



2011 OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS HOST SITE INFORMATION

PLEASE READ HOST SITE INFORMATION CAREFULLY

- FORMAT:** 36- HOLE INDIVIDUAL STROKE PLAY IN AGE GROUPS:
BOYS 16-18 DIVISION
BOYS 14-15 DIVISION
GIRLS 14-18 DIVISION
- PAIRINGS:** ROUND # 1 STARTING TIMES WILL BE POSTED AFTER 12 PM ON NOVEMBER 8, 2011.
ROUND #2 WILL BE POSTED WITHIN ONE HOUR AFTER THE COMPLETION OF PLAY.
VIEW TEE TIMES AND RESULTS AT golf.optimist.org/toc.

COURSE & INFORMATION:

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| GIRLS 14-18 | GOLD TEES | 6,029 YARDS |
| BOYS 14-15 | WHITE TEES | 6,461 YARDS |
| BOYS 16-18 | BLUE TEES | 6,945 YARDS |

- PRACTICE FACILITY:** Complimentary Range Balls will be provided on the driving range beginning at 6:45 AM until the last tee time of the official tournament rounds. Players wishing to hit balls after play may purchase range balls from the Golf Shop until 6 pm. (Saturday, November 12 – Sunday, November 13). [Chipping (no divots) is allowed at the practice putting greens. Pitching and bunker play are allowed at the practice area near Tee #1.]
- LOCAL RULES:** Each player will receive a Rules / Information Sheet each day on their starting tee.
- HOLE LOCATIONS:** Each player will receive a Hole Location Sheet each day on their starting tee.
- OFFICIAL SCORECARDS:** Each contestant will receive an Official Scorecard on their starting tee. Official Scorecards shall be exchanged prior to the start of play. Immediately following play, return your signed, attested Official Scorecard to the scoring area by the main scoreboard.
- PACE OF PLAY:** It is vitally important that a 4½ hour pace be maintained by all players. Rules Officials will monitor pace and issue Pace of Play Penalties when necessary.
- TIES:** If feasible, ties for first place will be broken by a sudden death playoff. All other ties will be broken in accordance with the U.S.G.A. guidelines. Cards will be matched on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. Should a tie still exist, cards will be matched on the basis of the best score for the last six holes. Should a tie still exist, cards will be matched on the basis of the best score for the last three holes. Should a tie still exist, cards will be matched hole by hole beginning with hole #18 backwards.



- SUSPENSION OF PLAY:** When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. (Note to Rule 6-8b) If they are in the process of playing a hole, they must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. **The signal for suspending play due to a dangerous situation will be one long blast of the horn.**
- If possible, mark the position of your ball with a tee and proceed to the evacuation location listed on the back of your Rules Sheet. Shuttles will be used when possible to transport you back to the clubhouse. **NO EXCEPTIONS! If inclement weather suspends play on the final day of the tournament and it is determined that all players in your age division cannot complete 18 holes by 4PM but the entire field in your age division can complete a common 9 holes then the tournament will revert to a 27 hole event. If a common 9 holes cannot be completed on the final day then the tournament will revert back to the last stipulated round completed by the entire field in your age division.**
- RESUMPTION OF PLAY:** Once the Committee has decided to resume play, an announcement will be made to all Contestants. As directed, players will return to the golf course. The player **must** place the ball on the spot from which the original ball was lifted. If the player did not mark his ball, he may lift, clean and replace the ball, or *substitute* a ball on the spot from which the original ball was lifted. Please see rule **6-8d** for full procedure to cover any other situations that may occur.
- GOLF CARTS:** There are no Contestant or Spectator carts allowed.
- CELL PHONES/** Cell phone and/or headphone usage is not permitted on the golf courses during any competition round. Any contestant using a cell phone and/or headphones will result in disqualification. Spectators must have their cell phone turned off or on silent or vibrate while on the golf course. No warning will be issued before disqualification or dismissal.
- CLUB STORAGE:** Any contestant staying on or off property may store their clubs in the bag storage room. Make sure your golf bag is marked clearly with your name.
- HOURS OF OPERATION:**
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| Golf Shop: | 6:30 am – 7:00 PM tournament rounds |
| Bag Room: | 6:30 am – 7:00 PM daily |
| Practice Range: | 6:45 am – 6:00 PM tournament rounds |
- LIVE SCORING PROCEDURE:** After every third hole there will be a volunteer whose sole responsibility is to collect the hole-by-hole scores of every player from the last three holes. When your group approaches a live scoring volunteer, please take out your scorecard and report the scores of the last three holes FOR THE PLAYER FOR WHOM YOU ARE MARKING. (i.e. – SMITH 4-4-3)



2011 Optimist International Tournament of Champions Rules Procedures Reminders

THE FOLLOWING RULES REMINDERS MAY
ASSIST YOU DURING THE COMPETITION

PLAYERS RESPONSIBILITIES:

The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee. (Rule 6-3)

- All players are to be at their designated tee ten minutes prior to their starting time. If the player arrives at his/her starting point ready to play within five minutes after his/her starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes. If the player is more than five minutes late, he/she shall be disqualified.

The responsibility for playing the proper ball rests with the player. (Rule 6-5)

- Each player should put an identification mark on his/her ball.

The Competitor is responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole on the card. (Rule 6-6)

The player shall play without undue delay. (Rule 6-7)

- The player shall play without undue delay in accordance with any pace of play guidelines laid down by the committee. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player shall not unduly delay play.
- If a group is out of position it will be subject to be timed. A player will be allowed 40 seconds to complete his/her stroke. The following are penalties for breach of rule:
- First Offense - Verbal Warning
- Second Offense - One Stroke Penalty
- Third Offense - Two Stroke Penalty

For Subsequent Offense - Disqualification

- Note: Timing will discontinue when the group has regained its position. Time previously recorded that may have exceeded the limit, however, will be held over for further occurrence.

RELIEF SITUATIONS:

- **Relief from a Lateral Water Hazard.** All water hazards are marked as Lateral Water Hazards. Your relief options are as follows under penalty of one stroke: (Rule 26)
 - Play a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.
 - Drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point at which the original ball last crossed the margin of the hazard between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind the water hazard the ball may be dropped.
 - Drop a ball outside the water hazard within two club-lengths of and not nearer the hole than the point where the original ball last crossed the margin of the water hazard.
 - Drop a ball at a point on the opposite margin of the water hazard equal distance from the hole.



Relief from Ground Under Repair. Ground under repair is any portion of the course so marked by the order of the Committee. Solid white lines define ground under repair. A ball is in ground under repair when it lies in or any part of it touches the ground under repair.

- Determine the point on the course nearest to where the ball lie which is not nearer the hole, avoids interference by the condition, and is not in a hazard.
- The ball shall be lifted and dropped without penalty within one club length of the nearest point of relief. If the ball lies on the putting green the player must lift the ball and may place it at the nearest point of relief on the putting green. If the ball does not lie on the putting green the nearest point of relief will not be on the putting green.
- If the ball is not in GUR, you are allowed relief if you must stand in GUR.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE:

- In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole he/she may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls.
- After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the competitor must announce to his marker or fellow competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit. If he fails to do so, the provisions of Rules 3.3b(ii) apply.
- The competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Committee before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified.

CONDUCT:

- Players can be disqualified for actions on and off the golf course. In addition, each room is subject to an on the spot inspection at any time.

- **OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL WITHDRAWAL POLICY**

This policy will allow for withdrawals for medical reasons or for emergencies. The medical reason must be verified and approved by a Rules Official. If the Rules Official deems a player is healthy enough to continue and the player refuses, the player will be disqualified. The entire group involved will be held at the point of stoppage and other groups will play through. A rules official will restart the group. All play must comply with all current Tournament Rules and Policies. The player must notify and receive approval of a Rules Official or Tournament Committee Member prior to leaving the course. The decision of the Rules Committee is final. If a family emergency, on or off site occurs, the Rules Committee may allow a player to withdraw. The reason or reasons must be verified by the Rules Committee. All printed and published results at the end of the Tournament will reflect a withdrawn status.

- **OPTIMIST INTERNATIONAL DISQUALIFICATION POLICY**

Disqualification will occur if during a competitive round of the Tournament a player refuses to continue play after a Rules Official releases the player to continue play. Failure to report for your tee time, leaving the course without the notification and approval of a Rules Official, or and other already published reason will also be automatic disqualification. All printed and published results at the end of the Tournament will reflect a disqualified status.

- **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

Players may obtain distance information by using a device that measures **DISTANCE ONLY**. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.