



To my fellow SMGA Members,

Last week during the SMGA event, the tournament committee, after further review of a rules violation, disqualified a pair of golfers. The violation happened on SaddleBrooke Hole#2. Both players failed to putt out their ball and then proceeded to tee off on hole number#3 before fixing the rules violation. Also, both players failed to sign their score card, in violation of rule 3.3b.

I think our policies for all of our SMGA tournaments are very clear. We try to follow the USGA rules to the best of our ability. I think this incident was unfortunate, can we do better, yes.

I think we need to make sure all players are aware of the rules for that particular event, make sure all score cards are signed and who they need to see to turn them in.

I believe our top priority of any SMGA event is to have fun, play golf in a friendly setting and experience competition with other golfers. In the past there has been various violations of the rule of golf. Not putting out, bumping your lie, etc.

Going forward in SMGA Tournaments, I'm requesting your assistance to ensure the rules of golf, to include putting the ball out and if you see your partner or opponent violating a rule, tell them so they can fix their violation. By everybody doing this, this will protect the field and ensure a level playing field.

Thanks For Your Consideration On This Matter

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