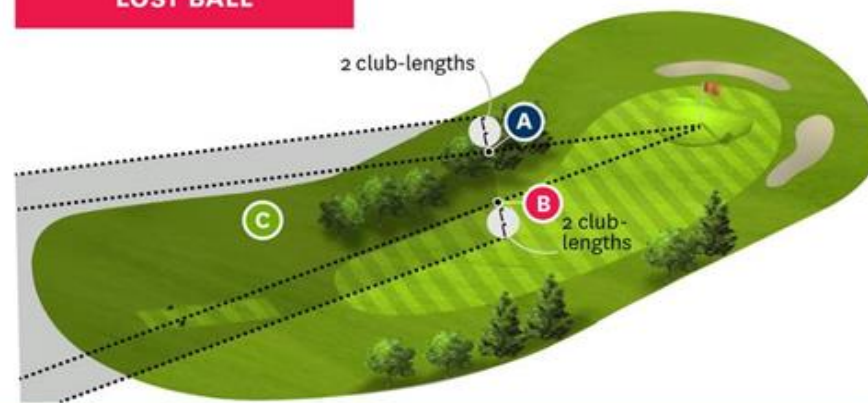
### GOLF'S NEW RULES: STROKE AND DISTANCE

A new Local Rule provides an alternative to stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds, effective January 1, 2019.

#### BALL OUT OF BOUNDS



#### LOST BALL



If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

**A** DETERMINE SPOT where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

**B** FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.

**C** DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

# 2019 New Rules of Golf

## AREAS OF THE COURSE

1. After your ball has been lifted and replaced, if it then moves, always replace it on its original spot even if it was blown by the wind or moved for no clear reason.
2. Repair of almost any damage is allowed on the putting green  
(including spike marks and animal damage).
3. No penalty for touching your line of play on the putting green so long as doing so does not improve the conditions for your stroke.
4. No penalty if your ball played from the putting green (or anywhere else) hits the unattended flagstick in the hole.
5. Areas of desert, jungle, lava rock, etc. (in addition to areas of water) may now be marked as red or yellow “penalty areas.”

# 2019 New Rules of Golf

## AREAS OF THE COURSE (cont.)

6. No penalty for moving loose impediments, touching the ground, or grounding your club in a penalty area.

7. Committees have the discretion to mark any penalty area as red so that lateral relief is always allowed.

### EXPANDED USE OF RED-MARKED PENALTY AREAS



# 2019 New Rules of Golf

## AREAS OF THE COURSE (cont.)

8. Relief from a red penalty area no longer allowed on the opposite side from where the ball last entered the penalty area.

9. Relaxed Rules relating to loose impediments and touching the ground in a bunker.

10. Relief allowed outside a bunker for an unplayable ball for two penalty strokes.

### ELIMINATION OF OPPOSITE-SIDE RELIEF FOR RED PENALTY AREAS

#### New Rule

You no longer have the option of taking relief on the opposite side of the point where your ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area.





# 2019 New Rules of Golf

## WHEN TO PLAY DURING A ROUND

1. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOU PLAY “READY GOLF” AND MAKE EACH STROKE IN NO MORE THAN 40 SECONDS. PLEASE FOLLOW THIS ONE!

2. A new “Maximum Score” form of stroke play is recognized, where your score for a hole is capped at a max score.

### GOLF’S NEW RULES: PACE OF PLAY IMPROVEMENTS

Implementing changes that have a positive impact on pace of play is an important aspect of golf’s new Rules, effective January 1, 2019.

#### 40 seconds



A recommendation in the Rules that you make each stroke in 40 seconds or less.



#### “Ready Golf”



Playing out of turn in stroke play to save time, also known as ready golf, is encouraged.



#### Max Score



A new stroke-play format allowing the Committee to set a maximum score for a hole.



#### Flagstick



If your putt hits an unattended flagstick in the hole, there is no penalty.



For more information on golf’s new Rules, please visit [usga.org](http://usga.org) or [randa.org](http://randa.org).

# 2019 New Rules of Golf

## TAKING RELIEF

1. Your relief area for dropping a ball is a fixed size of either one or two club-lengths using the longest club in your bag, other than your putter.
2. Your ball must be let go from knee height and fall through the air without touching any part of your body or equipment.
3. Your ball must come to rest in the relief area where it was dropped, or else it must be redropped.
4. A fixed distance of the longest club in your bag, other than your putter, is used for measuring.
5. Your ball is lost if not found in three minutes (rather than the previous five minutes).
6. You may always substitute a ball when taking relief.
7. Relief allowed without penalty for an embedded ball anywhere (except in sand) in the “general area” (a new term for “through the green”).
8. In taking lateral relief, drop within two club-lengths of where your ball entered the penalty area. The size of a club-length is always measured using the longest club in your bag, other than your putter.
9. One of your options for relief from either a red or yellow penalty area is called back-on-the-line relief.

# 2019 New Rules of Golf

## BALL AT REST

1. No penalty for accidentally moving your ball during search.
2. No penalty for accidentally moving your ball or ball-marker on the putting green.
3. New standard to determine if you caused your ball to move.
4. When the original location of your ball is not known, replace it on its estimated spot.

## BALL IN MOTION

1. No penalty if your ball in motion is accidentally deflected by you, your equipment, or your caddie.

# 2019 New Rules of Golf

## EQUIPMENT

1. A club damaged during a round can continue to be used, even if you damaged it in anger.
2. You are not allowed to replace a damaged club during a round if you were responsible for the damage.
3. The use of DMDs is allowed unless a Local Rule has been adopted prohibiting their use.

## PLAYING THE BALL

1. A caddie is not allowed to stand on a line behind you while you are taking your stance and until your stroke is made.
2. Your caddie may lift and replace your ball on the putting green without your specific authorization to do so.

# 2019 New Rules of Golf

## PLAYER BEHAVIOR

1. The Rules speak directly to the high standards of conduct expected from players.
2. Committees are given authority to adopt their own code of player conduct and to set penalties for breaches of that code.
3. When you have good reason to mark and lift your ball, you are no longer required to first announce your intention.
4. A player's reasonable judgment will not be second-guessed based on later evidence.