

Rules Information

RULES OF PLAY

1. Play under and in accordance with current **USGA Rules of Golf** except as modified by local rules or the Tournament Committee.
2. All participants will play by the same rules including non-competitive.
3. All participants including non-competitive will play from red tees.
4. Play the ball as it lies, Rule 9.1.
5. Ball in penalty areas (bodies of water or other areas as defined by the committee) is played in accordance with Rule 17
<http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rule-17.html>.
6. In accordance with Rule 21.2 Maximum Score, the tournament Committee has capped the maximum score as **double par plus 1** for all players.
7. Alternative to Stroke and Distance Penalty - When a player's ball is lost or is known to be out of bounds, for two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the designated relief area. See Model Local Rule E-5 for details. [Stroke and Distance: New Local Rule \(usga.org\)](#).
8. Cell phone usage during competition is limited to tournament related functions (i.e. GPS, Rules of Golf, Golf Genius, etc.) and emergency situations. Your phone must be on silent during the competition.
9. **The following will result in player disqualification:**
 - Failure to report to designated tee box at starting time
 - Failure to exchange scorecard at the beginning of play
 - Playing a hole out of sequence
 - Failure to sign scorecard or signing incorrect scorecard
 - Leaving the course without turning in a scorecard

10. If there is any doubt as to procedure, play a second ball; announce you are hitting a second ball and which one you will score if allowed. Request a ruling prior to attesting scorecard.
11. All golfers should direct questions to the Golf Pro or designated Rule Official for any rules questions during the tournament or make note of your question and check in with the Golf Pro before signing and turning in your scorecard.

Local Rules and Course Information

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- Fans on the course - free relief, temporary immovable obstruction, even if the ball is in a penalty area.
- Mulch areas - played as ground under repair, play ball out of those areas.
- Stones on Homestead course - played as cart path rule. Nearest relief no closer to the hole.

Bag Drop

Flat Creek does not have a designated bag drop area. The staff would prefer that everyone drive up and park in an available parking spot. They will provide a 6-passenger cart driving around the parking lot to shuttle players to the cart staging area. Or, if you prefer not to wait for the shuttle, you can walk your bag down to the cart staging area where Flat Creek staff will assist players with finding your assigned cart and loading your bag. Please plan to arrive early.

Restrooms and Water Coolers

- Restrooms
 - Located on Hole #5 of each side - Homestead, Graveyard, and Old Mill
- Water coolers
 - Homestead - Hole 3 and Hole 8
 - Graveyard - Hole 3 and Hole 8
 - Old Mill - Hole 2 and Hole 7