

PALM DESERT RESORT WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB

STANDING RULES

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Overview

Palm Desert Resort Women's Golf Club (PDRWGC) Standing Rules are those governing the general weekly operations of the club. These rules are adopted formally and put into writing so that a set policy is guaranteed and followed by each succeeding set of officers to provide uniformity and continuity for the benefit of the membership. These Standing Rules differ from the By-Laws in that they may be changed or repealed on a recommendation of the Executive Board, consisting of the President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer, and must be presented to the extended Board for final approval.

In general, Days Play and PDRWGC tournaments follow these standing rules:

1. A valid USGA/Golf Canada (aka Worldwide Handicap System) handicap and a membership in good standing are required to participate in all PDRWGC tournaments.
2. Members must designate their appropriate tee choice at time of sign-up. All players with a red course handicap of 18 or lower will play from the red tees. Players with a red course handicap of 19 or higher will have the choice to play either the red or silver tees.
3. The sign-up sheet for Thursday play is now on-line at pdrwgc.homestead.com. Cut-off is Noon Sunday, after which time a player may phone the appropriate chairperson to be placed on a waiting list. Any member needing to cancel should do so no later than noon on Wednesday to allow the chairperson ample time to give someone on the waiting list notice and rework her pairings. If a member is a "no show" or calls to cancel on Thursday morning, she will be issued a warning the first time. The second time the same member is either a "no show" or calls to cancel on Thursday morning, she will lose her playing privilege the following Thursday.
4. Weekly play day tournaments are self-supporting.
5. All competitive events shall pay approximately 1/3 of the field.
6. All results shall be published.
7. Payouts shall be included in all published results.
8. Blind Draws: In the event a blind draw is necessary, the blind draw will remain anonymous and will not be paid. When possible, the blind draw will come from the same flight.
9. All players are expected to keep up with the pace of play or give way to faster players.

Days Play

10. All Days Play events will have a minimum of 3 people named as the Days Play Committee with additional members being optional. The committee consists of the Days Play Chair, Handicap Chair, and Rules Chair. This Committee will also have the authority of an event design change (i.e., a temporary tee box) that is not defined in the Standing Rules.

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12. The "First Thursday Days Play" of each month is flighted by handicap and awarded by gross, net, and putts. All other "Thursday Days Play" are 'mixer' events, and every effort will be made to pair women with different players each time. Best effort will be made to form teams consisting of an A, B, C, and D player. No participant shall be allowed to request a specific pairing or to decline to play with anyone else.
13. For tournaments with a net competition, handicaps will be adjusted according to the USGA Handicap Manual regarding "Players competing from different tees" rule.

Tournaments

14. Tournaments include Member/Member, President's Cup, and Club Championship. Each tournament will have a minimum of 3 people named as the Tournament Committee with additional members being optional. This committee shall consist of the Tournament Chair, Handicap Chair, and the Rules Chair. This Committee will also have the authority of minor tournament design change (i.e., a temporary tee box) with approval from the board that is not defined in the Standing Rules.
15. Current handicaps will be used throughout the President's Cup and Club Championship which may require daily changes. The USGA recommends that, when practical, each player use the Handicap Index in effect at the time each round is played. By using the Worldwide Handicap System, a player's index may change each time a player posts. For all tournaments, a player's index will be based on the index shown on the Monday prior to play.
16. At time of sign up each player will designate either the Silver or Red Course depending on their current handicap. To compete in any tournament with a designated partner, both players will need to play from the SAME tees based on the lower handicap. The field will first be flighted by handicap and then by Silver or Red Course. If a player wishes to contend for low gross of the entire field, she must play the Red Course. For tournaments with a net competition, handicaps will be adjusted according to the USGA Handicap Manual regarding "Players competing from different tees" rule. Additional flights will be added at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
17. When a large event is held such as Presidents Cup or the Club Championship, members not participating may "follow the field" if tee times are available. The Days Play Chair may choose whether to organize a game, depending on the number of follow-the-field players.

Club Championship (Tournament of Champions)

18. There is no charge to play in the Club Championship other than your golf fees. Awards are funded from the general fund. The tournament is usually played on a Thursday, the next Tuesday and the following Thursday. All awards for the Club Championship are presented at the "Club Champions Party/Celebration".
19. A member must have a handicap based on 20 games; be a member in good standing of the PDRWGC as of January 1; and played at least (4) four 18-hole rounds and posted actual score on play days with the PDRWGC during the 12 months prior to the Club Championship start date. The Handicap Chair is to verify this information for the Tournament Chair.
20. At time of sign up, each player will designate either the Silver or Red Course depending on their current handicap. There will be at least (3) three flights. If minimum number of players is not met in any one

flight, players will move up one flight based on handicap. Additional flights will be added at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. For the first round the field is flighted according to which course is played and then by handicap. Subsequent rounds are flighted according to the gross score for the previous round. There will be no fivesomes. The Club Champion is the low gross winner for 54 holes (3 days of play). The Club Champion will come from the Open Flight on the Red Course. If a player picks up on a hole she must withdraw from the tournament. If a rule is disputed, play a second ball, declare which ball will be used for scoring purposes and score both balls. When the round is completed, take the disputed card to the Tournament Committee BEFORE the card is signed and attested. The committee will make the final ruling. Current flights are as follows:

- a. Red Champion Flight – The overall Club Champion will come from this flight. Ladies play from RED tees for 54 holes – THREE day tournament.
 - b. Silver Champion Flight – Players with a handicap higher than 18 are eligible to play in this division. Ladies play from SILVER tees for 54 holes. Flighted according to number of entries – THREE day tournament.
 - c. (Silver) Senior Champion Flight - Ladies over 70 years of age are eligible to play in this division. Ladies play from SILVER tees. Flighted according to number of entries – TWO day tournament. Ladies in this flight who prefer a THREE day tournament may play in the Silver Champion Flight from the SILVER tees.
 - d. (Silver) Super-Senior Champion Flight - Ladies over 80 years of age are eligible to play in this division. Ladies play from SILVER tees. Flighted according to number of entries – TWO day tournament.
21. Once the Tournament Committee has determined flights and payouts there will not be changes as a result of withdrawals from the competition.
 22. The minimum places to be awarded are: Low Gross over the field, one Low Net in each flight and as many low gross places as budget allows, representing approximately one-third of the field.
 23. The Club Champion will receive the traditional pendant, or \$150 cash; their name will be engraved on the Club Championship plaque and a bouquet of flowers will be presented. The Silver, Senior, and Super Senior Flight winners will each receive a cash award of \$100 (amount to be determined by Tournament Chair based on number of participants); their name will be engraved on the Silver Championship Flight plaque and a bouquet of flowers will be presented to each winner.
 24. In the case of a tie for low gross in a flight of the Club Championship, a playoff (with a sudden-death tiebreaker) is held immediately following play starting at hole # 1. All other ties are decided by the USGA method of matching score cards (starting with back 9, last 6 holes, last 3 holes, 18th hole).
 25. All players in contention will play last. The celebratory party will be a luncheon and commence once all players have finished the final round, including a sudden-death tiebreaker, if needed.

President's Cup

26. To enter the President's Cup, a member must have a valid handicap based on twenty (20) games; be a member in good standing of the PDRWGC as of January 1; and played at least four (4) 18-hole rounds and posted actual score on play days with the PDRWGC during the 12 months prior to the President's Cup start date. The Handicap Chair is to verify this information for the Tournament Committee.
27. There is no charge to play in the President's Cup other than your green fees. Format is Match Play. Awards are funded from the general fund. Each player signed up, plays the qualifying round and the lowest 32 NET players advance to Round 1 of Match Play. Round 1 will be seeded according to the

results of the qualifying round – 1 vs. 32, 2 vs. 31, etc. After 18 holes are played, if a match ends “all square” (tied), play continues until there is a winner. As a courtesy to all players, there will be no gallery during the final round.

28. After designating either the Silver or Red Course based on your current handicap and qualifying, each player will play the entirety of the tournament on their selected course.
29. The Qualifying Round and the final match must be played on the specific date assigned by the Committee. Rounds must be completed by the date set by the committee. Matches may take place anytime between the completion of the current round and by 5:00 p.m. on the day before the designated day of the next round.
30. During this tournament, a player playing the Qualifying Round, or successive matches may post eclectic, birdies, and chip-ins if the ball is putted out.
31. The President’s Cup winner will be paid a total of \$100 plus their name will be engraved on a plaque and added to the current trophy of past winners. Other payouts shall be determined by the Tournament Committee.

Member/Member

32. This tournament is funded entirely by fees collected from the entrants. It is played on two successive Thursdays. The maximum difference between handicaps in this tournament is ten (10) strokes. Players may have a handicap difference greater than 10 strokes, but the higher handicap of the two players will be reduced to the 10 point spread.
33. At time of sign up each team must designate either the Silver or Red Course based on current handicap from the RED course. There will be at least three (3) flights and approximately 1/3 of the field will be paid in each flight.
34. Players are encouraged to pick up wherever possible on the second day if they cannot improve their score and record the score, they most likely would have made on that hole for posting purposes.
35. Ties are decided by the USGA method of matching score cards (starting with back 9, last 6 holes, last 3 holes, 18th hole).

Member/Guest

36. This tournament is self-supporting. Format, theme, decorations, awards, and luncheon menu are determined by the Chairperson and the Committee for the event.
37. This tournament has a maximum of a ten (10) stroke differential between partners.

Guest and Guest Days

38. Any one person cannot play as a guest on Thursday more than twice during the season. This excludes: Guest Days and the Member/Guest Tournament. A guest must have a verifiable handicap.
39. Guests may not participate in Days Play unless the game of the day is a team game, at which time the guests sweeps are mandatory. Members have priority over guests. Guests will be paired with their host whenever possible.
40. It is preferred that members invite guests only on scheduled Guest Days. However, guests may play on play days except for the following tournaments: Club Championship, President’s Cup (Qualifying Round and 1st round of 32) and Member/Member. Members who invite guests during these tournaments may “follow the field” and precluded from participating in the tournament.

41. Guest Days are scheduled where calendar openings permit. Two Guest Days may be held in addition to the annual Member/Guest Invitational. Fees for these events are negotiated by the Guest Day Coordinator. Guest Days are shotgun starts followed by lunch. This tournament is self-supporting. Format, theme, decorations, prizes and luncheon menu are determined by the Guest Day Coordinator.
42. The handicap differential is waved for these tournaments.

Handicap and Rules

43. Both the Handicap Chair and Rules Chair shall attend yearly seminars and familiarize themselves thoroughly with the "Rules of Golf" as adopted by the SCGA. Both shall interpret local handicap and rules of the Club in cooperation with the Club pro or manager, and, when necessary, enforce all such rules and regulations as required.
44. All disputes, complaints and interpretations of the Rules of Golf shall be decided by the Handicap Chair and/or the Rules Chair.
45. All members must join SCGA for handicapping purposes. Until a member has posted 10 rounds for computation by SCGA, her USGA/Golf Canada (aka Worldwide Handicap System) index (or other USGA recognized handicap system index) will be used. If a member does not have a USGA/Golf Canada (Worldwide System Handicap) index, she must complete 54 holes (3 18-hole rounds, 6 9-hole rounds, etc.) to be eligible for participation in Women's Club events.
46. To have a valid handicap, an applicant must provide the Handicap Chair a verifiable handicap number.
47. All scores must be posted each time a player completes a round of golf. In addition, if at least 14 holes are played, the remaining unplayed holes, for posting purposes, shall be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes (POPS) the player is entitled to receive on the unplayed holes. Players who fail to post scores of completed rounds shall be warned by the Handicap Chair. Repeated violations could cause the Handicap Chair to adjust the violator's index for tournament purposes.
48. By the new Worldwide Handicap System (WHS) the maximum handicap index is 54 for women, with 3 allotted strokes per hole. It shall be within the tournament committee's discretion to establish rules for the competition. Slow players are to be encouraged to pick up once their maximum per hole is reached.
49. Members must post nine (9) hole scores. The posting computer can accept a nine hole score and match it with the next nine you play. Make sure you indicate whether it was the front nine or the back nine as the ratings are different.
50. The Handicap chair is responsible for selecting the "Most Improved Golfer" of the year from the SCGA March Handicap Report based on a calendar year from April 1 to March 31 the following year. The recipient must be a member in good standing for the current year and must have posted at least ten (10) 18 hole games with the PDRWGC. The Handicap Chair shall present this award at the annual Awards Luncheon.

Social Membership

51. Social Membership: Social Members are expected to follow and abide by the Bylaws and Standing Rules of the Palm Desert Resort Women's Golf Club. The Social Membership will be a non-voting membership, and they will be unable to hold office.
52. They may attend all non-golfing activities associated with the PDRWGC. This would include the non-golfing events that are associated with the President's Cup awards, Club Championship awards, the Final Awards Luncheon, general luncheon and meeting days, and other non-golfing related activities.
53. The Social Member may also choose to pay into the "hole-in-one" membership.

54. The Social Member fee would be in proportion to the golfing member's fee. Presently this would be a cost of \$25 to the Social Member. This eliminates the fee paid to SCGA and ECCY and birdie fees.

Hole-In-One (HIO) Insurance

55. This fund is established to provide a free well drink at the Club for each hole-in-one insurance participant. When a hole-in-one is scored by an insured member, those who wish to participate must renew their insurance.
56. The hole-in-one must be made during a consecutive 18-hole round at the Palm Desert Resort course and be witnessed. The Women's Club will purchase a plate with name, date and hole number which will be added to the existing hole-in-one board displayed in the clubhouse.
57. If the hole-in-one is made and posted during the season (November 1 through March 31), the Hole-in-One Chair will post a notice on the bulletin board (of both the hole-in-one and insurance renewal requirements). All insured members will have from the first official Days Play following the hole-in-one until the following official Days Play (most likely Thursday to Thursday) to collect their drink.
58. The Hole-in-One Chairman will furnish a list of the hole-in-one insurance participants to the bartender. At the end of the week, she will pay the bar bill, including a 15% gratuity, and the remaining fund will be placed in the hole-in-one account to be evenly dispersed at the end of the year to all participants making a hole-in-one during the established year. Participants will be notified immediately to rejoin for \$5.00 after each hole-in-one is made.
59. If a hole-in-one is made between April 1 and October 31, considered out of season when most participants are away, the one-week period to collect a drink begins with the first general meeting in November. If more than one hole-in-one is made during the summer, one drink per person will be paid and the balance of the fund will be divided between the players making the hole-in-ones.
60. The Hole-in-One Chair will keep a current list posted on the website and on bulletin boards.

Other

61. Players are expected to keep position on the golf course. Slower players who lose their position by having one or more holes open ahead of them must give way to faster players.
62. In general, the PDRWGC first day of play is the first Thursday in November or whatever date is posted on the current calendar of events. A lunch and general meeting follow a shotgun start. Subsequent Days Play are usually held on the first Thursday of the month, a shotgun start followed by lunch and meeting.
63. Dues paid to the Women's Golf Club are to be used to support the golf events of the Women's Club.
64. Any non-budgeted expenditures in excess of \$150 must be approved in advance by the membership.
65. The annual Awards Luncheon is held the last Thursday of March. It is at this meeting that the Installation of Officers for the following season takes place.
66. At the final luncheon/meeting in March, if the current President's term has ended, it is the duty of the Vice-President to thank the out-going President for her service in office and to present her with a gift not to exceed \$150 (based on current budget).

