



# LIBERTY BELL TOURNAMENT RULES

## PARTNERED EVENTS

**ELIGIBILITY:** Seasonal Guests must play with a Primary Member, Spousal Member, or Dependent Member with Signing Privileges unless otherwise noted.

## GOLF RULES AND INFORMATION

**ELIGIBILITY:** Teams need to include at least one signing member (defined as dependents 21 or older).

**FORMAT:** 54-Hole, Stroke Play – Better Ball of Partners, Gross & Net.

In addition to the overall Tournament Net Winners, there will be prizes awarded for the Low Gross and Living Legends in both the Men's and Ladies' Divisions, as well as a Scratch Division winner, and a Low Net Prize, the best net score at each course.

**HANDICAP ALLOWANCE:** 100%, Maximum stroke allowance after any adjustment will be 18 for Men and 22 for Ladies. NOTES: **Competitors must have a minimum of six (6) scores posted in the proceeding 12 months to be eligible for any of the top 3 net prizes.** To be eligible for the Low Gross competition, a team's combined Piping Rock course handicap must be 6 or higher.

**TEES:** Men play the Blue Tees. Men aged 55 and over may play the senior tees (PRC-White, Creek-Blue, MBH-Gold). Competitors who elect to play forward will receive 100% of their handicap from the forward tee. NOTE: If a senior player plays the forward tees, he must play the forward tees for all three rounds. All ladies will play the ladies' tees at each course (PRC - Red, MBH & Creek - White)

**SCRATCH FLIGHT:** No Handicap minimum. Teams compete for Liberty Bell Net and Gross prizes. Teams with a combined handicap of less than 6 are not eligible for Gross prizes.

**LIVING LEGENDS:** Both team members must be age 55 and older. Teams compete for Living Legend as well as Liberty Bell Net and Gross prizes.

**HAT POOL:** Every team is entered into the Hat Pool unless they elect to opt out prior to teeing off in their First Round. Please confer with the starter for details

**LONGEST DRIVE:** Men's and Ladies' contests at each course.

**SLOW PLAY CANNOT BE TOLERATED:** We ask all competitors to keep up with the group in front and play 'Ready Golf' whenever practical. Rangers are on the golf course to assist in maintaining pace. Full cooperation is expected from the entire group and slow play penalties may be issued if necessary.

**USGA AND LOCAL RULES GOVERN ALL PLAY:** 14-club limit. Scoring ball must be holed.

**Each Club will provide golfers with Local Rules at the time of the tournament.**

**The NATIVE GRASS (or fescue) at all 3 courses will be treated as Red Penalty Areas.**

**The low round at Piping Rock will break ties:** In the event of a tie for **1st Place** (Net, Gross, or Scratch) there will be a Sudden Death play-off, commencing at 5:30 P.M. on the First Hole at Piping Rock.

If the score at Piping Rock is tied, a match of cards will take place. The match of cards will follow USGA recommendations starting with back nine score, then last six holes (if necessary), last three holes, then 18, 17, etc.