**ELMTREE GOLF CLUB RULES** - Updated 4-02-2025

**MEMBERSHIP:**

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

**ANNUAL DUES and FEES:**

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| 1. | COURSE - $50 or PAID VALID COUNTY GOLF CARD. | [3-08-23] |
| 2. | CLUB - $50.00 NEW MEMBERS, $40.00 RETURNING MEMBERS. | [3-13-24] |

**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 MEMBER’S 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, ½ POINT QUOTAS WILL BE USED IN CALCULATIONS. | [4-24-21] |
| 5. | QUOTAS WILL BE RECORDED FIRST SUNDAY AFTER MEETING THAT ACTION IS COLLECTED AND END AT/INCLUDING THE FALL TOURNAMENT. | [3-11-20] |
| 6. | MEMBERS MUST POST 4 ELMTREE ROUNDS IN THE PRIOR SEASON TO KEEP THEIR QUOTA ACTIVE. PLAYERS WHO DO NOT MEET THIS MINIMUM MUST RE-ESTABLISH THEIR QUOTA   1. PLAYER WHO HAS PAID FOR A RAINED-OUT ROUND WILL BE CREDITED FOR THAT ROUND 2. PLAYER WITH SIGNIFICANT IN-SEASON INJURY MAY REQUEST A QUOTA CARRY-OVER | [4-02-25] |

**ACTION/FEES:**

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| 1. | $21.00 PLUS GREENS FEES, $4 FOR EACH SIDE(Front9/Back9/Total),  $2.00 IS FOR CLUB, $2 FOR MOQ, $1 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 IN-THE-ACTION MEMBERS ARE PERMITTED TO PARTICIPATE. | [3-08-23] |
| 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] |
| 7. | NO CASH: ALL FINANCIAL TRANSACTIONS ARE TO BE COMPLETED ELECTRONICALLY (Currently VENMO) | [4-24-21] |

**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 6PM THURSDAY. ELECTRONIC ACTION PAYMENT IS DUE. AFTER ANY AVAILABLE SLOTS ON MESSAGE BOARD ARE FILLED, YOU CAN CONTACT AN OFFICER FOR AVAILABILITY OPTIONS. | [3-13-24] |
| 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 WILL BE GENERATED BY CUSTOM SOFTWARE AFTER ALL SCORES HAVE BEEN ENTERED.  IN THE EVENT SOFTWARE IS NOT AVAILABLE, TEAMS ARE MADE UP OF 2 PLAYERS. 3 PLAYER TEAM ONLY FOR ODD NUMBER OF PLAYERS PRESENT.  a. TEAMS-MEMBERS SEPARATED INTO FLIGHTS, FIRST"A"-MEN THEN REMAINDER DRAWN EVENLY.  b. IF 7 OR LESS PLAYERS, MEMBERS PLAY AS “SINGLES”. | [4-2-25] |

**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) SCORE WILL BE RECORDED FOR INCOMPLETE ROUNDS. | [4-02-25] |

**TOURNAMENTS: (IF FUNDS PERMIT, CLUB WILL DONATE $50- $100 TOWARD A BEVERAGE AT ROUNDS END)**

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| 1. | OPENING DAY TOURNAMENT.   1. SUNDAY, MAY 5TH. 2. ONLY MEMBERS FROM PRIOR SEASON ELIGIBLE. | [4-02-25] |
| 2. | SEAN CHAMBERS MEMORIAL MID-SEASON TOURNAMENT.   1. SECOND SUNDAY AFTER 4th of JULY IF NO COUNTY TOURN.: SUNDAY, JULY 27th   b. MEMBER MUST HAVE 4 PLAYS POSTED.  c. NEW MEMBERS MUST HAVE 6 PLAYS POSTED. | [4-02-25] |
| 3. | CLOSING-DAY TOURNAMENT. SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5th  a. MEMBER MUST HAVE 8 PLAYS POSTED.  b. NEW MEMBER MUST HAVE 10 PLAYS POSTED. | [4-02-25] |

**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 PLAYER(S) WILL BE PLACED IN LOWEST 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, SENIORS – GOLD TEES b. EAST COURSE – BLUE MARKERS, SENIORS – WHITE MARKERS  c. LADIES – RED MARKERS, BOTH COURSES  d. SENIORS PARTICIPATING IN C-2-P MUST PLAY PAR-3s FROM SAME TEE MARKERS  AS THE REGULAR MEMBERS. | [3-24-21] |
| 3. | FAIRWAY ONLY:  a. EACH GROUP CAN DECIDE IF AN AREA OF PLAY IS “Ground Under Repair” (GUR). BALLS RESTING IN “GUR” CAN BE KICKED TO NEW AREA. NO LIFT, CLEAN & PLACE.  b. CART PATH ONLY HOLES: LIFT, CLEAN & PLACE PERMITTED | [3-24-21] |
| 4. | SAND TRAPS – USGA RECOMMENDATION: RAKE & DROP | [4-02-25] |
| 5. | FAIRWAYS END AT THE FRONT OF ALL GREENS. (APPLIES TO TEMPORARY CART PATH ONLY HOLES)  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, ON-COURSE FENCES, ETC. WILL BE CALLED **“THE SHIT”** AND IS NOW A PENALTY AREA. PROCEED UNDER PENALTY AREA RULES IF YOUR BALL IS IN THIS AREA. OUT-OF-BOUNDS IS NOT CONSIDERED PART OF “THE SHIT”.  AREA TO RIGHT OF WEST #8 CART-PATH FENCE IS IN PLAY AND NOT A PENALTY AREA | [3-09-23] |
| 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. | 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. | [4-03-07] |
| 10. | PUTT OUT ALL HOLES. NO "GIMMEES" | [3-26-02] |
| 11. | YOU MUST NOTIFY YOUR PLAYING GROUP IF YOU NEED TO MOVE YOUR BALL TO IDENTIFY IT. See USGA Rule# 7 for proper technique. | [4-24-21] |
| 12. | A PLAYER HITTING A TEE SHOT ON ANY HOLE WITH “THE SHIT” BETWEEN TEE BOX AND FAIRWAY THAT DOES NOT CLEAR “THE SHIT”, MAY PROCEDE TO THE ‘DROP-ZONE’. IF DROP ZONE IS NOT PRESENT OR CLEARLY MARKED, DROP 2 CLUB-LENGTHS IN FROM THE CART PATH & 2 CLUB-LENGTHS IN FRONT OF “THE SHIT”. A 1(ONE) STROKE PENALTY IS ASSESSED. | [3-13-24] |
| 13. | 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] |
| 14. | 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.**