

NOTICE TO PLAYERS & CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION

Two Man Links Championship @ BANDON DUNES GOLF RESORT

April 16-20, 2026

USGA RULES OF GOLF AND THE FOLLOWING LOCAL RULES APPLY

Please disregard any club-posted local rules.



FORMAT: 72 holes of best-ball Stroke Play. Gross and Net scoring using *80% of low-index over the last 12 months*. Prizes awarded for **lowest gross and net scores for open and father/son divisions, and for low senior teams in open division.**

MAXIMUM SCORE

The maximum score rule is in effect in all divisions, with a maximum score of net double bogey. **Please be respectful of the pace of play requirement and pick up when you have reached that number of strokes on any hole.**

GOLF GENIUS SCORING: We require one player per foursome to keep score for the group using the Golf Genius app. Please enter a **gross** score for every player on every hole. Your team's net best-ball score will be calculated automatically. If one or both players does not complete the hole, please enter the score that would give them a net double bogey. (If they get a stroke, that's a triple bogey. If they do not get a stroke, it is a double bogey.)

SCORING AREA:

- Every player must check in at the scoring area immediately following completion of each round to verify that their hole-by-hole scores as entered in Golf Genius are correct.
- Any ruling questions or notice of playing a second ball under 20.1c(3) must be introduced and resolved by the Committee at the scoring area.

TEE MARKERS: ALL DIVISIONS: **Green** • SENIORS AGE 65+ optional **Gold** • Ladies: **Orange**

SAND: All prepared areas of sand with accompanying rakes are deemed to be bunkers. All other sand areas are considered "general areas."

PENALTY AREAS: Defined by red lines and/or red stakes. Relief may be taken in accordance with Rule 17.1.

ESA: Areas marked with red-topped green stakes are penalty areas where relief must be taken.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS (Local Rule F-5): Relief from an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has an extra option to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play. For a Ball in the General Area, the player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction (such as a sprinkler head or valve cover) is **on the line of play** and is:

- Within two club-lengths of the putting green, AND
- Within two club-lengths of the ball.

PACE OF PLAY: All players must play without undue delay (Rule 5.6). Your pace of play should not exceed 15 minutes per hole. AmateurGolf.com has hired Bandon Dunes to implement their tournament pace of play policy. It is unique in the way group penalties are assessed. Bandon's team will be monitoring pace at two checkpoints, at the turn and end of the round. If your group is assessed a penalty at the first check point, both teams will receive a one stroke penalty. That penalty will be rescinded if the team is back in position, finishing 10 minutes behind the group in front of them at the final check point. The policy (attached to this sheet) applies for every round.

GORSE RULE: At Bandon Dunes, gorse is considered a lateral hazard. If your ball lands there, it's typically unplayable. You can treat a lost ball in gorse as a lateral Penalty Area. This means, under penalty of one stroke, you can drop a ball within two club-lengths of where your ball last crossed the gorse line, no closer to the hole

TIES: All ties will be decided by the USGA method of matching scorecards as described in Committee Procedures Section 5A (6) of the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf.



PACE OF PLAY POLICY: TWO MAN LINKS CHAMPIONSHIPS

To encourage and enforce prompt play AmateurGolf.com has established the following Pace of Play Policy, based on the latest edition of the Rules of Golf.

Maximum Allowable Time

Your maximum allowable time is not more than 4 hours and 40 minutes. The maximum allowable time begins at your assigned tee time, or if the time is delayed, at the adjusted time.

Definition of "Out of Position"

Your position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you. A group is out of position when it takes more than the maximum allowable time to finish a hole and:

- a) Reaches a par-3 that is clear of play and all players in the match ahead have played from the teeing area of the next hole.
- b) Reaches a par-4 that becomes clear of play before any player plays a stroke from the teeing area.
- c) Reaches a par-5 after any player in the match ahead has made a stroke on the putting green.

Note: If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the match in question to be out of position, that match is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

Timing

Prior to a group being timed, all players will be notified by a Rules Rover.

- Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player's stroke will begin when it is that player's turn to play and he or she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage and other conditions will count towards the 40 seconds.
- On the putting green, the actions allowed under Rule 13.1 are not included in the timing of a player's stroke, **provided the player is not unreasonably delaying play**. Time spent surveying the line of play from any angle will count as time taken for the stroke.
- A player is permitted a maximum of 40 seconds to play a stroke.
- A player is considered to have made a bad time only when the player exceeds 40 seconds, plus an additional 10 percent timing margin. A player will be informed of a bad time as soon as possible.
- A Rules Rover will not advise a match that it has regained its proper position on the course and is no longer being timed.

Pace of Play Penalties

The following are the penalty structures, in sequence for players who receive bad times while being timed ("on the clock"):

Foursomes and Singles:

- 1st bad time exceeding the allotted time – **Warning**
- 2nd bad time and subsequent bad times – **Team penalty of one stroke**