

Simsbury Farms Women's Golf Association

2026 Local Rules

The Simsbury Farms Women's Golf Association follows the official USGA rules, with a few local rules.

Winter Rules: When the pro shop determines that conditions warrant "winter rules", they will advise whether it is mark, lift, clean and place in your own fairway or mark, lift, clean and place in the fairways and rough. The placement of the ball should be within one grip length.

Guide Wires: If a tree with guide wires interferes with a lie, stance, or flight of ball, you may drop your ball within 2 club lengths, no nearer the hole, without penalty.

Maximum Number of Strokes: Pick up when max is reached.

The Maximum Numbers of Strokes you are allowed in both the 9 & 18 Hole League is **10****. Once you reach that number, pick up your ball and record a 10* on your score card.

Players recording a 10* are eligible for weekly tournament prizes and should add the 10 into their total score just the same as any other hole score.

In order to keep play moving, all members of the group are expected to make sure that this maximum stroke rule is followed and to speak up and remind fellow golfers if they forget.

Special Local Rules for 9-Hole League:**

- Hole #3: Ball hit into pond – you may choose to drop the ball within 2 club lengths of the 197-yard sprinkler head on the right side of the fairway as you start up the hill. 2 stroke penalty
- Hole #5: Ball hit into pond – allowed to use a lateral drop. Drop ball within 2 club lengths of the edge of the penalty area, lateral to where the ball landed in the pond, no closer to hole. 1 stroke penalty.
- Hole #15: Ball hit into Pond - Can drop the ball between the pond and the cart path. 1 stroke penalty.
- Out-of-bounds/ lost ball: You may choose to drop the ball within 2 club lengths of the fairway edge opposite the point where the ball went out of bounds or is deemed lost. 2 stroke penalty.

*****stroke limit and the special rules for the 9 hole league do not apply during the club championship.***

2026 SFWGA Forward Tee Option

A RED Combo tee option is available for the 2026 season.

There will be forward red tees on holes 2,3,5,7 and 11,12,14,17 and 18. The scorecard and GHIN will reflect the new format.

To be eligible to play from the RED Combo tees in league play the following conditions must be met and be approved by the league.

- Members Age 75 and over **together** with an Index of 25 or more may be eligible for the Red Combo Tees.
- Members who wish to play forward for 2026 SFWGA league play should complete the attached request form (*at the bottom of this page*) and submit it to the Secretary at sfwga.sec@gmail.com prior to the beginning of league play for the season. The Secretary will share the application with the relevant Handicap Chair and the Pro Shop.
- The committee will confirm to you and the pro shop if the application is approved prior to the first SFWGA event.
- Once approved, all SFWGA weekly league events will be played from those tees only, along with most other general rounds. The RED Combo tees will not apply to the Club Championship or Senior Club Championship.
- After playing a round of golf using the Red Forward Tees, scores must be entered into the GHIN app for Simsbury Farms Tee selection as Red Combo (in the drop down menu).
- Should your status change, please let us know as soon as possible, so we can accommodate your needs.

2026 Forward Tee Request Form

Name: _____

Cell #: _____

Email: _____

AGE: _____

Do you understand that if you are approved for forward tees, you must play from them for all SFWGA weekly league events and most other general rounds? _____

Is there other information you would like the committee to know and consider? _____