



2018 Topstone Club Championship

Topstone Golf Course, South Windsor, CT
Sunday September 9th - Sunday September 16th

General Information:

The Rules of Golf as adopted by the United States Golf Association govern play, except where Local Rules apply. A Local Rule sheet will supplement this document.

Rule 6-3a: Time of Starting: The player must start at the time established by the Committee.

- *Penalty for Breach of Rule:* If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.

Rule 3-3a: 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 may, w/o penalty, complete the hole with two balls.

- After the doubtful situation has arisen and before taking further action, the competitor must announce to his fellow-competitor that he intends to play two balls and which ball he wishes to count if the Rules permit.
- The competitor must report the facts of the situation to the Pro Shop before returning his score card. If he fails to do so, he is disqualified.

Rule 13-1: General: The ball must be played as it lies, except as otherwise noted

Eligibility:

Championship is open to Full and Mid-Season members of the Topstone Men's Golf Club who have played at least five club events in 2018.

Format:

54 holes of stroke play. There will be a cut in each flight after 18 holes. The low 54-hole score in each flight will be the champion. In the event of a tie, a hole-by-hole sudden death playoff will occur.

Projected Cut by Flight:

Cut lines will be based on actual participation in each flight. In order to make the cut, a player must finish within the top half of the flight, or be within 8 strokes of the lead after completion of the qualifying round. For flights with less than (10) participants, the Tournament Committee reserves the right to waive the cut for that flight in order to maintain a competitive event. The final cut line for each flight will be determined after the start of the qualifying round on September 9th (i.e. once the total field is determined). This document will be updated with the actual cut lines and published after the completion of play on September 9th.

Championship Flight: No cut (10 or less participants in flight)

A Flight: No cut (10 or less participants in flight)

B Flight: 85 (8 stroke provision, Leader at 77)

C Flight: 90 (8 stroke provision, Leader at 82)

D Flight: No cut (10 or less participants in flight)

E Flight: T7th position (top half of field provision)

-Example: B Flight has 20 players - If a player is in 20th place, but trailing by only 7 strokes, the player makes the cut. If a player is 25 strokes behind, but is in 9th place, the player makes the cut.

Schedule of Events:

Sunday, September 9th, 2018 – 18 holes (all competitors)

Saturday, September 15th, 2018 – 18 holes (only competitors who make the first round cut)

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Flights:

Championship (0-5)

A Flight (6-9)

B Flight (10-13)

C Flight (14-17)

D Flight (18-21)

E Flight (22+) – Net Only

Note: Any player can opt to play in a lower handicap flight. If a player wishes to compete in a lower flight, that player must declare their intentions before first round play commences.

Grouping & Starting Times:

Starting times will begin from the 1st tee at 6:32 a.m. Starting times are posted on the tee time page at www.topstonegc.com/mensclub. 1st round tee times were chosen by the field. 2nd & 3rd round tee times will be by flight & score and will be completed by the Pro Shop and posted to the website.

Scoring:

Scoring is 54-hole cumulative stroke play.

1st Round: Each group will receive one scorecard (as per normal men's club round)

2nd & 3rd Rounds: Each player will receive an individual scorecard which will be exchanged with another player in the group.

Both the marker and player must sign the scorecard after checking scores at the completion the round. Please turn in scorecards at the scoring area on the front deck of the pro shop.

Course Setup:

Championship Flight

- Par: 72
- Tees: Blue
- Yardage: 6,546
- Time Par: 4:20

A through E Flight

- Par: 72
- Tees: White
- Yardage: 6,113
- Time Par: 4:20

Caddies & Transportation:

A player may carry his own bag, take a cart, or employ a caddie. All push carts (Manual or Power) are also permitted.

Distance Measuring Devices:

A player 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, temp., etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such function is used.

Course Markings:

- Ground Under Repair is marked by white spray paint around designated areas. Free drop at nearest point of relief, no closer to the hole
- Out of Bounds is defined by White Stakes, Public Roads, Parking Lots or Railroad Tracks
- Water Hazards are defined by yellow stakes
- Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red stakes

Inclement Weather Considerations:

In the event of inclement weather, the following governs the play of the Club Championship:

- If the course is open, the Club Championship will be played.
- The Men's Club will accept up to a two-hour weather delay. If after two hours play has not commenced, the Club will deem that round cancelled, the conditions below will apply.
- If play has begun, and a weather delay occurs, players must complete play so long as the course reopens. If a player leaves during a weather delay, that player will be disqualified from the Club Championship.
- In the event of a weather cancellation in any round, the Club Championship will become a 36-hole event with the following conditions:
 - If the qualifying round is cancelled due to weather, play will continue on the regularly scheduled following weekend with no cut.
 - If the second round is cancelled due to weather, the event will become a 36-hole event, and those players that made the cut will compete for the Championship on Sunday.
 - If the third round is cancelled due to weather, the second round leaders will be the flight Club Champions.
 - If the entire second weekend is cancelled, the event will become a 36-hole event, and those players that made the cut will compete for the Championship on the next Saturday.