

MARINE PARK SENIOR LEAGUE 2026

LOCAL RULES

All play governed by USGA rules. For reference you may download the USGA Rules App here: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/usga-apps.html#>

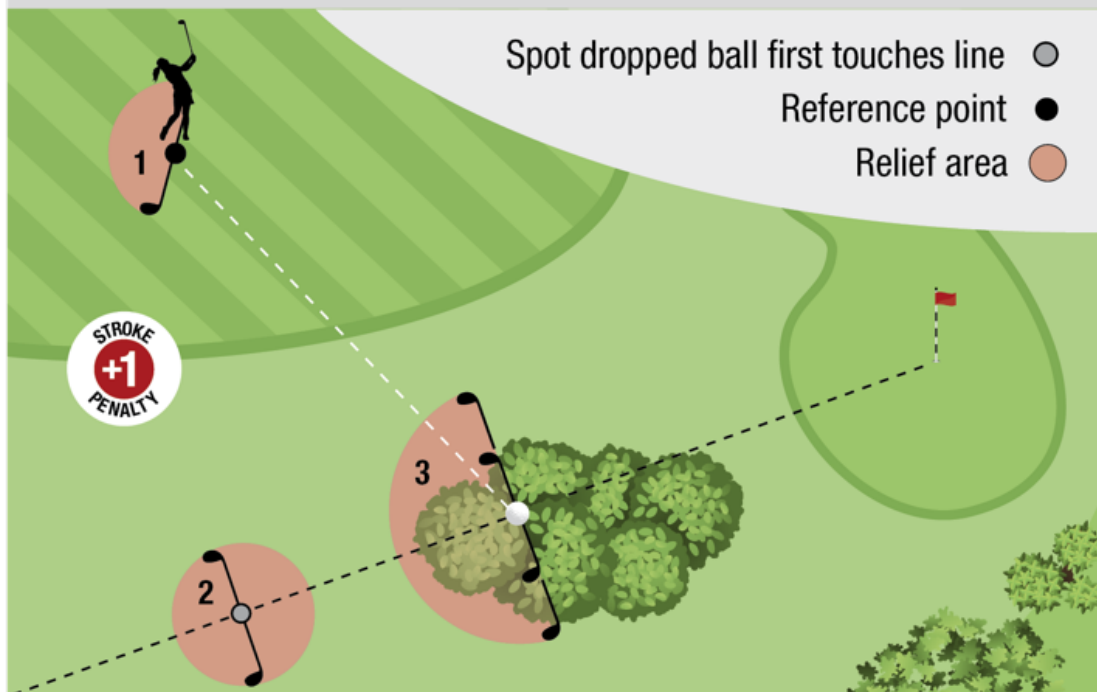
Mounds alongside fairways:

If your ball lands on a mound, you are permitted, for safety reasons and without penalty, to drop the ball on the nearest point of relief from the severe slope of the mound. You are not permitted to drop this ball in the fairway. A drop should be performed with the conventions of the USGA, which is from knee-high and into the rough at the base of the mound.

Abnormal course conditions:

At Marine Park there are some areas within the fairways with gravel, roots, puddles or roped off areas. In these situations you are permitted to clean your ball and place it on the nearest point of turf no closer to the hole. Also any of these four defined conditions: [Animal Hole](#), [Ground Under Repair](#), [Immovable Obstruction](#), or [Temporary Water](#).

DIAGRAM 19.2: RELIEF OPTIONS FOR UNPLAYABLE BALL IN GENERAL AREA



A player decides that their ball in a bush is unplayable. The player has **three** options, in each case adding one penalty stroke. The player may:

- (1) Take stroke-and-distance relief by playing a ball from a relief area based on where the previous stroke was made.
- (2) Take back-on-the-line relief by dropping a ball behind the spot of the original ball, keeping the spot of the original ball between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped.
- (3) Take lateral relief. The reference point for taking relief is the spot of the original ball and a ball must be dropped in and played from the two club-length relief area, which is no nearer the hole than the reference point.



REMINDERS

Every week in the league is a competition, please play fair.

- No Mulligans
- Play the ball as it lies, no rolling
- All putts must be putted out, no gimmies
- Maximum score on any hole is triple bogey. Please pick up and move along.

Leave the course better than you found it.

- Repair your ball marks. Replace or fill your divots. Rake bunkers.

PACE OF PLAY

Please arrive at least 20 minutes early for your tee time.

- Play ready golf. Keep up with the group ahead of you, not one shot ahead of the group behind you.
- Prepare your shot and select your club before it's your turn.
- Read your putt while others are putting.
- Cart driver should drop his playing partner at his ball and then travel to his ball to save time and hit when ready.
- Park at the exit (and never in front) of every green.
- Never walk backwards on the course.
- If your ball lands on the wrong fairway, don't block players on that fairway with your cart or yourself; they have the right of way to proceed first.

By-Laws

Marine Park Senior Golf League, Inc.

Article I

- Sec. 1:** The official name of this League is the Marine Park Seniors Golf League, Inc. (hereafter “the League.”) The Board of Directors may adopt less formal names or nicknames to be used as “doing business” names.
- Sec. 2:** The home course of the League is the Marine Park Golf Course in Brooklyn, NY.
- Sec. 3:** The League is not affiliated with Marine Park Golf Course or any company or entity responsible for operating or maintaining the golf course itself. Nor is the League responsible or at any time shall it assume any responsibility for the maintenance or condition of the course.

Article II Purpose

- Sec. 1:** The League was formed to benefit senior golfers by promoting and supporting physical activity and social camaraderie among its members.
- Sec. 2:** To encourage conformance to the U.S.G.A. rules of Golf.
- Sec. 3:** The League will maintain a Handicap system as established and maintained by the Handicap Committee and issue Handicap indexes to the Members to be used in all League competitions.

Article III Membership

- Sec. 1:** The League shall have two (2) classes of membership: Active and Non-Playing.
- Sec. 2:** Any golfer aged Fifty-Five (55) or older is eligible for active membership.
- Sec. 3:** Annual dues will be established by the Board of Directors. Membership in the League requires full payment of annual dues and any approved assessments no later than the opening day of golf, or on or prior to a member’s first day of play during a season, or as otherwise established by the Board of Directors. Members who haven’t paid by the required date will not be eligible to play or enjoy any League privileges until their dues and any assessment, if applicable, has been satisfied.
- Sec. 4:** The Board of Directors shall have the authority in its discretion to grant Non-Playing membership. Non-playing members shall have the privileges granted by

the Board, including without limitation participation in playing golf and in social events, but will have no voting rights, shall hold no Office and will be exempt from dues and assessments except as may be determined by the Board.

- Sec. 5:** The League shall maintain a standing Membership Committee.
- (A) Each year, existing Members or applicants for active Membership shall fill out and sign an application furnished by the League. The application shall be submitted to the Chair of the Membership Committee and be kept by the Secretary with the records of the League.
- (B) Nomination or application for Non-Active Membership shall be referred to the Membership Committee.
- (C) Potential members shall be permitted to play three rounds of golf during the season at the daily rate charged to members without obligation to pay dues.
- (D) New members of the League who join during the season shall be required to pay dues, provided that someone who joins anytime after the first half of the season has concluded shall be required to pay only one-half the dues for that year.
- (E) Charges may be preferred against any Member for conduct detrimental to the League. Charges shall be presented in writing to the Board of Directors which may, by a majority vote of its Members, suspend, discipline or expel a Member found to have committed or engaged in a pattern of conduct, or a single extreme act of violence or impropriety, detrimental to acceptable collegiality or constituting a gross violation of the applicable rules of play.
- (F) A Membership roster, League files, property inventory and minutes of Membership and Board of Directors meetings are the property of the League, shall be maintained by the Secretary and his successors.

Article IV

Board of Directors

- Sec. 1:** The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and up to five additional members to be appointed by and at the discretion of the President (hereafter, "the Board").
- Sec. 2:** The term of office of any Member of the Board appointed by the President shall terminate at the end of the term of office of the President who appointed him.
- Sec. 3:** A majority of the Board shall constitute a quorum at its meetings.
- Sec. 4:** The Board, acting in compliance with these Bylaws, shall have responsibility to determine all club activities, including all dues, fees and assessments, and enter into contracts and agreements on behalf of the League. The Board shall approve the League's annual budget, including any amendments required during a season, and provide at least once annually a current financial report to the membership.

- Sec. 5:** Any Member of the Board who shall be absent for three (3) consecutive Board meetings shall be removed from this position, unless the absence is excused by the President in advance or for good cause.

Article V

Officers

- Sec. 1:** The Officers of the League shall be the President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary, ranked in the above order. They shall be elected by the membership and shall serve for a two-year term. Each of them shall be eligible for re-election. Whenever a vacancy occurs between elections in the offices stated above, the Officer next in line shall fill the position "Pro Tempore" and all Officers following shall be advanced one position. The position of Secretary thus made vacant shall be filled by appointment of the President.

- Sec. 2:** Any member who is a paid employee of any company that leases or operates Marine Park Golf Course is ineligible to hold a position on the Board.

- Sec. 3:** Duties of the Officers:

PRESIDENT:

The President shall devote his time to the interests of the Club. He shall preside at all Membership and Board meetings and maintain order and decorum. He may, upon consent of the Board, appoint up to five additional members of the League to serve on the Board.

VICE PRESIDENT:

The Vice President shall perform all duties of the President in the event of his absence, resignation or his inability to attend to the duties of his office until a new President is elected.

TREASURER:

The Treasurer shall keep an account of all monies received on behalf of the League and a detailed account of all expenditures. He shall disburse all sums under the direction of the Board. The President, Vice- President, and the Treasurer, shall have the authorization to open a bank account in the name of the League, to deposit League funds in such account and to sign checks on behalf of the League. The Treasurer shall submit to the Board at its request a current financial report, including an analysis if requested on how the League is meeting its annual budget.

SECRETARY:

The Secretary shall keep the records of all Membership and Board meetings. He shall have charge of all correspondence to the Membership and Board and shall retain control of all contracts and other documents, whether in hard copy or digitally, of the League's business except those that pertain to the Office of the Treasurer.

- Sec. 4:** There shall be the following standing Committees: Tournament, Handicap, Membership and Outings. The President may also create additional committees on either a permanent or temporary basis to handle specific League matters. The chair and the membership of all committees, whether standing or additional, shall be appointed by the President with the consent of the Board. Only active members of the League may be appointed to committee. The President may designate any of the other officers of the League or Members of the Board to chair or serve on committees.

Article VI

General Meetings

- Sec. 1:** There shall be at least one meeting annually for the Membership. To the extent possible and convenient, it shall be held either at the opening of each annual golf season, at an outing during the golf season, or at the conclusion of such a season, such as at a final membership event like a luncheon. In addition to any general membership meeting, the President shall, either in his discretion or at the direction of the Board, directly or through a committee, issue reports or information to the membership regarding League matters. Such reports may be issued digitally and at any time.
- Sec. 2:** Special meetings may be called by the President, by the Board or at the written request of twenty-five active members. Except in emergencies, any such meetings shall be scheduled to provide the membership at least two weeks' notice. If technically and financially feasible, such meetings may permit virtual (e.g. by internet or telephone) participation by members.

Article VII

Nominations and Elections

- Sec. 1:** As of the approval of these Bylaws, there has been established a group of volunteer members that has acted as the interim organizing committee (hereafter, "Interim Committee"). Until the first election of League Officers, this Interim Committee will act as the Board of Directors and continue to make decisions regarding the ongoing development and operations of the League in compliance with these Bylaws. Among them they will select which of them will assume the responsibilities of the League Officers.
- Sec. 2:** The first election of League Officers by the membership shall take place on a date and time to be determined by the Interim Committee, but no later than the opening day of the 2027 golf season at Marine Park. The Interim Committee may schedule a membership meeting for the purpose of electing League Officers or may direct that the election be held electronically.
- Sec. 3:** Subsequent elections of League Officers shall be scheduled by the President to take place sufficiently in advance of the beginning of the next two-year term of League Officers (but no less than one month) to allow enough time for nominations, voting and a reasonable period of transition to enable newly

elected League Officers to learn and assume their responsibilities.

- Sec. 4:** At least one month prior to the date and time set for the election of League Officers, the President shall inform the membership of the date and time of that election and shall invite nominations for League Officers. All nominations must be of an active member and have a second by another active member. Nominations shall include the name of the active member, a statement that such member accepts the nomination and an explanation for why that member either wants to be or should be a League Officer. Nominations must be received by the President no later than 10 days after the notice of election was sent to the membership and the President shall, within 4 days thereafter, submit to the membership all nominations for League Officers that comply with these basic requirements. Active members may nominate themselves for a League Officer position, provided that the other conditions stated in this subsection 4 are met.
- Sec. 5:** If the election is held at a membership meeting, a majority vote of active members present shall be required to elect a League Officer. The League President or his designee shall preside at any such election and may, in his discretion or on motion of an active member approved by a majority of active members present, call for secret ballot voting.
- Sec. 6:** If the election is held digitally, the active members shall be given no fewer than five days to submit their votes to the President or his designee. Votes received shall be counted and those active and nominated members who receive a majority of the votes cast digitally shall be recorded as the League Officers for the next term.

Article VII

Assessments

- Sec. 1:** The Board may propose assessments to be paid by active members to the extent needed to support League activities. All active members shall be given notice of any proposed assessment and its purpose at least one month before it becomes due.

Article VIII

Amendments

- Sec. 1:** Proposed Amendments to these Bylaws may be submitted to the Board in writing, including digitally, by any active member.
- Sec. 2:** The Amendment must be submitted to the Board (or the President as the representative of the Board) in the form of a motion with a second by an active member and be supported by a written explanation of its purpose.
- Sec. 3:** The motion, its second, the proposed amendment, including the specific language proposed to be added and/or deleted, and a supporting explanation shall be presented to the membership by the Board (or the President acting

on behalf of the Board) for a vote. Any properly proposed Amendment to these By-Laws shall be approved if affirmed by 60% of the active members present at a general membership meeting, regardless of whether the meeting is held in person or digitally.

Sec. 4: The Board or the President, as the case may be, shall make every reasonable effort to submit a proper proposed amendment to these Bylaws within two months of their submission, except that if a general membership meeting is planned to be held within three months of the submission of a proper proposed amendment, the proposed amendment may be submitted to the active membership for a vote at that meeting.

Article IX

Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Marine Park Seniors Golf League, Inc. the President, the Vice President and the Treasurer or any of them with the consent of the Board shall use any funds belonging to the League to pay any outstanding debts of the League. Any funds remaining shall, in the Board's discretion, be transferred to a successor entity to the League that supports senior golf at Marine Park or be donated to any valid and reputable organization, such as but not limited to the Metropolitan Golf Association or the USGA, whose mission is devoted to the advancement of the game of golf either in the State of New York or throughout the United States of America. Any of these officers shall then close any existing bank accounts and terminate the corporate existence of the League.