

## SUN CITY PALM DESERT LADY PUTTERS

### PUTTING RULES

1. No practice putting is allowed on the putting green the day of competition.
2. After placing your ball at the tee marker, no practice stroke with the putter or sighting or crouching behind the ball is allowed. **Penalty 1 Stroke**
3. Please be aware of the following: a) stand well off the green while waiting; b) keep conversation to a minimum; c) move quickly to the next hole; d) always be aware of holding your place in line.
4. Duplicate cards must be kept for each twosome. Mark your partner's score & your score at the completion of each hole. After completing 18 holes, check your scores for each nine with your partner. Sign your card & attest the final score by signing your partner's card on the "attest" line. Both scorecards will be rejected if there is an error. **Return both cards to the Scoring Committee.**
5. Start all putts from the left side of the tee marker (left-handed putters place the ball on the right side of the marker). Place the ball along the horizontal line of the arrow behind the arrow point. Place your ball on the ground, do not drop it. Putt to the hole with the pin in the hole. Remove your ball from the hole by lifting up the pin. Do not place your hand or a ball retriever in the hole while the pin is in place. Replace the pin with the number facing the proper tee marker.
6. Continuous putting is the order of play; complete your putts before your partner tees off. Putt all putts; there are **no "gimmees"**.
7. A ball putted off the green (clipped portion) is deemed out of bounds. Bring the ball in a straight line back to the edge of the green; then measure one putter head & place the ball at the end of the putter. **Penalty 1 Stroke.** However, if any portion of the ball is touching the clipped portion of the green putt the ball from the position where it lies. **No Penalty.**
8. If your ball strikes another player's ball at rest, return your ball to where it was. **Penalty 1 Stroke.** The ball at rest is replaced as near as possible to the original spot & putt to the hole.
9. If two balls are in motion & strike each other, both players should replay their balls from the original spot. **No Penalty.**
10. If a player putts to a hole before the previous player has finished the hole, the ball is returned to the tee. **Penalty 1 Stroke.**
11. If a player putts to the wrong hole & continues to putt the ball into the hole, **Penalty 1 Stroke.** If it is possible to putt to the correct hole from where the ball lies, you may count all strokes & eliminate the penalty.
12. If a ball is stopped or deflected by any moving or stationary object, **No Penalty.** The stroke is cancelled & the ball shall be replayed from the original spot.
13. If a ball hovers over the hole, wait for the count of 10, then strike the ball & count the stroke. No player shall take any action to influence the ball to drop into the hole. **Penalty Disqualification.**

### **Putters Rules Continued**

**14.** Upon completion of hole, players are to carry the ball, not strike it or push it with the putter head, to the next hole. This will be deemed "testing the surface" or a practice stroke. Penalty 1 Stroke.

**15.** The partner with the lowest number of strokes on a hole has the honor of teeing off first on the next hole.

**16.** A player may have a maximum of 6 strokes on any one hole. After 6 strokes, the player must pick up the ball and record a score of 6 on the scorecard.

### **STANDING RULES**

- 1. Rules** We shall abide by SCPD Lady Putters Rules
- 2. Dues** Yearly dues shall be \$25.00 from November 1 - May 31. Dues for new members shall be reduced to \$15.00 beginning March 1. Refunds will be determined on a case-to-case basis.
- 3. Weekly Fee** The weekly fee of \$3.00 shall be used to pay off holes-in-one, weekly prizes and other expenses.
- 4. Uniform** The official putting attire is SCPDLP monogrammed purple shirt & white shorts, slacks, skirt or skort. Uniforms should be worn to all SCPDLP functions. (i.e., Luncheons, Tournaments, etc.).
- 5. Shoes** Only flat-soled walking shoes or tennis shoes will be permitted on the green. In order to protect the green, no heels or any kind of golf shoes with cleats will be allowed.
- 6. Guests** Guests are welcome to putt free, but they shall not be eligible for any prizes, including holes-in-one. Long-term guests may join Lady Putters. Residents may play as guests until next sign-up date, which is the last Wednesday of each month.
- 7. Luncheons** Reservations are by check only. Guests are invited to attend luncheons upon paying the cost of the meal. No refunds after the stated deadline.
- 8. Handicaps** Handicaps are calculated monthly. New members must pay a weekly fee & putt a total of 5 games (need not be consecutive weeks) to establish a provisional handicap before being eligible for monetary prizes. Handicaps will only be carried over for one year. If a putter misses more than one year of competition, she will have the same status as a new putter and must re-establish her handicap. To maintain handicap a putter must putt a minimum of 5 games a season. 9.
- 9. Holes-In-One** will be paid to all members with or without a handicap.
- 10. Birdie Pins** A small birdie pin will be awarded for any 5 holes-in-one made from November through May. If there are less than 5 holes-in-one recorded at the end of the season, they will be carried over to the next season. A large birdie pin will be awarded for any 3 holes-in-one made in one day from November through May.