

SUN CITY PALM DESERT LADY PUTTERS

PUTTING RULES

1. *No practice putting is allowed on the putting green on the day of competition.*
2. *After placing your ball at the tee marker, no practice strokes, sighting, or crouching behind the ball are allowed.*
3. *Please observe the following etiquette:*
 - a) *Stand off the green while waiting*
 - b) *Keep conversation to a minimum; cell phones off*
 - c) *Move promptly to the next hole*
4. *Record scores after each hole:*
 - *Mark both your score and your partner's score*
 - *After 18 holes, verify each nine with your partner*
 - *Sign your scorecard and attest your partner's card*
 - *Both cards will be rejected if errors are found*
 - *Return both cards to the Scoring Committee*
5. *Tee placement and putting procedure:*
 - *Start all putts from the left side of the tee marker (left-handed players use the right side)*
 - *Place the ball along the horizontal line behind the arrow—do not drop it*
 - *Putt to the hole with the pin in the hole*
 - *Remove your ball from the pin do not place your hand or 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 required:*
 - *Complete all putts before your partner tees off*
 - *All putts must be holed—no “gimmes”*
7. *Ball off the green:*
 - *A ball putted off the clipped portion is out of bounds*
 - *Bring it back in a straight line to the edge of the green*
 - *Measure one putter head and place the ball*

- *Penalty: 1 stroke*
- *If any part of the ball touches the clipped portion, play it as it lies (no penalty)*

8. Ball striking another ball (at rest):

- *Return your ball to its original position*
- *Replace the other ball as close as possible to its original spot*
- *Penalty: 1 stroke*

9. Balls in motion colliding:

- *Both players replay from the original spot*
- *No penalty*

10. Playing out of turn:

- *If a player putts before the previous player finishes, the ball is returned to the tee*
- *Penalty: 1 stroke*

11. Wrong hole:

- *If a player putts into the wrong hole, penalty is 1 stroke*
- *If possible, to continue play to the correct hole from that position, strokes may count and penalty may be waived*

12. Ball deflected or stopped:

- *If a ball is stopped or deflected by any object, the stroke is canceled*
- *Replay from the original spot*
- *No penalty*

13. Ball over the hole:

- *If the ball is hanging on the edge, wait 10 seconds*
- *If it does not fall, tap it in and count the stroke*
- *Do not take any action to influence the ball*

14. Moving between holes:

- *Carry your ball to the next hole*
- *Do not strike or push it with the putter (this is considered practice)*
- *Penalty: 1 stroke*

15. Honor system:

- *The player with the lowest score on a hole tees off first on the next hole*

16. Maximum score:

- *Maximum of 6 strokes per hole*
- *After 5 strokes, pick up your ball and record a 6*