**ELMTREE GOLF CLUB RULES** - Updated 3-24-2019

**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 3  b. QUOTAS CAN BE ADJUSTED AS HIGH AS ONE SCORES | [3-24-15] |
| 4. | WHEN PLAYER’S QUOTA IS AN ODD NUMBER, ‘MOST’ QUOTA WILL BE MADE ON BACK NINE. | [3-12-18] |
| 5. | QUOTAS WILL BE RECORDED SAME TIME PERIOD AS NJSGA/GHIN GOLF SEASON. | [3-13-19] |
| 6. | WINTER QUOTA: AVERAGE OF LAST 4 QUOTAS IN CURRENT YEAR. IF LESS THAN 4 THEN ALL QUOTAS | [3-06-17] |

**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. | ANY MEMBER WHO INDICATES IN ADVANCE THAT THEY WILL BE PLAYING ON SUNDAY/HOLIDAY AND FAILS TO SHOW WILL BE FINED THEIR GREENS FEE AMOUNT. THE GREENS FEE WILL BE DEDUCTED FROM THE ‘GREEN FEE CREDIT FUND’ WHEN ESTABLISHED AND MUST BE REDEPOSITED TO THE ACCOUNT FUND WITHIN 1 MONTH UNLESS THERE IS LESS THAN 3 WEEKS IN THE SEASON REMAINING.  ( MEMBER IS INELIGIBLE UNTIL FINE IS PAID OR FUND RE-CREDITED. ) | [3-06-17] |
| 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. | CUT-OFF TIME IS 12-NOON ON FRIDAY. AFTER ANY AVAILABLE SLOTS ON MESSAGE BOARD ARE FILLED, YOU CAN TRY CONTACTING AN OFFICER OR P.V. GOLF WEBSITE FOR TEETIME AVAILABILITY. | [3-13-19] |
| 2. | IF ARRIVAL TIME NOT PROVIDED PRIOR TO SUNDAY, ALL MEMBERS MUST ARRIVE AT THE COURSE READY TO PLAY ½ HOUR BEFORE 1ST POSTED TEE TIME. | [3-06-17] |

**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. | OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT.   1. SUNDAY, MAY 5th. 2. ONLY MEMBERS FROM PRIOR SEASON ELIGIBLE. | [3-13-19] |
| 2. | SEAN CHAMBERS MEMORIAL MID-SEASON TOURNAMENT.  a. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER JULY 4TH. (JULY 21st)  b. MEMBER MUST HAVE 4 PLAYS POSTED.  c. NEW MEMBERS MUST HAVE 6 PLAYS POSTED. | [3-13-19] |
| 3. | CLOSING-DAY TOURNAMENT. (SEPTEMBER 29, 2019)  a. MEMBER MUST HAVE 8 PLAYS POSTED.  b. NEW MEMBER MUST HAVE 10 PLAYS POSTED. | [3-13-19] |

**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. TOURNAMENT PRIZE - $50.00. [3-12-18]  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. |  |

**LOCAL RULES:**

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| 1. | WEST (RED) COURSE WILL BE THE PRIMARY COURSE OF PLAY. | [3-09-16] |
| 2. | TEE MARKERS TO BE PLAYED  a. WEST ‘RED’ COURSE – WHITE MARKERS b. EAST ‘BLUE’ COURSE – BLUE MARKERS  c. LADIES – RED MARKERS, BOTH COURSES  d. SENIOR MEMBERS – GOLD TEES, BOTH COURSES\* [\* DUE TO CLOSER PROXIMITY FOR CLOSEST TO PIN, A NEW MID-SEASON RULING MAY BE MADE IN REGARDS TO C-2-P.] | [3-24-19] |
| 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. | [4-29-10] |
| 4. | SAND TRAPS – RAKE & REPLACE WHERE BALL WAS LIFTED FROM. (Course Recommend Local Rule) | [3-12-18] |
| 5. | 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] |
| 6. | ALL UNMOWED AREAS OF THE COURSE INCLUDING FESCUE, WOODS, WATER, ETC. WILL BE CALLED **“THE SHIT”** AND IS NOW A PENALTY AREA. PROCEED UNDER PENALTY AREA RULES IF YOUR BALL HAS ENTERED THIS AREA. OUT-OF-BOUNDS IS NOT CONSIDERED PART OF “THE SHIT”. | [3-13-19] |
| 7. | LOST BALL - HIT PROVISIONAL FROM ORIGINAL SPOT, STROKE & DISTANCE PENALTY.  BALL LOST AND NOT IN PENALTY AREA WITH NO PROVISIONAL PLAYED – PENALTY: OUT OF HOLE  - EXCEPTION: IF ALL IN GROUP AGREE THAT BALL WAS IN PLAY AND FINDABLE.  a. IF BALL IS LOST IN OWN FAIRWAY, ASK TEAM WHERE TO PLACE NEW BALL.  NO PENALTY.  b. IF BALL IS LOST IN ROUGH OR OTHER FAIRWAY, ASK TEAM WHERE TO DROP NEW BALL.   ONE STROKE PENALTY. | [3-13-19] |
| 8. | OUT OF BOUNDS.   1. PLAY PROVISIONAL FROM ORIGINAL SPOT - ONE STROKE PENALTY. 2. TAKE DROP BETWEEN POINT BALL ENTERED OUT-OF-BOUNDS AND 2 CLUB LENGTHS INTO THE FAIRWAY NO CLOSER TO THE HOLE – 2 STROKE PENALTY   c. IN ADDITION TO STAKED “OUT OF BOUNDS”, THE FOLLOWING ARE “OB”.  i. #1 - SHAG FIELD ON RIGHT.  ii. #14 - ROAD ON RIGHT & PROPERTY FENCE LINE TO RIGHT OF GREEN.  iii. #15 - PROPERTY FENCE LINE & ROAD ON RIGHT.  iv. #16 - MAINTANANCE YARD. | [3-13-19] |
| 9. | NATURAL YARDAGE MARKER (AKA Randy Bushes): FREE RELIEF FOR BALL FOUND **IN** A NATURAL YARDAGE MARKER OF THE HOLE YOU ARE PLAYING ONLY. THERE IS **NO** FREE RELIEF FOR OBSTRUCTED SWING DUE TO BALL BEING NEAR, UNDER OR AGAINST OVERHANGING GROWTH OF THE NATURAL YARDAGE MARKER. | [3-13-19] |
| 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] |
| 13. | A PLAYER HITTING ANY ERRANT TEE SHOT ON #9-WEST, MAY PROCEDE TO THE ‘DROP-ZONE’.  IF DROP ZONE NOT CLEARLY MARKED, DROP IS AT BURIED BOULDER (APPROX. 200YD MARKER ) | [3-06-17] |
| 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. READY GOLF. CONTINUOUSLY PUTT OUT ON ALL HOLES. | [4-29-10] |

**\*\*\*\* NOTE: ALL PLAYERS SHOULD BE INVOLVED IN MAKING DECISIONS RELATING TO THE RULES.   
DO NOT SUPERSEDE USGA RULES.**