Golf Rules

Any rule and situation not specifically covered are subject to the United States Golf Association (USGA) official rules and the judgement and discretion of the TN Tech Intramural sports staff.

All rules are subject to change at the discretion of the Intramural Sports Office, and the Intramural Sports Office has the final decision on all situations covered and not covered by the rules.

Player Eligibility

- Currently enrolled (at least half-time), fee-paying Tennessee Tech University students as well as faculty and staff of the University with a current, active membership to the fitness center may participate in intramural leagues, tournaments, and contests.
- ✓ Prior to each contest and event, participants must check in with a member of the IM staff.
- ✓ Players can compete for only one (1) team in each single-gendered league and, if applicable, one (1) co-rec league. Once he or she checks-in for one (1) team, that player CANNOT transfer to another team in that league for the duration of the season.
- ✓ For postseason eligibility, a player must have participated in at least one (1) regular season game.
- ✓ Current varsity athletes cannot participate in their sport or related sport. Former varsity athletes cannot participate in their sport or related sport for one calendar year (365 days) after their official affiliation with a college or university team has ended.
- ✓ Current professional athletes cannot participate in their sport or related sport. Former professional athletes cannot participate in their sport or related sport for five (5) years after their official affiliation with a professional team has ended.
- ✓ Intramural Sports Professional staff shall make the final decision on eligibility issues.

Registration

- ✓ Teams should register by the deadline by registering on the Fusion Play App.
- ✓ Price may vary. Will have to register a tee time through us as well on the website: www.recreation.tntech.edu

Rule 2: Tournament Format & Team Composition

Tournament Format

- ✓ The tournament shall be a single round of eighteen (18) holes.
- ✓ The tournament will be a Two (2)-Man Scramble tournament.

Divisions

✓ Open (Any Gender/Co-Ed)

Hole Format

- ✓ On each hole, all players will hit for each team. After all players have shot, the next stroke attempt for all players will take place from the spot of the legal ball closest to the hole.
- ✓ The team score shall be the lowest number of strokes among all teammates.

Tees

- ✓ Men Should Hit from the WHITE tees but may move back to the BLUE tees.
- ✓ Women Should Hit from the RED tees but may move back to the WHITE or BLUE tees
 - o If a team chooses to move back, that will be personal discretion.

Team Composition

- ✓ Each team is required to have two (2) players. Any team with less than two (2) players will be considered a forfeit.
 - o Exception:
 - Player injured **DURING** contest, **OR**
 - Player ejected during contest (Team ejection will be considered a forfeit)
- ✓ Each player must pay online on the intramural website before the tournament.

Rule 3: Playing Area & Equipment

Tournament Location

✓ The tournament location will be announced closer to time.

Clothing & Equipment

- ✓ All attire and equipment are subject to the approval of Intramural Sports staff and golf course staff. Any clothing or equipment that is deemed unsafe or illegal must be removed prior to competition.
- ✓ IM staff & Golf Course Staff reserves the right to ask participants to remove or conceal clothing that, in the opinion of IM staff & Golf Course Staff, displays offensive or demeaning language or imagery.
- ✓ Proper athletic attire is required. Non-athletic clothing is prohibited.
- ✓ Footwear
 - o Players are required to wear athletic shoes (e.g. golf shoes or running shoes).
 - Footwear including but not limited to boots, cleats, open-toed shoes, crocks, and sandals are strictly prohibited.
- ✓ Proper Golf Attire Is Required

Rule 4: Forfeits, Defaults, & Protests

Forfeits & Defaults

✓ Teams that do not show up for their selected tee time will be considered a forfeit.

Protests

- ✓ Protests will be considered by Intramural Sports Professional Staff.
- ✓ Before and during the contest, teams may protest player eligibility.

Rule 5: Timing

Tee Time

- ✓ All teams shall tee-off from Hole 1 at their selected tee time.
- ✓ Teams that are not present for the Tee Time may not be allowed to participate and will be considered a forfeit.
- ✓ Teams are expected to play at a reasonable pace and let faster teams play through.

Inclement Weather or Other Interruptions

- ✓ When a game is interrupted due to weather conditions, it is a regulation game in the following situations:
 - The Ninth (9th) hole has been completed.
- ✓ If there is a weather delay or cancellation, there may not be a makeup date. All participants should check the Microsoft Teams/Fusion Play App & Social Media for all cancellations or delays.

Rule 6: Playing Rules

Players are expected to review the official USGA rules and follow all course rules. Players must follow all instructions from Course Marshalls, Golf Course staff, and TN Tech Intramural Staff.

Please click the following link to view the <u>Official USGA Rules</u>.

Additional Rules:

- ✓ There are **NO** Mulligans (Replays) allowed due to the following:
 - Lost Golf Balls
 - Poorly Hit Golf Balls
- ✓ No alcoholic beverages will be allowed during the tournament.

Player or Team Unable to Continue

- ✓ Due to Injury
 - o If a player cannot continue due to injury, the team shall continue to play.
- ✓ Due to Ejection or other Circumstances
 - o If a player cannot continue due to ejection or other circumstances, the team shall continue to play.
 - o Teams that are asked to leave by Golf Course staff must leave immediately and are disqualified from further participation.

Ejections

- ✓ When two (2) members of a team is ejected, that team shall forfeit the contest.
- ✓ Ejected players must leave the Fitness Center and/or Intramural Fields immediately and cannot return to play ANY sport until he/she has been cleared for participation by a professional staff member of the Intramural Sports Office.
- The Golf Course has the right to refuse any golfer and/or may remove any golfer due to behavior. This will be considered an ejection.