



PDO - PLAY DATE POOL PRINCIPLES

The following rules and notes are intended to outline what is expected when you are playing with Pro Duffers Orlando (PDO). Our Coordinators are responsible to communicate with the host course on the day of play and confirm the # of players. They will establish pairings, select the games to be played and communicate special instructions prior to the start of play. This may not include all their duties and this document may be modified as we progress.

Courtesy and game ethics are required of all members and guest. We are all expected to be quiet when a player is addressing his ball on the tee or putting. Be mindful of all golf rules to promote consistency and protect other players. It is the obligation of each Member and groups to play at a reasonable pace and keep up with the group in front of you. 6/6/2024

Play Dates

Our normal dates of play are Tuesday and Thursdays.

Coordinator's will send a notice regarding play on a specific date and course to all current members. It is the Member's responsibility to read in detail and respond to the Coordinator **no later than 12 noon** prior to the play date and inform them if they will be participating and/or bringing a Guest.

Any special instructions will be made on the date of play. Such as "lift clean & place in the fairways", etc.

Games

Our basic games may include low net, closest to the pin and skins. But our options are not limited to these few.

You are not required to participate in any games and may choose on the date of play which games you want to participate in.

If applicable, Player's handicaps will be used to calculate winners for a particular game (i.e., low net).

USGA Rules of Golf and PDO local rules exceptions.

We follow USGA Rules of Play. The app can be downloaded to your phone for quick reference at <https://www.rules.usga.org>

Tee-shot Out of Bounds/Lost Ball/Provisional (USGA rule) – If you know your ball is out of bounds or lost, you must go back to the tee box and replay your drive. You are now hitting your 3rd shot. If you suspect your ball is out of bounds, you may announce to your partner that you are hitting a provisional ball, and you will have 3 minutes to find your original ball or play the provisional. If you can't find your ball, you can proceed by playing your provisional ball, but you will be hitting your 4th shot.

- **PDO local rule:** To speed up play. If you did not hit a provisional ball, estimate the trajectory of where it went out of bounds, drop a new ball within 2 club lengths on the fairway and take a 2-stroke penalty. You will be hitting your 4th shot.

Penalty Areas (USGA rule) – Any body of water and/or marked by red or yellow stakes. Any relief will cost you 1 stroke. You get a 1 stroke penalty for landing your ball in a water hazard or if it lies behind the yellow marker (stakes or lines). You have 2 choices; (1) play your ball from the previous spot or (2) drop the ball at any point behind the hazard entry point.

- **PDO Local Rule:** On par 3's over water and if no drop zone exists (Ex; Dubsdread, Rio Pinar), we will follow USGA rules and add #3 below. You will be assessed a 1 stroke penalty in #1 and #2 below.

(1) Play your ball from the previous spot, or

(2) Drop the ball at any point behind the hazard entry point.

(3) A player will be limited to maximum score of double par (6) on Par 3's.

Unplayable lie (USGA rule) – You can take relief anywhere on the course, but it will cost you a 1 stroke penalty.

- **PDO local rule:** Same as USGA rule. You are not allowed a “courtesy” placement if your ball lands on or close to a root or similar impediment. You can take 2 club length relief no closer to the hole, but a 1 stroke penalty is incurred (ex: Rio Pinar).

Bunker play (USGA rule) – If your ball is in a completely unplayable area of the bunker, you can take 2 club length relief from the lie and drop no nearer to the hole in the bunker, each for a 1 stroke penalty.

- **PDO local rule;** if your ball is in water in the bunker, you may move it inside of the bunker to where no water exist for no penalty. If no dry area exists, you may move your ball behind the bunker, no nearer to the hole for no penalty.
- **PDO local rule;** if your ball lands in a footprint or other un-raked portion of the bunker, you may move your ball 6” without penalty.

Let's all enjoy each other's fellowship and play golf...

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