**ELMTREE GOLF CLUB RULES** - Updated 3-09-2016

**MEMBERSHIP:**

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| 1. | OPEN TO ALL GOLFERS |  |
| 2. | UNDER 18, PARENT MUST BE A MEMBER AND PLAY.  | [3-24-98] |

**DUES and FEES:**

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| 1. | COURSE - $65 ($40 if paid prior to April 1st) or PAID VALID COUNTY GOLF CARD.  | [3-09-16] |
| 2. | CLUB - $25.00 NEW MEMBERS, $20.00 RETURNING MEMBERS.  | [4-29-10] |

**QUOTA:**

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| 1. | MEMBER MUST MAINTAIN A 6 POINT QUOTA TO PLAY IN WEEKLY ACTION  (1PT-Bogey, 3PTs-Par, 5PTs-Birdie, 7PTs-Eagle) a. MEMBER FALLING BELOW A 6-PT. QUOTA WILL PLAY AS NEW MEMBER UNTIL REACHING A 2-ROUND 6-PT. AVERAGE QUOTA  | [3-13-12] |
| 2. | NEW MEMBERS MUST PLAY 2 ROUNDS ON RED COURSE WITH A CLUB MEMBER  TO ESTABLISH A QUOTA. a. QUOTA WILL THEN BE ADJUSTED AGAIN AFTER 3RD ROUND. (BEST 2 ROUNDS / 2)b. QUOTA WILL THEN BE ADJUSTED AFTER EACH ROUND.  (QUOTA + ALL PLAYED ROUNDS - LOW / [# ROUNDS]) | [5-2-10] |
| 3. | A MEMBERS QUOTA IS ADJUSTED AFTER EVERY ROUND (QUOTA + LAST 6 ROUNDS - LOW ROUND / 6) a. QUOTAS CAN BE ADJUSTED TO NO MORE THAN MINUS 3b. QUOTAS CAN BE ADJUSTED AS HIGH AS ONE SCORES  | [3-24-15] |
| 4. | ‘MOST’ QUOTA WILL BE MADE ON FRONT NINE.  | [4-17-88] |
| 5. | QUOTAS WILL BEGIN 1ST WEEK IN APRIL AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE COUNTED AS LONG AS CLUB FEES ARE COLLECTED.  | [3-24-15] |
| 6. | WINTER QUOTA: ~~AVERAGE OF ALL QUOTAS FOR YEAR.~~ To be Reviewed at end of 2016 season. | [4-29-10] |

**ACTION/FEES:**

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| 1. | $23.00 PLUS GREENS FEES, $4 FOR EACH SIDE(Front9/Back9/Total), $3.00 IS FOR CLUB, $2 FOR MOQ, $2 FOR GRATUITIES & $4($1EACH) FOR  ‘CLOSEST TO THE PIN’ ON EACH OF (4) PAR-3 HOLES. 1. IF A GREEN IS NOT HIT ON A ‘CLOSEST TO PIN’ HOLE, THE PRIZE WILL ”ROLL-OVER” TO THE

NEXT ‘C-T-P’ HOLE. b. IF A GREEN IS NOT HIT ON THE LAST ‘C-T-P’ HOLE, THE PRIZE WILL BE  ADDED TO THE CLUB TREASURY. c. ONLY MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE. | [3-09-16] |
| 2. | WINNINGS ARE TO BE SPLIT EQUALLY. a. IF 2 OR MORE TEAMS TIE THEN THAT MONEY IS SPLIT EVENLY TO ALL TIED PLAYERS. | [4-5-06] |
| 3. | VALID DAYS OF PLAY ARE ANY DAY IN WHICH FULL ACTION IS COLLECTED.  | [3-13-12] |
| 4. | SCORES POSTED ONLY WHEN “FULL” ACTION IS COLLECTED.  | [4-5-06] |
| 5. | EXCEPT IF MEMBER ACCOMPLISHES ONE OF THE FOLLOWING:a. SPEAKS DIRECTLY BY PHONE WITH A PLAYING MEMBER PRIOR TO 6:00AM.b. POSTS ON THE INTERNET FORUM BY 12 NOON THE DAY PRIOR. c. MEMBER IS INELIGIBLE TO PARTAKE UNTIL FINE IS PAID.  | [3-09-16] |
| 6. | ALL FINES WILL BE ADDED TO CLUB TREASURY.  | [4-29-10] |

**HOLE IN ONE:**

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| 1. | $50.00 CASH PRIZE  | [3-26-96] |

**CUT-OFF TIME:**

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| 1. | NON-POSTING CUT-OFF TIME IS 6:00 AM.  | [4-29-10] |
| 2. | ALL MEMBERS MUST ARRIVE AT THE COURSE READY TO PLAY BY 6:15 AM. |  |

**TEAMS:**

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| 1. | TEAMS MADE UP OF 2 PLAYERS. 3 PLAYER TEAM ONLY FOR ODD NUMBER OF PLAYERS PRESENT.a. MEMBERS SEPARATED INTO FLIGHTS FOR TEAMS, FIRST "A"-MEN THEN REMAINDER DRAWN EVENLY.b. IF 7 OR LESS PLAYERS, MEMBERS PLAY AS “SINGLES”.  | [4-3-07] |
| 2. | TEAMS ARE MADE UP AFTER PLAY BY FIRST GROUP FINISHED.  | [3-26-96] |

**UNCOMPLETED ROUNDS:**

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| 1. | MEMBER FORFEITS ALL MONEY IF THEY DO NOT COMPLETE ALL 18 HOLES.a. THE HIGHER OF QUOTA or PRORATED (18 HOLE) SCORE WILL  BE RECORDED FOR ROUNDS NOT COMPLETED. b. IF MEMBER DOES NOT COMPLETE ROUND OF GOLF, THEY MUST NOTIFY THE FIRST GROUP BEFORE TEAMS ARE MADE UP. c. FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE FIRST GROUP WILL RESULT IN A THREE WEEK SUSPENSION OF PLAY.  | [4-29-10] |

**TOURNAMENTS:**

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| 1. | JUNE, JULY, & AUGUST TOURNAMENTS.a. FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH BEGINNING IN JUNE. (JUNE 26, JULY 24, & AUGUST 28, 2016) b. MEMBER MUST HAVE 4 PLAYS POSTED.  c. NEW MEMBERS MUST HAVE 6 PLAYS POSTED.  | [3-09-16] |
| 2. | CLOSING-DAY TOURNAMENT. (SEPTEMBER 25, 2016)a. MEMBER MUST HAVE 8 PLAYS POSTED.b. NEW MEMBER MUST HAVE 10 PLAYS POSTED.  | [3-09-16] |

**TOURNAMENT PRIZES:**

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| 1. | FLIGHTS FOR MOQ.a. 17 OR MORE MEMBERS: DIVIDE MEMBERS WHO QUALIFY INTO 3 FLIGHTS. 9 TO 16 MEMBERS: DIVIDE MEMBERS WHO QUALIFY INTO TWO FLIGHTS. UNDER 9 MEMBERS: ONE FLIGHT.b. IF FLIGHT(S) ARE UNEVEN, EXTRA MAN WILL BE PLACED IN LOWER FLIGHT(S).c. M.O.Q. WINS PRIZE IN EACH FLIGHT. | [3-26-14] |
| 2. | PRIZES.a. ONE PRIZE IN EACH FLIGHT.b. MONTHLY TOURNAMENT PRIZE - $25.00. [3-26-14]c. CLOSING DAY TOURNAMENT PRIZE: $50.00 to $100. [3-26-14]d. ALL PRIZES ARE TO BE DETERMINED BY THE TREASURER. [2-28-13]e. FOR EACH TOURNAMENT, OVERALL MOQ PRIZE IS $25.00 | [3-26-14] |
| 3. | TROPHYS. [ If ever recovered]a. PLAQUE AWARDED TO MOQ WINNER ON OPENING AND CLOSING DAY TOURNAMENTS.b. PLAQUES MUST BE RETURNED TO CLUB TWO WEEKS PRIOR TO TOURNAMENT. FAILURE TO DO SO RESULTS IN TOURNAMENT INELIGIBILITY.c. WINNER OF PLAQUES IS RESPONSIBLE FOR REPLACEMENT IF LOST OR STOLEN. |  |

**COURSE RULES:**

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| 1. | RED COURSE WILL BE THE PRIMARY COURSE OF PLAY.  | [3-09-16] |
| 2. | TEE MARKERS TO BE PLAYEDa. WEST ‘RED’ COURSE – WHITE MARKERSb. EAST ‘BLUE’ COURSE – BLUE MARKERS c. LADIES – RED MARKERS, BOTH COURSES  | [3-24-15] |
| 3. | FAIRWAY ONLY: a. BALL MAY BE ROLLED TO A PREFERRED LIE IN PLAYER’S OWN FAIRWAY ONLY, A MAXIMUM OF 1 CLUB GRIP LENGTH. NO CLOSER TO THE PIN. b. A PLAYER WHO BUILDS A LIE, EXCEPT ON A TEE, SHALL BE DISQUALIFIED FOR THAT HOLE. BUILDING A LIE CAN BE DONE BY PRESSING DOWN BEHIND THE BALL WITH A FOOT, DIGGING IN A HEEL OR CLUB AND PLACING THE BALL ON THE MOUND FORMED OR IN A SAND TRAP, DRAWING A LINE BEHIND THE BALL.c. BUILDING A LIE OF ANY TYPE MAY BE CHALLENGED. THE PLAYER MAKING THE CALL  MUST DO SO IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SHOT HAS BEEN TAKEN BY THE OFFENDING PLAYER. PENALTY = "OUT OF HOLE". | [4-29-10] |
| 4. | MOVING A BALL ILLEGALLY BY FOOT, HAND OR CLUB WILL RESULT IN PENALTY = "OUT OF HOLE" | [3-14-95] |
| 5. | SAND TRAPS – RAKE & REPLACE WHERE BALL WAS LIFTED FROM.  | [3-28-11] |
| 6. | FAIRWAYS END AT THE FRONT OF ALL GREENS. a. FRINGE OF GREENS IS NOT CONSIDERED FAIRWAY.b. THE NECK/THROAT APPROACHING THE GREEN IS  CONSIDERED FAIRWAY ONLY IF IT HAS BEEN CUT. | [3-22-99] |
| 7. | LOST BALL - HIT PROVISIONAL FROM ORIGINAL SPOT, STROKE & DISTANCE PENALTY. (IF BALL GOES NEAR TREES, HIT PROVISIONAL! RE-HITTING FROM ORIGINAL SPOT IS PROHIBITED) a. BALL LOST WITH NO PROVISIONAL PLAYED – PENALTY: OUT OF HOLE - EXCEPTION: IF ALL IN GROUP AGREE THAT BALL WAS IN PLAY.b. IF BALL IS LOST IN OWN FAIRWAY, ASK TEAM WHERE TO PLACE NEW BALL. NO PENALTY.c. IF BALL IS LOST IN ROUGH OR OTHER FAIRWAY, ASK TEAM WHERE TO DROP NEW BALL.  ONE STROKE PENALTY.d. OPTIONS FOR PLAY WHEN BALL IS IN RED STAKED HAZARD SUPERCEDE  OPTIONS WHEN PROVISIONAL BALL HAS BEEN PLAYED. | [3-13-12] |
| 8. | UNPLAYABLE LIE. a. DROP WITHIN TWO CLUB LENGTHS OF UNPLAYABLE LIE, NO NEARER TO HOLE. ONE STROKE PENALTY.b. DROP AS FAR BACK AS YOU WANT KEEPING THE SPOT OF THE  UNPLAYABLE LIE BETWEEN YOU AND THE HOLE. 1 STROKE PENALTY.c. FENCE AT THE 14TH GREEN, MOVE BALL TO DROP AREA AT BEGINNING  OF FENCE & DROP 2 CLUB LENGTHS - NO PENALTY, NO PREFERRED LIE. | [3-17-91] |
| 9. | OUT OF BOUNDS.a. PLAY PROVISIONAL FROM ORIGINAL SPOT - ONE STROKE PENALTY.b. IN ADDITION TO STAKED “OUT OF BOUNDS”, THE FOLLOWING ARE “OB”. i. #1 - SHAG FIELD ON RIGHT. ii. #5 - OVER BROOK ON RIGHT. iii. #11 – PROPERTY FENCE LINE ON LEFT. iv. #13 - BROOK OR DITCH ON RIGHT. STAKED OB.  v. #14 - ROAD ON RIGHT & PROPERTY FENCE LINE TO RIGHT OF GREEN. vi. #15 - PROPERTY FENCE LINE & ROAD ON RIGHT. vii. #16 - MAINTANANCE YARD.  | [3-09-16] |

**COURSE RULES (Continued):**

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| 10. | IF BALL LIES IN AREA INFESTED WITH WASPS/BEES or OTHER DANGEROUS CONDITION, PLAYER MAY TAKE FREE RELIEF AS FAR BACK AS TO ENSURE SAFE PLAY. | [4-3-07] |
| 11. | PUTT OUT ALL HOLES. NO "GIMMEES"  | [3-26-02] |
| 12. | IF LIFT, CLEAN & PLACE IN YOUR OWN FAIRWAY IS IN EFFECT THEN AN EMBEDDED BALL MAY BE LIFTED. NO PENALTY | [4-24-15] |
| 13. | A PLAYER HITTING AN ERRANT SHOT OFF THE TEE ON #9-WEST, MAY PROCEDE TO THE ‘DROP-ZONE’.EXCEPTION: IF TEE SHOT OR SUBSEQUENT SHOT LANDS IN HIGH-GRASS MARSH AREA IN BETWEEN TEE BOX AND FAIRWAY THEN PLAYER MUST RE-HIT FROM TEE BOX | [3-09-16] |
| 14. | EACH GROUP MUST WORK TO SETTLE ANY RULES QUESTIONS THAT MAY ARISE WITHIN  THEIR ROUND. IT SHOULD ONLY BE BROUGHT TO THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WHEN AN  AGREEABLE RESOLUTION COULD NOT BE ACHIEVED.  | [4-5-06] |
| 15. | SPEED OF PLAY IS TO BE A PRIORITY. CONTINUE PLAY WHILE GROUP MEMBER IS  SEARCHING FOR LOST BALL. CONTINUOUSLY PUTT OUT ALL HOLES.  | [4-29-10] |

**\*\*\*\* NOTE: ALL PLAYERS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN MAKING DECISIONS RELATING TO THE RULES.**

 **DO NOT SUPERSEDE USGA RULES.**