

The Golden Bear Club Men's Golf Association ("GBCMGA") 2024

"Success depends almost entirely on how effectively you learn to manage the game's two ultimate adversaries: the course and yourself"

Jack Nicklaus



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BYLAWS

ARTICLE I - MISSION

The mission of the GBCMGA is to promote an interest in both the social and competitive aspects of golf, to educate members in the Rules of Golf and the etiquette and traditions of the game, and to treat each other with kindness and respect in the spirit of fair play.

ARTICLE II - MEMBERSHIP & ELIGIBILITY

To belong to the GBCMGA a new applicant must be a golf member, in good standing, of the Golden Bear Club and must be at least 18 years of age. He will establish a valid USGA handicap, abide by the etiquette and Rules of Golf, and follow the procedures of the GBCMGA.

ARTICLE III - GOVERNANCE

All governance decisions will be directed by the Head Professional of the Golden Bear Club with input from the Competition Committee of the Men's Golf Association.

ARTICLE IV - COMPETITION COMMITTEE

The Competition Committee of the Men's Golf Association is organized to assist the Head Golf Professional in directing the Men's tournament activity at the Golden Bear Club. It is their responsibility to ensure a fair and equitable application of the rules agreed to and make recommendations to improve the quality of all tournaments held. All final decisions are at the direction of the Head Golf Professional.

Term of Office: Each member of the Competition Committee will serve a term of one year in office. However, two members will initially serve a two-year term to provide continuity and a more effective transition period for new members. No members shall serve for more than a consecutive two-year period.

ARTICLE V - DISCIPLINE

Acceptance into the GBCMGA will bind each member to:

- Uphold all rules of the GBCMGA
- Observe all the Rules of Golf and etiquette as set forth by the USGA
- Observe the rules of The Golden Bear Club
- Accept and observe all decisions of the Head Golf Professional & the Competition Committee within its authority of the GBCMGA.

The guidelines and policies outlined in this document are intended to ensure that all activity is governed by the rules of the USGA and/or by the local rules as set forth by the Head Professional. Most importantly, they are intended to ensure a pleasant playing experience for all who participate in a round of golf at the Golden Bear Club. Please be advised that all members and members' guests are expected to abide by these rules and guidelines. It is each member's responsibility to familiarize themselves with these policies and to ensure that each guest understands and complies with them as well.

Failure to abide by these policies may result in disciplinary action which will be at the direction of the Head Golf Professional. First time violators will receive a verbal warning. A second violation may result in a 30-day suspension. Should there be continued disregard for club policies after the first two violations, termination of club privileges may be enforced.

GENERAL GOLF RULES

1. The Rules of Golf as adopted by the USGA together with the Rules of Etiquette as adopted by the USGA shall be the rules of the Club, except when in conflict with local rules or with any of the rules herein.

2. All players must check in with the golf shop or starter. Under no circumstances are players permitted to start play from residences unless they have called the Pro Shop to notify the pro shop personnel that they will be on the course. "Cutting-in" on holes other than numbers 1 or 10 without pro shop approval is not permitted at any time.

3. Practice is not allowed on the golf course unless you are having a lesson with a PGA professional instructor. The practice facilities should be used for all practice.

4. All players who stop after playing nine holes for any reason must occupy the next tee before the preceding players arrive at the tee or they shall lose their position on the golf course and must get permission from the starter to resume play.

5. All tournament play, not including Golden Bear Club golf groups, must be approved in advance by the Golf Professional.

6. All players will enter and leave bunkers at the nearest level point to the green and smooth sand over with a rake upon leaving. This is required to ensure appropriate levels of safety and preservation of bunkers.

7. All ball marks on the green must be repaired by players.

8. All divots must be repaired by players using the sand provided on the golf carts.

9. Searching for balls ("ball hawking") other than those played by Members of the group is not allowed on the course at any time.

10. Speed of play: It is the goal of all players to complete their round in less than 4 hours. The layout of the course is designed for this speed of play. There are times i.e., special golf outings, tournaments, weather, and cart path restrictions that will require a longer period for speed of play to be extended. However, it is the

responsibility of each group to keep pace with the group ahead. If your group falls one complete hole behind the group ahead, you are required to close the gap or lose your position on the course at the discretion of the golf operations staff. It is each group's responsibility to be observant of its position on the course and keep pace. The ranger or any Member of the golf operations staff has the authority to keep play moving at the proper pace for all players' enjoyment. Players unable to keep proper pace may be requested to allow faster players to play through, skip holes to adjust pace, or asked to leave the course.

11. If a player is repeatedly warned for slow play, the Club may take such action as it deems appropriate, including without limitation, restricting the person's use of the golf course during certain times of the day and loss of privileges.

12. Each player must have his or her own set of golf clubs.

13. Carts should abide by all directional signs on the course where provided; when approaching the greens, carts should always park on the concrete cart path.

14. Proper golf attire is required for all players. Please refer to the dress code of our golf and practice facilities.

15. Soft spikes are mandatory.

16. If thunder and lightning are in the area, all play shall cease and players shall seek shelter.

17. Singles, twosomes, and threesomes may play at the discretion of the golf operations staff. Singles, twosomes, or threesomes should not expect to play through foursomes and should not exert any pressure on the groups ahead. Foursomes shall have the right of way but should observe proper golf etiquette concerning pace of play and letting faster groups play through.

18. Singles, twosomes, and threesomes shall be grouped with other players, if available, at the discretion of the golf operations staff

GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE

People using the golf course should do their part to make a round of golf a pleasant experience for everyone at the Club. Here are some suggestions:

1. Play ready golf. Anticipate the club or clubs you may need and go directly to your ball. Always be near your ball to play promptly when it is your turn. If a player is delayed in making his shot, it would be courteous for such player to indicate to another player to play, which should not be deemed playing out of turn.

2. Study and clear the line of your putt while others are doing the same. Be ready to putt when it is your turn.

3. Be sociable but reserve your extended conversations for after your golf rounds.

4. When approaching a green, park your golf cart on the cart path on the best direct line to the next tee. This can save considerable time. Never leave the golf cart in front of the green where you will have to go back and get it while the following players wait for you to get out of the way.

5. When playing a hole is completed, leave the green promptly and proceed to the next tee without delay. Do the scoring for the completed hole while the others in your group are playing from the next tee.

6. If you are not holding your place on the course (see General Golf Rules), allow the players behind to play through. Do the same if you stop to search for a lost ball. Please abide by the USGA guideline limiting your search to no more than 2 minutes.

7. The golf rangers and golf operations staff will report slow play and all breaches of golf etiquette to the golf shop personnel, which will take the appropriate action.

8. Refrain from moving about or talking when a player is addressing or stroking the ball.

9. Before playing music, ask each player in the group if it is acceptable to play music while playing golf. If one player states that it is not acceptable, the request must be honored.

10. Be certain players in front of you are out of range before hitting your ball. If you are not keeping pace with the group ahead, be responsible and pick up the pace. Signal players behind you to play through when delayed or when you get a hole behind the players in front of you.

11. Telephones on the golf course have become a necessity in today's world of constant connectivity. Please respect the pace of play by using your mobile telephones for emergency purposes only or for inputting scores into Golf Genius. Please turn your ringer off. If you must take a call, pull away from other golfers and speak quietly. If a call is expected to interfere with the pace of play, excuse yourself from the competition and inform your playing partners that you will catch up once you have completed your call.

GUIDE FOR FASTER PLAY

- Be Ready to hit when it is your turn.
 - Know the distance.
 - Have the appropriate club out/ready
 - Practice swings completed while others are hitting
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- Know how far you hit each club. This helps you make quicker decisions when you get to your ball.
 - If you are uncertain what club you will be using, take choices with you, to your ball.
 - Limit yourself to one (1) practice swing; keep your pre-shot routine short.
 - Line up your putt while you wait for others to putt without disturbing them. Do not stand in back or in line with another player's line when putting.
 - Keep up with the group in front of you.
 - Pay attention when other players are hitting. Watch balls carefully, especially ones that go astray, so they can be found more easily and quickly.
 - If there are any questions about a rule, ask the pro shop or play two (2) balls from that point until holed out. After playing it can be decided which one was correct and will count.
 - When sharing a cart, do not wait until your cart mate hits and then drive to your ball. Drive to your ball, if possible, and return to pick up your cart mate.
 - Pick up your ball. If you played to your max, pick up and move on to the next hole.

HANDICAPS

1. Handicaps are computed under the supervision of the golf professional staff in accordance with the current USGA Handicap System. The Golden Bear Club provides each member with a membership in the Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) offered by the USGA. The Rules of Golf can be found at the following link: <https://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-2019/rules-of-golf/rules-and-interpretations.html#!ruletype=pe§ion=rule&rulenum=1>

2. All Members with a USGA approved handicap may participate in Club tournaments. The golf shop personnel and the Competition Committee may review all handicaps submitted.

3. Members are responsible for turning in and posting all their scores daily. The golf shop will post scores from any club run events and shall assist any Members needing help with the posting procedures.

4. Accurate records are to be kept of scores turned in and recorded for all full rounds played. The golf shop personnel shall determine if there are violations by Members in turning in their scores.

5. Golf shop personnel shall have the authority to adjust handicaps for competition with proper documentation.

6. The Golf Shop reserves the right to form a membership and/or handicap committee.

7. The maintenance cost of maintaining a handicap for golf members is included in their dues. Social members who would like to maintain their handicap at the Club will be assessed a yearly maintenance fee which will be billed to their account.

8. Each member of the Golden Bear Club is individually responsible for posting all scores into the GHIN handicap system. This is true for the rounds played at the Golden Bear Club as well as all rounds played at other courses. By being diligent in posting all rounds, we can be assured that the level of play and the handicaps assigned are reflective of the players ability.

9. All MGA members must check-in prior to their round to notate they are playing that day and upon completion of their round they must drop off a valid and attested scorecard to the golf shop.

EQUITABLE STROKE PROCEDURES FOR THE USGA HANDICAP SYSTEM

NET DOUBLE BOGEY- WORLD HANDICAP SYSTEM

(Rule 3:1 in the Rules of Handicap)

Net Double Bogey is used when a player's actual score or Most Likely Score exceeds a maximum number derived using the following formula:

NET DOUBLE BOGEY = PAR +2 +(-) HANDICAP STROKES RECEIVED OR GIVEN ON A HOLE

We should think of this as “Double bogey plus,” because it’s easier to leave the “NET” out of it. This terminology is also consistent with another adjustment already in use whenever we do not play a hole or play a hole other than under the Rules of Golf, called “Par Plus.” So, an example of this rule would be as follows:

DOUBLE BOGEY PLUS = Par + 2 strokes + any handicap strokes you are entitled to on the hole. (EX: Maximum score for a person with a handicap of 18, on a par 4 would be 7 (double bogey+1))

TOURNAMENT RULES

The Head Golf Professional of the Golden Bear Club will enforce the handicap rule as follows for purposes of Tournament play:

- A participating player's lowest handicap over the preceding 90 days will be used for each tournament. Flights will be determined at the beginning of the calendar season and will remain the same for the entire season.
- In two-man team events such as the Member-Guest or Member-Member Tournaments, there will exist a maximum handicap differential of ten (10) strokes between the partners. For example, if Partner "A" has a handicap of five and Partner "B" has a handicap of twenty-five, Partner "B" will play to a lower handicap of fifteen. This will ensure a competitive balance within the flights. The team will then be flighted based on the sum of the players adjusted handicaps after taking into consideration the "10 stroke rule."
- The Club Championship winner will be based on gross score played from the Gold Tees. Individual flight winners for the Club Championship will be based on net scores.
- The Senior Club Championship will be based on gross score played from the Blue Tees. Individual flight winners for the Senior Club Championship will be based on net scores.
- Each tournament will have four flights for each event, unless otherwise noted. Flights will be set and determined at the beginning of the year. Player of the Year points will be awarded the same for each flight after the event. Flights include Nicklaus, Palmer, Player and Jones.
- For purposes of determining who qualifies for the Player of the Year Tournament, the Top Player from each flight with the most points will play in the Player of the Year Playoff.
- All Players competing in the Nicklaus Flight shall play from the Silver Tee Box subject to the specific exceptions in the Tournament Tee Box Qualifications stated below.
- All Players competing in the Palmer, Player and Jones Flights shall play from the Blue Tee Box subject to the specific exceptions in the Tournament Tee Box Qualifications stated below.

TOURNAMENT TEE BOX QUALIFICATIONS

Palmer/Player/Jones Flights	Nicklaus Flights		
If a player's age plus his Blue Tee handicap is 80 or greater, the player may play either the Blue or White Tees	If a player is assigned to the Nicklaus flight and is under 60 years of age, he must play from Silver Tees		
If a player's age plus his Blue Tee handicap is less than 80, the player must play from the Blue tees	If a player is assigned to the Nicklaus flight and is 60 years of age or older, he may play from Silver or Blue tees.		

General Comments:

- Tee selection by a player will adjust the players handicap accordingly.
- The deadline for declaring your tee selection (other than Silver or Blue) for tournament play is Thursday at 5:00pm before a Saturday tournament. Failure to inform one of the club's professionals before the deadline will require the player to compete from either the Silver or Blue tees based on flight assignment.

GOLDEN BEAR CLUB MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

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Golden Bear Club Men's 2024 Tournament Schedule

January

GBCMGA's Match Play Tournament

Saturday, January 6th - Qualifier - Open Tee Times - Lunch 12:00 - 3:00

- **Must play with someone who is attempting to qualify**
- **Low 64 net scores will qualify for the Match Play Bracket**
- **Your opponent and you will have one week to schedule the match. Higher seed must give 2 times and days when match can be played. Default match day is Saturday of each week.**
- **If no agreement is made and the match is not played by Sunday, the Pro Shop will flip a coin to determine the winner**

Match Play Round of 32- January 9th – 21st

Match Play Round of 16- January 23rd – February 4th

Match Play Round of 8- February 6th – 18th

Match Play Round of 4- February 20th – March 3rd

Match Play Final Round – March 5th – March 17th

- **Single Player of the Year Points Awarded**

February

GBCMGA's Member/Member Tournament

Friday, February. 23rd Pairings Party

Saturday & Sunday, February 24th & 25th - 9:00am Shotguns

- **2 Person Team Event (10 Stroke Rule for Partners)**
- **5 – 9 Hole Matches within Flight. Shootout determine Overall Champion**
- **No Player of the Year Points Awarded**

March

Golden Bear Club's Club Championship

Saturday & Sunday, March 9th & 10th - 7:30am Tee Times (Double Tee if Necessary)

- **36 Holes of Individual Stroke Play – Gold Tees Overall Champion**
- **Gross and Net Flights**
- **Double Player of the Year Points Awarded**

April

GBCMGA's Masters Tournament

Friday, April. 12th Pairings Party

Saturday & Sunday, April 13th & April 14th - 9:00am Shotguns

- **36 Hole Team Event Based on Master's Pairing**
- **Both Round 1 & 2 Better Ball of Partners**
- **Single Player of the Year Points Awarded**

Golden Bear Club's Men's Spring Member/Guest Tournament

Thursday - Saturday, April 25th- April 27th *A SEPARATE EMAIL*

- 2 Person Team Event (10 Stroke Rule for Partners)
- 5 – 9 Hole Match Play Matches with Shoot-Out
- No Player of the Year Points Awarded

May

Golden Bear Club's Senior Club Championship

Saturday & Sunday, May 18th & 19st - 8:30am Tee Times

- Must Be at least 50 Years old to Participate
- 36 Holes of Individual Stroke Play – Blue Tees Senior Overall Champion
- Gross & Net Winners
- No Player of the Year Points Awarded

June

GBCMGA's Red Tee Tournament

Saturday, June 15th - 9:00am Shotgun

- 18 Holes of Individual Stroke Play from the Red Tees
- Single Player of the Year Points Awarded

July

GBCMGA's Red, White & Blue Tournament

Saturday July, 6th - 9:00am Shotgun

- 18 Holes of Individual Stroke Play (6 Holes from the Red Tees, White Tees & Blue Tees)
- Single Player of the Year Points Awarded

August

GBCMGA's Summer Stableford Tournament

Saturday August 24th - 9:00am Shotgun

- 18 Holes of Individual Stableford Play
- Single Player of the Year Points Awarded

September

GBCMGA's Fall Classic Event

Saturday, September 7th - 9:00am Shotgun

- 18 Hole Team Event (10 Stroke Rule for Partners)
- Two Separate 9 Hole formats – Front 9 Best Ball/Back 9 Scramble
- No Player of the Year Points Awarded

October

Golden Bear Club's Fall Men's Member/Guest Tournament

Thursday - Saturday, October 10th- 12th

- 2 Person Team Event (10 Stroke Rule for Partners)
- 5 – 9 Hole Match Play Matches with Shoot-Out
- No Player of the Year Points Awarded

November

GBCMGA's Fall Stableford Tournament

Saturday, November 16th - 9:00am Shotgun

- **18 Holes of Individual Stableford Play with Modified scoring**
- **Single Player of the Year Points Awarded**

December

GBCMGA's Tournament of Champions

Saturday, December 7th - 9:00am Shotgun

- **18 Hole Stroke Play Event on Saturday**
- **Single Player of the Year Points Awarded**
- *Player of the Year Flight Playoff will begin Sunday, December 8th at 11:00am*
- *GBCMGA Dinner, Dancing & Awards will be held in January 2025*

AERIFICATION SCHEDULE

TBD

POINTS AWARDED BY TOURNAMENT PLAYER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Month	Tournament	Points Awarded					
		1 st (A)	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th & Below
Jan	Match Play	200(G)	125	100	75	50	25
		200(N)	125	100	75	50	25
Feb	Member/Member	No POY points awarded					
Mar	Club Championship(B)	400(G)	250	200	150	100	50
		400(N)	250	200	150	100	50
Apr	Masters	200(G)	125	100	75	50	25
		200(N)	125	100	75	50	25
Apr	Men's Spring Member Guest	No POY points awarded					
May	Senior Club Championship	No POY points awarded					
June	Red Tee	200(G)	125	100	75	50	25
		200(N)	125	100	75	50	25
July	Red, White & Blue	200(G)	125	100	75	50	25
		200(N)	125	100	75	50	25
Aug	Summer Stableford	200(G)	125	100	75	50	25
		200(N)	125	100	75	50	25
Sept	Fall Classic	No POY points awarded					
Oct	Fall Men's Member Guest	No POY points awarded					
Nov	Fall Stableford	200(G)	125	100	75	50	25
		200(N)	125	100	75	50	25
Dec	Tournament of Champions	200(G)	125	100	75	50	25
		200(N)	125	100	75	50	25

- (A) If the same player wins both the Gross and Net titles(except for Club Championship), an additional fifty points will be awarded to that player and the Net Winner will only be awarded one hundred and fifty points.
- (B) If the same player wins both the Gross and Net titles, an additional one hundred points will be awarded to that player and the Net winner will only be awarded three hundred points. Therefore, if the winner of the Club Championship wins both the Gross and Net Titles, the Gross winner would be allocated five hundred points and the Net winner would be allocated three hundred points.

(G) denotes Gross Winner
(N) denotes Net Winner

WEEKLY MEN'S GOLF GAMES

Day of Week	Group Name	Start Time	Competition	Contact Person
Sunday	Gold Tees Men's Group II	7:00am 7:30am	High Mixed	Mike Frevola Ed Loos
Monday	Course Closed			
Tuesday	Men's Group I	8:00am	Mixed	Rich Randa
Wednesday	Wallace Golf Royal Wed Cup	2:00pm 2:00pm	Mixed Mixed	Scott Wallace Nestor Saletas
Thursday	Men's Group I Retired Men's Group	8:00am 1:30pm	Mixed Mixed	Rich Randa Nestor Saletas
Friday	Adcock Group	12:30pm	Mixed	Tracy Adcock
Saturday	Men's Group II Silver Tees	7:30am 8:30am	Mixed High	Ed Loos Paul Drogosch

The Golden Bear Club Yardages/Ratings (Men Only)

Tee Name	Yardage	Rating	Slope	Par
Bear	7,192	75.6	144	72
Bear/Silver	6,996	74.7	141	72
Silver	6,839	74.0	139	72
Silver/Blue	6,596	72.5	137	72
Blue	6,374	71.3	133	72
Blue/White	6,128	70.2	130	72
White	5,885	68.7	127	72
White/Red	5,413	66.5	123	72

THE END

