

Deep Creek Mens' Golf Association Rules and Regulations

1. The Rules and Regulations Committee, created by the Board of Directors, shall develop the rules and regulations for Deep Creek Mens' Golf Association hereinafter referred to as Association. The Board of Directors may amend or add to the rules and regulations from time to time to carry out the objectives of the Association and to manage and conduct the affairs of the Association.
2. The development of these "Rules and Regulations" has been done in an effort to provide guidelines to meet the objectives of the Association. It is hoped that sufficient detail has been provided to avoid any misinterpretation. These rules reflect the past accepted issues and are intended to be adhered to by all members of the Association. All United States Golf Association (USGA) rules must be observed. Additionally, all Association Rules and Deep Creek Golf Club (DCGC) Local Rules specified below must be followed. Golf is an honorable sport and it relies upon the integrity of each individual to "Self Police".
3. All play scheduled or sponsored by the Association shall observe "The Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status (latest edition)" published by the USGA. Exception to these rules are listed below as DCGC Local Rules. Players may not agree to exclude the operation of any Rule or to waive any penalty incurred. If a situation arises such that a player, or the players team members, do not know a rule, then the player must play two balls for that hole. It is then the players responsibility to present the situation to the Association Rules and Regulations Committee. The Association Rules and Regulations Committee in conjunction with DCGC Head Pro, if necessary, will then provide a decision to the specific situation. REMEMBER - Play the ball as it lies unless a local rule supersedes.
 - a) All in-bound buildings, concrete cart paths, drain grills, and other artificial objects that interfere with your stance or swing are obstructions. Take relief within one club length from your nearest point of stance or swing relief not nearer to the hole. No penalty. (NOTE: Non-concrete cart paths, except hole #17 around the green, are not considered obstructions and the ball must be played as it lies, i.e. no relief allowed)
 - b) Flower beds and mulched areas that are **bordered by concrete curbing or landscape timbers** may be played as immovable obstructions.
 - c) For balls hit into a palmetto bush or other landscaping (not marked as a hazard), and if the ball is found, play it as an unplayable lie if indicated. USGA Rule 28 applies. If the ball can not be found you must hit another ball from the previous spot. The Committee suggests hitting a provisional ball in this case to speed up play.
 - d) Lift, clean and place is in effect ONLY when authorized by the event coordinator and will be announced prior to commencement of the event. No penalty.
4. Association Rules and Regulations listed and amplified below shall be followed at all times. These rules are necessary to ensure orderly conduct of our Association events while complying with requirements and desires of DCGC.

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- a) All Association events will be by signup. Each week, a signup sheet will be posted outside the clubhouse until Wednesday. The Association Event Coordinator will collect the signup sheet and assign teams or pairs as appropriate for that week's event. Tee times and pairings will be posted on DCGC web site and/or physically at DCGC on Thursday. All efforts will be made to secure a tee time for late signups provided additional tee times are available and correct pairings can be made for the specific event.
- b) Every attempt will be made to mix the type of play and players to meet the Associations objective of fellowship and sociability.
- c) A schedule of events and tournaments for the season will be prepared and posted prior to the start of the season and will be available at any time from the Association Event Coordinator or DCGC online website. All attempts will be made to adhere to this schedule.
- d) "Ball hawking" is not allowed at DCGC as it tends to slow play and negatively affect Association members as well as DCGC customers. In this regard, we are restricted to looking for our own ball if it goes out of bounds or into a water hazard. USGA Rules limit of 5 minutes to locate a ball must be adhered to.
- e) In the event a storm, lightning, or other unsafe condition arises during a golf event, the most senior Association Board of Director member on site in conjunction with golf course management, using all available safety measures (weather, radar, etc.), shall determine the safety of continuing the event. If determination is made to not continue the event, the event may be considered complete if all teams have completed nine holes or the event may be cancelled or rescheduled to a future date if all teams/players have not completed nine holes.
- f) All play shall be from the white or gold tees as selected on the Membership Application Form. Once an Association member elects to play from the gold tees, he must play from the gold tees for the remainder of the current season. Should a move from white to gold tees become necessary during the season, a member may request such move which will be reviewed by the Rules and Handicap Committee with a decision rendered within 7 days. Members playing from the gold tees must comply with Section 3-5 of the USGA Handicap Manual which defines the rules for players competing from different tees (see paragraph g. below).
- g) Different tees usually have different ratings. Because a USGA Course Rating reflects the probable score of a *scratch golfer*, the higher rated course is more difficult, and the player playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating receives additional stroke(s) equal to the difference between each USGA Course Rating, with a .5 or greater rounded upward. The additional stroke(s) are added to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the higher-rated set of tees. (See USGA Decision 3-5/1) The Table below has been prepared using USGA Course Ratings appropriate for DCGC.

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On the chart above, look at the tee you are playing from and find the tee your opponent is playing from. The corresponding number shows you the number of strokes that you

Deep Creek Golf Club Tee Differences

		My Tee					
		Men Blue	Men White	Men Gold	Ladies Gold	Ladies Red	
Opponents Tee		Rating	68.9	66.9	64.8	69.0	68.3
Men Blue	68.9		-2	-4	0	-1	
Men White	66.9	2		-2	2	1	
Men Gold	64.8	4	2		4	4	
Ladies Gold	69.0	0	-2	-4		-1	
Ladies Red	68.3	1	-1	-4	1		

will add or subtract from your course handicap. It is permissible to do this for either player, but only needs to be done once.

- h) Handicap used for Association events will be the current official course handicap published by the Golf Association of Florida (GAF). Handicap for “new” members and other special circumstances will be in accordance with USGA Handicap Manual, as recommended by the Handicap Committee and approved by the Board of Directors.
- i) The highest handicap allowed for Association events shall be 36 regardless of actual handicap.
- j) All rounds played in the Men's Association MUST be posted, **by the member**, on Golf Association of Florida score reporting system no later than noon on the Tuesday following the Association Event date of play. These scores can be posted in DCGC Pro Shop, on your smart phone app, or by home computer. **Failure to**

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post a score will result in a score of par (70) plus one half of your course handicap being entered for you by the Handicap Committee. Posting of individual scores is required by the USGA on all rounds of 9 holes or greater, regardless of event or course played.

- k) Scoring of each hole will be governed by USGA Rules of Equitable Stroke Control as shown and exemplified below:

Course Handicap	Maximum Number on Any Hole
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

Example: A player with a course handicap of 6 has a maximum number of par plus two strokes (double bogey) for any hole. A player with a course handicap of 13 has a maximum number of 7 for any hole regardless of par. A player with a course handicap of 42 has a maximum number of 10 for any hole.

- l) All balls must be played until “in the cup” or until the maximum number for that hole has been reached. Posted score for each hole will be the lower of actual strokes or maximum number. If a player picks up his ball prior to reaching the maximum number, the posted score for that hole shall be double bogey. This rule does not apply to low net events where total strokes to “in the cup” will be used.
- m) Scores shall be maintained on each cart to allow attesting at the end of the event. Each player is responsible to ensure that his score is correct as attested.
- n) Any player or team making a decision to discontinue play at any point in an event, if the event has not been officially cancelled, shall be posted with a score of “withdrawn” and will be ineligible for any prizes or awards for that event.
- o) Winners of event awards and prizes will receive chits or vouchers that may be redeemed at DCGC.
- p) A Hole-In-One Award of \$100.00 is paid for any Hole-In-One made in a completed Association event.