



# Tournament Rules



**2020 Tennessee Open**  
**Saturday, August 29, 2020**



## Official Rules

The 2020 Tennessee Open will be played under USPMGA Rules. Local Rules have been established for the course and are included in the rules guide. Additional information regarding playing rules can be found at the resources listed below.

- US Pro Mini Golf Association [www.prominigolf.com](http://www.prominigolf.com)

The Rule's Official designated for the tournament will have final authority over all rule's questions. If there is a question about a rule or application of a rule, it is best to ask at that time.

## Tournament Format

Participants in the pro division will be competing in six rounds of individual stroke play. Best combined score wins. Participants in the amateur division will be competing in three rounds of individual stroke play.

The tournament will begin at 9:05AM with a rolling start from Hole #1. Pairings will be selected Friday night after the charity Pro-Am. Players will play in those pairings for the first three rounds. A lunch break will be taken between the fourth and fifth rounds. The course will be closed for practice during this time. After the lunch break, players will be repaired based on score for the fourth and fifth rounds. Players will be repaired again for the final round.

**Playoff:** Players within a division that are tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place at the end of the designated number of rounds will continue on to a 3 Hole Playoff. Players will play Hole 8, Hole 17 and Hole 18. The best combined score wins. If players are still tied after the three holes. A sudden death playoff will start on Hole 1 and proceed in order until a winner is decided. Hole placements do not change during a playoff.

## Weather

In the event of heavy rain during a round, rules officials will sound two whistles. Players in the middle of the hole may finish the hole they are on or mark their ball. In the event of lightning, officials will sound three whistles. Players must stop play immediately. Players must mark their ball and return to the clubhouse.

Every effort will be made to complete play. If play is not able to be completed on Saturday, Aug. 29, and the event is postponed after one round has been completed by all participants in the division, the scores will be reverted to the last completed round by the field and the event will be final. If the event is unable to start or is suspended due to weather before one round of golf has been completed by the field, the tournament will be rescheduled for Sunday, Aug 30 at 9AM. A max of three rounds will be played on Sunday with no repairing of participants.

In the event of a tie for first in a rain shorted event, the tie will be broken by scorecard playoff starting at hole 1. All other positions will remain ties.



# Local Tournament Rules for Mossy Creek Mini Golf

**Golf Balls:** Players may use a clubhouse ball or use a golf ball that conforms with USGA standards. [List of USGA Conforming Balls](#)

**Practice Rounds:** The course will be open Friday, August 28, from 10AM to 5:30PM for practice. All Day Passes are \$12 plus tax. The course will hold a Charity Pro-AM Tournament from 5:30-8PM. The first 16 Pros to register for the Pro-Am will receive a free day pass for Friday, August 28. The course will reopen after the tournament and stay open to 11PM.

The course will open at 7AM on Saturday, August 29, for check-in and practice. Practice will end at 8:40AM for a rules meeting. All players should be checked in by 8:30AM.

**Tournament Play:** Pairings will be selected at 9PM, Friday night during the opening celebration. Pairings will be posted on the website as well as the course's social media. The player listed first on the card will play first. Player with honors will complete the hole before a shot is taken by another player. Honors will be used during the round. The player with the lowest combined score in the group will be play first when starting a new round.

**Tee Shots:** Players must tee off behind the first brick of each hole. Players may start anywhere in the six feet wide four feet deep area. Exception: Players have a wider teeing area on Hole #8. Players may tee off between the brick and the wood post and no more than four feet from the back edge.

**Ball Leaves the Course:** A ball coming to rest outside of the boundaries is out of bounds. Players are issued a one stroke penalty and must place the ball at the point of exit. There is no penalty for the following: Exception 1: Any shot that exits the playing surface through the tee area will not be penalized. Players may place the ball anywhere on the teeing line. Exception 2: Any shot that exits the playing surface through a sidewalk exit will not be penalized. Players must place the ball at the point of exit.

*Scenario 1:* Player tees off on #8 (A) ball drops into the water (B) ball jumps the water hits the back wall and then rolls back into the water (C) ball hits in the water and then jumps on to the green and into the hole. *Result* (A) One stroke penalty. Ball is placed on the edge closest to the tee box (B) one stroke penalty and the ball is placed on the green side closest to the hole (C) Legal play. Ball came to rest in the hole. Player should score a 1 on the card.

*Scenario 2:* Player tees off on #14 (A) hits the post and the ball exits through the side walk to right lands on the green (B) hits the post and exits through the side walk and comes to rest off of the playing surface (C) hits the first hump exiting over the bricks and going out of play. *Result* (A) Legal Play. Play the ball where it lies (B) The ball left the course through an exit. No penalty and it is placed at the point in which the ball first crossed the sidewalk. Most likely this was on the side closer to the tee box (C) One stroke penalty. Player may place the ball at the point of exit or play again from the tee box.

*Scenario 3:* Player uses the side walk to hit to (A) the lower level on hole #7 (B) to cut the corner on hole #14. *Result* (A) Prohibited play. Players may not use the sidewalk on hole #7. Player must take a one stroke penalty and retee. (B) Legal play. Hole #14 was designed with the side walk being an option. (See Scenario 2 for a ball that comes to rest off the course).

**Relief:** Players are given 6" of relief from boundaries and obstacles. The scorecard is 6" high and can be used to measure relief. Examples of obstacles include rocks, rails, posts, and bridges. Relief from an obstacle may be no closer to the hole and may not create a line of sight if one did not already exist. Exception- A player may take relief that creates a line of sight if they intent to bank the shot. This must be declared to playing partner(s). *If a ball comes to rest on a hole cover or comes to rest where a hole cover is in the line of sight of the ball, the player may take 6" of relief from the point where the ball rests no closer to the hole. "Line of sight" is a straight line from the ball to the hole.*

The ball must be put into motion by the putter before it advances. A ball that is placed and then rolls beyond the 6" must be replaced.

*Scenario 1:* Player tees off on #1 and the ball comes to rest inside the bunker. The ball is against the lip. *Result:* Player may choose to take the 6" inch relief back towards the tee area.

*Scenario 2:* Player tees off on #7 and the ball becomes lodged in the rocks. *Result:* The player may, without penalty, move the ball 6" on either side of the rocks no closer to the hole.

*Scenario 3:* Player tees off on #11 and ball becomes stuck under the bridge. *Result:* The player may, without penalty, move the ball 6" from the edge of the bridge back towards the teeing area.

*Scenario 4:* Player tees off on #13 and the ball rolls around, clips the cup and very slowly rolls all the way back down the sand trap into the "V". *Result:* Players may utilize the designated drop area without taking a stroke penalty.

**Failed Hole:** While rare, the ball may become lodged in the pipe on hole #4 or on the grate under the log on hole #9. Players may, without penalty roll the ball into the pipe or the stream if the ball becomes lodged in the obstacle. Failed attempt will not be counted on the players score. A ball that bounces out of the cup is not a failed hole. The ball must come to rest in the cup to be considered holed.

**Scorekeeping:** Each pairing will be given one score card. Players will keep score for their opponent. Opponents should check the scorecard to ensure that the score is correct. Each player will sign the scorecard to attest each round's score.

**Stroke Limit:** Players can score no more than a 7 on a hole. Exception Penalty strokes for rules violation are added in addition of the score and can go beyond the limit. Out of Bounds is not considered a rules violation.



## Smoky Mountain Match Play Sunday, August 30, 2020



### Tournament Format

The top 16 seeds will be eligible to play in the Smoky Mountain Match Play on Sunday, August 30. To qualify, players must play in the TN Open. Players will have to 5PM on Saturday, August 29 to confirm participation. If players in the top 16 choose not to play, spots will be filled based on TN Open standings until all spots are filled. If 16 slots are not filled byes will be issued.

The Tournament will begin at 9:00AM with a rolling start with #1/#16. The tournament is a single elimination bracket with the loser of the match being eliminated.

**Match Play:** Match play is a form of play where a player plays directly against an opponent in a head-to-head match. You win a hole by completing it in the fewest number of strokes, and you win a match when you are winning by more holes than remain to be played. You (or your opponent) may concede a stroke, a hole, or even the match to each other. If your next stroke has been conceded, you are permitted to putt out.

**Playoff:** If players are tied after the 18 holes, a sudden death playoff will start on Hole 1 and proceed in order until a winner is decided. Hole placements do not change during a playoff.

### Weather

In the event of heavy rain during a round, rules officials will sound two whistles. Players in the middle of the hole may finish the hole they are on or mark their ball. In the event of lightning, officials will sound three whistles. Players must stop play immediately. Players must mark their ball and return to the clubhouse.

Every effort will be made to complete play.

If weather requires the TN Open to be moved to Sunday, the Smoky Mountain Match Play will be canceled.

### Local Tournament Rules for Mossy Creek Mini Golf

**Practice Rounds:** Players qualifying for the Smoky Mountain Match Play may practice on Saturday, August 29. The course will be open at 11PM. The course will open at 7AM on Saturday, August 29 for check-in and practice. Practice will end at 8:40 for a rules meeting. All players should be checked in by 8:30.



# Tournament Payout

## 2020 Tennessee Open

Saturday, August 29, 9AM

Tournament Purse: \$2,000

Entry Fee - Pro \$55 Amateur \$35



Place	Prize Money
1 <sup>st</sup>	\$600.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	\$350.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	\$250.00
4 <sup>th</sup>	\$125.00
5 <sup>th</sup>	\$90.00
6 <sup>th</sup>	\$80.00
7 <sup>th</sup>	\$75.00
8 <sup>th</sup>	\$70.00
9 <sup>th</sup>	\$65.00
*10 <sup>th</sup>	\$60.00
#11 <sup>th</sup>	\$50.00

### Ties

If two or more professional players finish with identical scores, the dollar values of the players' positions are added, then divided by the number of tied players to determine each player's share.

### Amateurs

Amateurs placing in the top 10 will be passed over for prize money when the purse is distributed.

### Kitty

After the top ten payouts, \$235.00 remain in the "Kitty".

\*If there is a tie for 10<sup>th</sup>, each player will receive \$60. If there is tie of five or more players for 10<sup>th</sup> place, the "Kitty" plus 10<sup>th</sup> place prize money will be divided among the players. 10<sup>th</sup> place will receive no more than \$60.

#If there is not a tie for 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> place will receive \$50.00. If there is a tie for 11<sup>th</sup>, the Kitty will be divided among the players in 11<sup>th</sup> place. 11<sup>th</sup> place will receive no more than \$50.

After all payouts are made from the Kitty to 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> places, the Kitty will be divided evenly among the top 9 places.

## 2020 Smoky Mountain Match Play

Sunday, August 30, 9AM

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$400 (Winner Take All)

Entry Fee - \$25 (Top 16 in the TN Open Qualify)



## Player Code of Ethics

We are honored to be hosting professional mini golf at Mossy Creek. Our goal is to help promote the game of mini golf and grow the sport.

Competitors are expected to follow standards set forth in the local rules guide, USPMGA Rulebook and World Mini Golf Federation Rules. Flagrant violators of the competition rules, including a competitor that alters, marks, or damages the course in practice or competition rounds, will be banned from the course. Profanity is not an appropriate behavior and will be penalized by tournament officials.

We expect that all participants serve as ambassadors of the sport and we will hold you to the highest of standards.