

Canton Golf Club Rules

All USGA Rules apply except for any local club rule listed below:

1. A lost ball or ball hit out of bounds may be played as a lateral hazard (1-stroke penalty). The drop must be within 2 club lengths from the point of entry (at the out of bounds stake, tree line, etc). The golfer shall bring the ball back to a location where he deems the ball would not have been lost or out of bounds (which may still be in a wooded area).
2. Golfers will have the option to Lift, Rake, and **Drop** their golf ball in any sand trap/bunker throughout the entire season. ***Player has the option to mark his ball then lift and clean his ball only if the ball has a mud/dirt hat on it or the ball is in the mud. Players may not lift clean and drop if the ball is in a hazard. The ball must be dropped in the same spot. Player may then use his club to fluff the ball after his drop. ***
3. Golfers will have the option to fluff/roll their ball (within 6-inches) in maintained areas on the course (does not include hazards or unmaintained areas such as high weeds/heather, woods, etc.) throughout the year, including the championship rounds. Ball must remain in the same condition as the original ball (i.e. If the ball was rough, you may not role it in the fairway)
4. Gimmies are allowed within the length of a normal putter grip (Head of putter to beginning of grip).
5. Golfers will be allowed to play any set of rated men's tees (handicaps will be adjusted appropriately).

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1. **NEW FOR 2026:** All events, both Canton Cup and Club Championship, will be scored using the Stableford system. Points on each hole will be awarded based on the **net** score of that hole. The golfer with the most accumulated points at the end of the round wins. Ties will split prize money. Scoring will be as follows:
 - a. Net double bogey or worse – 0 points
 - b. Net bogey – 1 point
 - c. Net par – 2 points
 - d. Net birdie – 3 points
 - e. Net eagle – 4 points

2. **NEW FOR 2026:** Golfers may pick up at any point on a hole. For scoring purposes, a golfer **should not** record a score on the card if they pick up on a hole. For handicapping purposes, the golfer will receive a score of net double bogey on the hole not finished. If it is unknown what the maximum score for record is that equates to a net double bogey, the following rule of thumb is suggested.
 - a. Par 3s – Maximum score of 8
 - b. Par 4s – Maximum score of 9
 - c. Par 5s – Maximum score of 10
 - i. NOTE: This rule of thumb assumes a golfer is getting 3 handicap strokes per hole. This will not apply to everyone, but it is a safe rule to prevent picking up early.
 - ii. Picking up is not mandatory. It is up to the individual golfer to announce to their playing partners that they are picking up.

3. There will be a season-long Canton Cup competition. The Canton Cup will award points based on results of each of the first 12 events. Canton Cup will include the best 10 finishes from the first 12 outings. Stableford points for each round played will be added throughout the Canton Cup season, and the golfer with the highest total score will be the Canton Cup winner.

4. The final 3 rounds of the season will be competed for the Club Championship. Club Championship scores will be tracked by Stableford scores with the highest point total winning the championship. The best 2 of 3 rounds will be counted towards the championship results. The 3rd round will be used as a tiebreaker. After a tie, if one golfer played the 3rd round and the other did not, the golfer that played the third round will win the tiebreaker. **To be eligible for the club championship, members must have a minimum of 5 rounds played with the club. If injured, golfers may still be eligible for the championship if they have at least 10 rounds combined for previous and current season.** The top 3 finishers will be paid out as follows:
 - 1st Place - \$130
 - 2nd Place - \$105
 - 3rd Place - \$80

5. The pairings for the 2nd and 3rd club championship round will be determined by the highest single Stableford score in the previous round(s). Pairings will be in reverse order, with lower scores teeing off first, and higher scores teeing off last.
 - a. After the first round, pairings for players that are tied will be up to the discretion of the Club President. After the second round, pairings for players who are tied will be determined by the score of the second round. If players remain tied, pairings will be up to the discretion of the Club President.
6. The top 6 member finishers will be paid out for each of the first 12 rounds (Canton Cup). The top 3 after the completion of all the last 3 rounds (Club Championship) will be paid out.
7. There will be optional skins and closest to the pin (CTP) each round. The entry fee will be \$5 for each competition. Skins strokes allocated will be based on the "middle/white" hole ratings.
 - a. Participation is not mandatory.
 - b. Guests are not eligible for skins, but may get in par 3 competition
 - c. Anyone who does not pay Fran or his designee prior to tee-off will not be eligible for optional prize money.
8. There will be a Hole-In-One prize. The pot will be capped at \$1,000.
 - a. Vested members (3 or more years) will be eligible for 100% of the prize money.
 - b. Un-vested members (less than 3 years) will be eligible for 50% of the prize money.
9. Guests will be allowed to play assuming there are available tee times. Members will have priority to all tee times over guests until the designated cutoff dates. All efforts will be made to pair guests with their sponsoring member.
 - a. RSVP Guidelines:
 - i. Members will have first rights when the event opens for RSVP (~ 3 weeks prior to the event).
 - ii. All guests will then be allowed to fill in any remaining available slots ~10 days in advance of the event. Notifications will be sent through the Team App.
 - iii. Members still in a "Maybe" status cannot bump guests after that 10-day window begins.
 - iv. Courses will be contacted ~7 days prior and any completely empty tee times will be cancelled.
 - v. Timelines may be adjusted depending on the course policy.
 - b. Any remaining spots in the final tee time will be filled on a first-come basis.
 - c. No guests will be allowed to play in the club championship rounds.