

# 2023 BLACKSTONE LADIES "PAR-TEE" GOLF LEAGUE

## SAFETY AND RULES OF PLAY

### SAFETY:

**Inclement Weather:** If the weather becomes inclement (thundering!) during play, please stop and head to the clubhouse. Safety first!!

### RULES AND SPEED OF PLAY:

**NO GIMMIES:** you must putt out unless your golf ball is within a putter's club from the pin. Once it is **within your putter's club length**, you can pick it up but you **must count it as 1 stroke**.

**Maximum Strokes:** number of strokes is **double the par**.

**Sand Trap Option:** If your golf ball lands in the sand, you can declare it out with a **2 stroke penalty**.

**Water Hazard Carry:** If you believe you cannot get your golf ball over a body of water, you can declare it "in the water", and take a **1 stroke penalty** and hit the ball in the designated drop zone.

**Out of Bounds/Lost:** If your ball goes out of bounds, you have no more than 3 minutes to search for it. If not found, for **2 penalty strokes** you can estimate the spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds and then find the nearest fairway edge that is not nearer to the hole than the estimated spot. You can drop a ball in the fairway within 2 club-lengths of that fairway edge point, or anywhere between there and the estimated spot where your ball is lost or went out of bounds.

**Play "READY GOLF":** This means going directly to your ball when it is safe to do so and prepare to hit your shot. DO NOT STAND and WAIT for your playing partners to hit while you can be safely going to your golf ball.

**Golf Cart Etiquette:** If sharing a golf cart, select a few clubs and be dropped off by your cart partner by your ball. (The person who dropped you off should go and play their ball.) After hitting your shot, begin walking forward towards the green, while your cart partner comes and picks you up.