



LINCOLN HILLS LINCSTERS

LOCAL RULES

CHECK-IN

You may pay by cash, check or credit card at the desk in the Pro Shop. If paying by check, make your check payable to "Lincoln Hills Golf Club". Place your check in the basket by the Pro Shop computer. No further check-in is required when paying by check; however, check in with the Lincster in charge.

PUTTING CONTEST (PUTT POOL)

A putting contest is an optional weekly event. The fee is \$1. You may sign up by initialing next to your name on the membership roster and placing your dollar in the designated bag located near the posting computer in the Pro Shop. Entering the Putt Pool must be declared before play begins.

TEE TIME

All players should arrive and check in at the Pro Shop at least 30 minutes prior to tee time. Pay fees, enter putting contest (optional) and be ready to leave the staging area 20 minutes before shotgun begins.

BAD WEATHER / FROST DELAY

During the winter, we will occasionally have frost delays or rounds canceled due to rain. You may make your own tee time if you choose to play on these days.

YOU WILL BE NOTIFIED ON THE WEBSITE OR EMAIL OF CANCELLATION

FIELD RULES

USGA Rules shall govern all play EXCEPT for the following local rules:

- Play from RED tees.
- If in play, (A) Winter Rules will be announced: mark, lift, place within 6 inches and/or (B) Winter Rules Plus is determined by player. USGA RULE 16.
- GPS is allowed for distance only (may not use other functions such as wind speed, etc.) if even on the device, whether used or not, the penalty is disqualification.
- Only two persons in a foursome should have their cell phone on silent or vibrate.
- 90-degree cart rule applies, unless stated otherwise.
- Place rakes in the bunker.

ORCHARD DROP ZONES:

- **HOLE #3 ORCHARD:** If tee shot goes in the native wetland area, tee up again. **ONE-STROKE PENALTY** (hitting 3) **OR** use the Drop Zone across the wetlands to the left of the bridge. **ONE-STROKE PENALTY**
- **HOLE #6 ORCHARD:**
 - a. If you hit into native wetland area at the end of the fairway by the bridge, hit again, within two-club lengths from where the ball entered and no nearer the hole. **ONE-STROKE PENALTY OR**
 - b. Use Drop Zone after the bridge to the left side of the cart path. **ONE-STROKE PENALTY OR**
 - c. If ball is within 100-yard marker from green, pick up ball; proceed to Drop Zone. **TWO-STROKE PENALTY**
- **HOLE #13 ORCHARD:** Player has the OPTION past the "no cart" signs (within 120 yards out from the green) to NOT hit the ball: pick up ball and proceed to the Drop Zone (approx. 30 yards below the green). **TWO-STROKE PENALTY**
If the ball hit from the Drop Zone goes in the water hazard, hit again from same Drop Zone. **ONE-STROKE PENALTY**
- **HOLE #14 ORCHARD:**
 - a. If your shot goes in the creek, use Drop Zone on the other side of the creek. **ONE-STROKE PENALTY OR**
 - b. If you are within 20-30 yards from the end of the fairway, you may pick up the ball and proceed to the other side of the creek to the Drop Zone. **TWO-STROKE PENALTY**

NATIVE WETLAND AREAS

If your ball goes in the native wetland area or penalty area (anything red or yellow), drop ball within two club lengths no nearer the hole. Do not climb over fences. All players in the foursome must agree as to where the ball went out of play.

ONE-STROKE PENALTY

OUT OF BOUNDS / LOST BALL (USGA Rule 18)

- a. Play as before: if you think your ball has gone out of bounds or is lost, play a provisional. **ONE-STROKE PENALTY OR**
- b. Play where you think it went out of bounds or lost: move a ball two-club lengths back INTO the FAIRWAY from where you think it was out of bounds or lost. **TWO-STROKE PENALTY OR**
- c. If you did not hit a provisional, and the ball is out of bounds or lost, you can go back to where you last played and hit again under **ONE-STROKE PENALTY OR** play from the fairway under provision #b above. **TWO-STROKE PENALTY**

CRABGRASS RULE

For Crabgrass Rule pick up and place the ball six inches from the crabgrass no nearer the hole. **NO PENALTY**

STAY ON CART PATHS – STAY OFF STREETS

RESTROOMS

The restrooms in the field are locked. Obtain current combo code from the Pro shop. Restrooms are located on the Orchards' #1, #6 and #13 holes. On the Hills, they are located on #6 and #12 holes. In the spirit of Pace of Play, if only two golfers have to stop, have the other twosome go ahead and tee off.

POINTS OF ETIQUETTE

- Tee off within two club lengths behind the front edges of the tee markers. In stroke play, you will incur a
- **TWO-STROKE PENALTY** if outside these boundaries. Partners: stand outside the tee box as she tees off.
- Do not hold up play by placing your clubs back in the bag after you hit; wait until next stop.
- On the green: do NOT walk on someone else's lie.
- It is okay to ask someone to mark her ball on the green. If you hit someone else's unmarked ball on the green it is a
- **TWO-STROKE PENALTY**.
- You are encouraged to watch the ball of EVERY member of foursome, not just your ball.

GENERAL GOLF POLICIES

- Adhere to cart policies as dictated by the home course.
- When in the fairway, the ball furthest from the hole typically hits first. Ready golf is preferred. All other players should have clubs ready for play.
- Mark your ball on the putting green ALWAYS; a **TWO-STROKE PENALTY** is incurred if player hits a ball at rest; moved ball should be replaced to original position with **NO PENALTY**.
- Limit searching for a lost ball to three minutes or less. Others in your group should hit before helping to look for the lost ball.
- Yardage markings are imbedded in the field. Electronic distance devices are allowed.
- Place rakes inside the bunker.

CLINICS / LESSONS

Our Golf Pros offer clinics and lessons on a regular basis. These can be very helpful for new golfers and when experiencing downturns in your game. Check with the Pro Shop for details.

LOCAL RULES COPIES

The Lincster Local Rules are available on the Lincster website. Print out a copy for your use. These rules will be updated as required by USGA Rules or governing board.

APPROVAL

These rules as written have been approved by the Lincoln Hills Golf Club Lincsters, General Meeting, June 19, 2019.