

2010 IBM Watson Golf Rules

1. USGA rules govern all play, except local rules and specific changes as indicated in these rules.
2. “Winter Rules” through the green will be used for this tournament. (“Through the green” means players will be allowed to improve their lie in fairways and roughs, **but not in bunkers or hazards**. You may improve your lie, **within a six-inch radius** of the original position of the ball. The ball however may not be moved closer to the hole. (Not sure how to do this? Then, follow this procedure: Mark your ball with a “tee”. Pick up & clean your ball, if needed. Replace your ball. Pick up your “tee”.)
3. You must continue to use the same ball you teed off with. For instance, players cannot substitute a different ball on the putting green.
4. You must “putt out”. There are no “Gimmee’s”. (Yes, that means you must putt out, **even if your ball is only one inch from the hole!**)
5. Any changes of starting times, without the approval of the IBM Club, Frank Vitale, or Andy La Scola, will result in a voided score.
6. **Substitute golfers are not allowed---No Exceptions!** All golfers must check in at the Pro-Shop. In the event you cannot play a round, you must contact the IBM Club, Frank Vitale @ (408) 927-2106 (email tesports@us.ibm.com) or Andy La Scola at (408) 371-3329 (email alascola@earthlink.net). If more than one golfer in a foursome is unable to play, we can possibly rearrange the pairings, so that we can get as many foursomes as possible. As a courtesy to other golfers, and to the golf course, please let us know if you will miss a round, ASAP. We will diligently try to keep the remaining members of your group intact. If, at the last moment, you find that you are unable to play, call Andy’s cell phone, (408) 202-7640, (before play has begun). If “no answer” on his cell phone, call the golf course. Phone numbers for each course are:
Ridgemark (831) 637-8151 **Los Lagos** (408) 361-0252 **San Jose Municipal** (408) 441-4653
Spring Valley (408) 262-1722
7. In the event of rain, the club pro, and the tournament coordinator, Andy La Scola, will make the decision to play, or not play. Contact the golf course pro shop if doubt exists. Rainouts will be considered for reschedule.
8. Scorecards must be submitted at the course, to the tournament coordinator, (Andy La Scola), immediately after a round is completed. Scorecards must have the scorer’s signature, and must be attested by another player’s signature.
9. Closest-to-the-pin prizes will be awarded on all par threes, three places for men, and three places for ladies. (Note: There is a maximum of five par threes per course.) You may only win once per round. Please pick up your prizes from Andy La Scola, in the golf course coffee shop/restaurant.
10. **Final Watson standings will be based on the best four of five rounds.** You must complete four rounds to qualify for any award. There will be a “low gross” and a “low net” in each flight. Only one award will be given to a player. In the case of ties, additional awards will be given.
11. Golfers will use their current NCGA handicaps, starting with the first tournament, for all rounds. Golfers without handicaps will compete under the Callaway System.
12. Proper golf attire, (collared shirts), must be worn. **This means no “Levi’s, Jeans, or tee shirts”.** (This is a requirement from all of the courses that we will be playing.) Personal coolers are not allowed.
13. You must keep up with the group in front of you. Play “ready” golf. Avoid slow play!
14. Any violations to these rules will result in disqualification.