The Tahoe Donner Women's Golf Club will play to the following rules:

Important! Please Note:

- 1. The 2012-2015 USGA Rules of Golf will govern play.
- **2.** Winter Rules will be in effect through June 27 and from October 1 until closing. You may lift, clean and replace the ball within one scorecard length, no closer to the hole, through the green. The ball must remain in the same "cut" of grass.
- 3. Summer Rules will be in effect from June 28 September 30. Play the ball as it lies with the following exception: If a ball comes to rest in an area of "unmarked ground under repair" on the *fairway*, or in a section of new sod, the player may seek relief, subject to the approval of her fellow competitors, by marking, lifting, cleaning and dropping her ball within one club length of the ball's original position, no closer to the hole. In a section of new sod, marked or unmarked, the player shall treat the section as ground under repair and may take full relief.
- **4.** All paved cart paths, improved service roads (those with wood chips) and rock-lined French drains are considered obstructions and the player is allowed one club length from the nearest point of relief, without penalty, no closer to the hole. No relief, without penalty, from dirt or gravel service roads.
- **5.** Ditches on holes #1, #3, #5, #8, #10, #14, #15, and #18 are considered water hazards (yellow lines/stakes) or lateral hazards (red lines/stakes).
- **6.** If, on hole #12 (par 3), a player's drive lands in the water hazard directly in front of the tee boxes, the player may use as one of her options (under penalty of one stroke), the "blue teeing ground" as a drop area for her next stroke (do not tee the ball here), incurring a one stroke penalty.
- **7. Hole #9 Retaining Wall:** The retaining wall to the left of the 9th fairway is considered an *immovable obstruction*. If your lie, stance, or swing is obstructed by the rock wall, you may drop your ball within one club length of the area of nearest relief, no closer to the hole without penalty.
- **8.** Ball hit into extreme rough (lateral ditch not marked as lateral hazard or woods): you must hit a provisional ball after all other players have hit. If you do not find your original ball, play the provisional ball under penalty of stroke and distance (two strokes).

- **9.** If you find your original ball in the extreme rough, the provisional ball is no longer in play and <u>must</u> be picked up. You then have one of four options in playing the original ball:
 - Play it as it lies. You may remove any loose impediments around the ball and take a practice swing; **or**
 - If the ball is unplayable, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, within two club-lengths of the spot where the ball lay, but not nearer the hole; **or**
 - If the ball is unplayable, drop a ball, under penalty of one stroke, behind the point where the ball lay, keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot on which the ball is dropped, with no limit to how far behind that point the ball may be dropped; or
 - If the ball is unplayable, under penalty of stroke and distance, you may drop a ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was last played.
- **10.** Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions. You may remove them but do so without improving the position or lie of the ball.
- 11. Immovable Obstructions close to Putting Green: If a ball lies off the *putting green* but not in a *hazard* and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the *line of play* between the ball and the *hole*, the player may take relief, without penalty, by dropping the ball at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a *hazard*. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.
- 12. Players are permitted to use devices that measure or gauge distance only. This excludes distance measuring devices that are designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.)
- 13. Environmentally Sensitive Areas: These areas are marked with red or yellow stakes that have green markings on the top. If your ball comes to rest in one of these areas, you are not allowed to enter and retrieve your ball. Take appropriate relief under penalty of one stroke. If a player plays her ball out of the environmentally sensitive area, she is subject to a two-stroke penalty (according to NCGA decision 33-8/43 breach of a Local Rule).
- **14. Private Property:** Ball on a lawn or in a flower bed, take free relief, one club length, no closer the hole.
- **15. Posting:** Please post your own scores for each Tuesday play day and matches played in the President's Cup.

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