

Sutherland Curling Club Golf Tournament

Sunday, July 19th, 2026

4-Person Scramble: Official Rules & Format

Welcome to our 2026 Sutherland Golf Tournament! To keep the pace of play moving and the vibes high, we will be following a **4-Person Scramble** format. Here is everything you need to know before you tee off.

The Scramble Format

In a scramble, every player on the team provides a chance for a great shot.

- **The Tee Shot:** All four players hit a tee shot. The team selects the best ball.
 - **The Second Shot:** The other three players pick up their balls and move them to the selected spot. All four players then hit their second shot from that location.
 - **Rinse & Repeat:** This process continues until the ball is on the green.
 - **Putting:** Once on the green, the best position is selected, and all four players putt from that spot until the ball is holed out. One score is recorded for the team per hole.
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Player Tee Shot Requirements

- **The "Minimum Drive" Rule:** To ensure everyone contributes, **each player's tee shot must be used at least 4 times** during the 18-hole round.
 - The remaining 2 holes are "Skip's Choice" and can be any player's drive.
 - Make sure to track whose drive was used on your scorecard as you go!
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Ball Placement Rules

- **Through the Green (Fairway/Rough):** You may place your ball within **one club-length** of the selected shot, no closer to the hole.
 - *Note:* You must stay in the same "condition" (e.g., if the selected ball is in the rough, you cannot move your ball into the fairway).
- **On the Green:** You may place your ball within **one card-width** (approx. 2 inches) of the selected spot, no closer to the hole.
- **Water Hazards (Penalty Areas):** If your team's selected ball is in a water hazard (yellow or red stakes), you may play the ball as it lies without penalty, or take a **one-stroke penalty** and drop a ball within two club-lengths of the entry point, no closer to the hole.

- **Out of Bounds (White Stakes):** If a shot goes out of bounds, do **not** return to the previous spot to re-hit (this slows down the tournament). Instead, take a **one-stroke penalty** and drop your ball in the fairway directly adjacent to where the ball went out of bounds.
 - **Lost Balls:** To keep play moving, if a ball cannot be found within **3 minutes**, please take a **one-stroke penalty** and drop a ball near the area where the original ball was lost.
 - **Sand Bunkers:** If the selected ball is in a bunker, all players must hit from the sand. You may rake the trap between each player's shot to ensure a fair lie for the next teammate.
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Curling Twists

Since we represent the **Sutherland Curling Club**, we're bringing some rink energy to the links:

- **The "Hurry Hard" Mulligan:** Each team gets 2 total mulligans to use during the round, one must be used in the front 9 and one must be used in the back 9. Use them wisely! Record them on the scorecard.
 - **The "Closest to the Button" Challenge:** On a designated Par 3, the ball that lands closest to the "Button" (hole) wins a prize.
 - **The "On the Broom" Challenge:** On a designated Par 5, the ball that lands closest to the line (Being "on the broom"), wins a prize.
 - **The "Overthrown" Challenge:** On a designated Par 5, the longest drive wins a prize.
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Pace of Play & Scoring

- **Maximum Score:** To keep the tournament moving, the maximum score on any hole is a **Triple Bogey**. If you haven't holed out for Double Bogey, pick up and move to the next tee.
 - **Scorecards:** Please turn in one official, legible scorecard to our volunteers at the clubhouse.
 - **Ties:** Ties will be broken by a traditional countback:
 - A traditional countback is a method used to break ties by comparing scores over the final nine holes, regardless of which hole a player actually started on. **Holes 10–18 as the "back nine" will be used for this event** even if a player started on hole 5 and finished on hole 4.
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Course Etiquette

- Please repair all ball marks on the greens.
- Replace or sand all divots.
- Rake bunkers after use.
- Alcohol must be purchased on the course and not brought in as per SLGA and course rules.
- **Most importantly:** Have fun and thank you for supporting the Sutherland Curling Club!