BECOMING CHAMPIONS in TOURNAMENT PLAY

PRE-PLAY:

1. **Prepare to become champions:**
   1. **Rest, breakfast & nutrition**
   2. **Be mentally tough & confident**
   3. **Have all equipment prepared & ready**
2. **Be on time (especially for tee-time 10 minutes ahead)**
3. **Check bag for 14 club limit**
4. **Mark your golf balls & have extras marked (never hit the wrong ball that way)**
5. **Cell phones must be off**
6. **Have rain suit, umbrella & towel**
7. **All dress alike in total team uniform & wear it correctly like a champion. DURING PLAY:**
8. **Be mentally tough, confident & “Grind it out”**
9. **“One shot at a time” – keep your score out of your mind**
10. **Visualize the perfect shot every time & keep a positive mental attitude & trust it!!!!**
11. **When in doubt of a rule – then play two balls & record scores with both**
12. **If ruling is needed: have someone else call us Coach Burrows: 281-455-0272 Coach Buse: 409-502-9733.**
13. **Correct any error (drops, wrong ball or place, etc.) before you tee off next hole. You might need to replay again from a correct drop spot or move back your ball to its original position if you accidentally moved it for example even if you holed out.**
14. **No player can DQ you**
15. **If unsure about penalty given to you, then ask me afterwards before you sign**
16. **Do not give or receive advice (public information is allowed)**
17. **No cart rides allowed except between nines or by special marshal location**
18. **No golf equipment can be given (balls, clothes & food/drink are allowed)**
19. **Know rules: especially sand traps, water hazards, flag stick, marking ball on green**
20. **Marked lines on course: “On is in”**
    1. **White lines or OB fences: out of bounds = penalty & distance from original spot**
    2. **Red lines: lateral water hazard = penalty & drop 2 club-lengths or line to pin back**
    3. **Yellow lines: regular water hazard = penalty & drop back near or far on line to pin**
    4. **You may hit from inside the hazard, but no practice swings or grounding your club or removing loose impediments, etc. allowed.**
    5. **Announce to your playing partners your intentions on drops or relief & observe their drops or relief.**

FREE RELIEF: (not in hazards, except for water in sand trap)

* + 1. **Show, ask & tell your playing partners of your intentions first**
    2. **Free relief from cart paths & other immovable man made obstructions (stance & swing) = one club length from new ball spot no nearer to hole**
    3. **Free relief from ants (ball area or stance)**
    4. **Free relief from animal holes, staked trees, plugged ball, dangerous animals, ground under repair areas marked by white lines, any tire ruts, casual water.**
    5. **Moveable items: rakes & trash (no penalty if ball accidentally moved)**
    6. **Loose impediments not in a hazard (ball cannot move at all) such as sticks, stones or anything of nature that is not attached to the ground**
    7. **Red or yellow stakes may be removed, but not white stakes**
    8. **You may drop onto a cart path twice if it is the nearest point of relief from another obstruction & then take relief off of that**
    9. **You may place the ball after the ball is dropped twice at the second drop spot if: it rolls inside a hazard line, closer to the hole, or more than two club lengths from where it hit the ground.**
    10. **You must take free relief off of a wrong green**
    11. **Two balls hit into the same water hazard, you get to drop on the other side.**
    12. **You may lift & replace your ball at any time to identify it. SCORING:**

1. **Check your boxes carefully with your copy before you sign your scorecard**
2. **Keep very accurate score of your competitors & watch their play**
3. **Have the correct score agreed upon & recorded after each hole**
4. **Know the rules, relief & drops for you and them (“Protect the field”)**
5. **Play two balls when in doubt**
6. **Call coach or rules officials when in doubt**
7. **Correct any error before teeing off on next hole**

“Grind it out! Be mentally tough & confident!” “Enjoy competing”

“You can do it!” “All coach asks is to give it your best effort as a team!