

MountainView Lady Putters

Standing Rules and Procedures

Purpose:

MountainView Lady Putters (MVLP) was founded by Lou Ann Garvin in February of 1998. It is a fun-loving group interested in camaraderie. Whether your goal is to make new friends, to have fun, or to improve your game, Putters is a pleasant social group. For those interested in competition, weekly, monthly, and annual prizes are given using a handicap system.

Time and Place:

The MVLP's meet Monday mornings on the patio behind the Golf Shop for announcements and then putt on the large green nearest the building. From April 1 through September 30, announcements begin at 8:30 AM. October 1 through March 31 announcements begin at 9:30 AM.

Putters wear their official MVLP pink shirts to all specified events. White capris/pants/shorts accompany the official shirts to special events from April 1 through September 30. The pants color changes to black for official events from October 1 through March 31.

There is no putting in the spring (late May-early June) or fall (late September or early October) while the course is closed for aeration and over seeding. Regular monthly luncheons continue as scheduled during these closure periods.

Whenever possible, carpool with a friend, as parking space is limited. Remember to bring your water bottle and a hat, and wear sunscreen, particularly during the warmer months.

Play Procedure:

Bring a putter **with your name on it** and a ball. Some type of name tag must be worn. If you forget your name tag, please use one of the available paper name tags.

A numbered chip is drawn from the Starter, which will designate your starting hole. Pick up a scorecard and clipboard, unless someone else in your group has already done so. Please walk around the green to reach your starting hole, not across the green. Be sure to use both your first and last names on the scorecard. Three is the minimum numbers on a team. Twosomes are not allowed, so you may have to split up and join another group. Place the ball about 6" on either side of the "Tee Marker." If you are unable to hole the ball in three attempts, pick it up and take a score of four.

The Move-Ahead System is used. If the hole ahead of you is open, the person who is first on that hole may proceed. Always be ready to hit when it is your turn. When hitting downhill, do not wait for the ball to come to rest before moving toward it. This will speed up play and keep things moving smoothly.

Be polite, friendly and respectful of other Putters when they are putting. All cell phones should be placed on silent mode and only used for extremely urgent calls.

Dots are placed on the scorecard to indicate who will be first on each hole, in rotation. Score keeping is shared by all players. The person who hits first will then keep score for the rest of that hole. If a ball rolls into the wrong hole, the putter may take it out, place it near that hole and continue putting without penalty. If a player discovers she has hit toward the wrong hole, she must continue putting from where she is toward the correct hole. Do not start over and do not take a penalty. If the ball rolls off the green onto the fringe, putt from that spot. If it goes into the rough, place it in the fringe area 6 inches in from the green and putt from there. A putter who arrives late may join in after teams have started if they are completing, or just finished their first assigned hole.

Dress Code:

To maintain a Country Club atmosphere, all Putters and guests **must** comply with the Pro Shop dress code. Golf shorts no shorter than mid-thigh, skirts or slacks, with blouses or sweaters. No tank tops, athletic shorts, halter tops, swimwear, or tennis attire permitted. No denim pants or shorts, –regardless of color – or cutoffs are permitted. Sleeveless shirts, with or without, collars are OK. Note, the majority of the shoulder must be covered. Non-compliance will result in a reprimand. Wear golf shoes or soft-soled flat shoes. Any footwear that would damage the greens is strictly prohibited. Hats, water bottles and sunscreen are recommended.

Membership:

Membership is open to ladies who are residents of or renters in SaddleBrooke. Your annual dues must be paid by January 31. Make your check payable to "MountainView Ladies Putters". Your Annual Registration Form must accompany your check. (Checks only please, no cash is accepted.)

Handicap Calculation:

Handicaps will be calculated in the following manner: Par for putting is 36. If a person's average score for 4 weeks is 42, the difference between 36 and 42 would be 6. Six would be that person's "handicap." This means 6 strokes would be subtracted from that person's gross score to arrive at her net score, until the following month, when the handicap may change. The maximum handicap is 15.

Putters' handicaps will be updated and posted on the MVLP website every month.

Scoring Procedures:

No scores will be posted unless all 18 holes are completed.

Monthly Scoring:

Monthly scores will only qualify if the Putter has played three or more times during the month. The scores will be added together, and then divided by the number of games played (3, 4, or 5).

Annual Scoring:

Five out of the twelve months must have qualifying scores to be eligible for the annual awards.

Lou Ann Garvin Tiger of the Year (lowest net for the year)

Roadrunner of the Year (lowest gross for the year)

The averages from each of the qualifying months will be added together and divided by the number of qualifying periods (from 5 to 12) to determine the annual average.

Holes-in-One Scoring:

All holes-in-one will be counted for the month, whether the Putter has played three times or not. The total of all holes-in-one will count toward the annual Most Holes-In-One trophy.

Guests:

Female guests are welcome. Each time a member brings a guest, she will pay a \$1 guest fee, will be responsible to see that her guest complies with the dress code, and will write "guest" or "G" by her name on the scorecard. There will be no guests under the age of 16. The club pays \$1 for each person who putts. These fees go into our Association Winnings account at the Golf shop and are used for the prizes for holes in one and money hole. They are also used to purchase gifts for the Holiday Luncheon.

Please tell the Starter that you have a guest so she can arrange for you to play together. Guests are not eligible to win prizes.

Resident female guests (guests who are residents of our community) may be invited only twice before becoming a member, and may be invited to luncheons and/or special events. Out-of-town female guests over the age of 16 may be invited to putt on Monday mornings and attend luncheons. Out of town guests are not limited to two sessions as are resident guests. If space is available for partner events, guests may be invited to participate.

Communication:

By-Laws, the Standing Rules, and an Annual Calendar of Events will be available to each member. Information about luncheons, upcoming events, etc. is announced each week and at the monthly meetings or by "News Blast" emails. Please add newsblast@mvlputters.com to your address book so that your email will accept messages from this address. Pertinent information is posted on the MVLP Website: www.mvlputters.com.

Luncheon Meetings:

Luncheon meetings are held on the second Monday of the month. The deadline for getting luncheon checks to the Treasurer is the Monday preceding the luncheon. Make checks (no cash) payable to "MountainView Ladies Putters". Checks are to be deposited in the MVLP Black Box. Please deposit checks by 2:00 p.m. on the Monday preceding the luncheon. If you need to cancel, there is no refund, but if someone fills that spot, the treasurer will shred your check. If you plan to be out of town, deposit your check in the Black Box in advance. **Luncheon attendance is very important.** This is when reports are given, announcements are made, new members are introduced, ideas are exchanged, voting takes place, and monthly rotating trophies are awarded.

Awards:

Weekly prizes are awarded to winners of the Money Hole and 4 or more Holes-In-One. These are gift cards to HOA2.

The "Lou Ann Garvin Tiger-of-the-Month" Low Net trophy is presented to the putter with the lowest net average for the prior month. The "Roadrunner-of-the-Month" Low Gross trophy is presented to the putter who had the lowest gross score average. The "Hole-in-Wonder" trophy is presented to the putter who had the most holes-in-one. Recipients of the monthly rotating trophies are responsible for ensuring that they are brought back to the next luncheon meeting.

Annual "Lou Ann Garvin Tiger-of-the-Year" (Low Net), "Roadrunner-of-the-Year" (Low Gross), and Most Holes-in-One awards are presented at the February luncheon meeting. Five of twelve months must have qualifying scores to be eligible for the Annual Awards. The engraved plaques will be displayed in the Golf Shop. The winners will also receive a small gift.

Any Putter who scores 39 or less for the first time, will receive a 39er sticker to be worn on her name tag.

Annual Registration Meeting:

Each year, in January, an Annual Registration Meeting is held to prepare for the new year. This is a required meeting.

Our membership year runs from February 1 thru January 31. To be a member for the following year, you must register and pay dues. At the meeting, you will learn about the various committees, and sign-up to serve on one or more of them. All members are required to participate on a committee or job assignment at some time during the year, so our activities can continue to be successful. Members will receive a \$10 gift card on completion of their assignment. These will be awarded at the next month's luncheon.

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