

DOBSON RANCH GOLF ASSOCIATION

By-Laws & Operating Procedures



DRGA Board of Directors

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Article - 1.0 Name:

- 1.1 The name of this organization shall be the "[Dobson Ranch Golf Association](#)" also known as the **DRGA**.

Article - 2.0 Memberships

2.1 Eligibility:

- 2.1.1 Any person who has reached their 18th birthday may become a member of the Association upon payment of annual dues and verification of their Amateur status.
- 2.1.2 Members of the PGA of America so long as their *Classification Status is not A-3".
 - 2.1.2.1 Section A-3 Classification Status of the PGA of America states:
 - 2.1.2.2 Exempt PGA, PGA Tour, PGA Tour Champions, Korn Ferry Tour, LPGA Tour & Symetra Tour Players
- 2.1.3 This membership includes membership into the Arizona Golf Association (AGA), which represents the United States Golf Association (USGA) and which includes an annual "USGA" handicap and a "GHIN" number.
- 2.1.4 Participation in **DRGA** tournaments is allowed when tournament entry requirements have been fulfilled.
- 2.1.5 Any person under the age of 18 may become a member of the "Junior Division" of this Association at no expense (Junior AGA memberships are free of charge). This membership includes an annual USGA GHIN handicap.
 - 2.1.5.1 This "Junior Membership" does not entitle the person to play in **DRGA** events.
 - 2.1.5.2 He/she will be listed as a "Handicap Only" in the "**DRGA** Master Roster"
 - 2.1.5.3 Any person may apply for an annual Handicap Only Membership which includes a USGA GHIN Handicap. This membership does not entitle the person to play in **DRGA** events.

Article - 3.0 Dues:

3.1 Term of Membership & Registration:

- 3.1.1 The **DRGA** yearly tournament season is Dec.1st of the current year thru Dec. 31 of the upcoming year.
- 3.1.2 The two tournaments in December of the current year will count toward the four (4) Major Tournament required qualification rounds.
- 3.1.3 Membership applications must be submitted through the [Arizona Golf Association](#) starting November 1st of the current year for membership in the following year for New Members.

3.2 Renewing and Handicap Only Members:

- 3.2.1 Membership applications for the current **DRGA** season will no longer be accepted as of September 30th of the current membership year.

3.3 For Renewing Members:

- 3.3.1 Annual membership dues for the **DRGA** shall be paid prior to Dec. 31st to take advantage of the early signup discount.
- 3.3.2 Availability of discounted renewal membership dues shall be payable no sooner than November 1st of the current year and shall expire on December 31st of the following year.
- 3.3.3 Annual membership dues shall constitute membership from December 1st of the current year thru December 31st of the upcoming year inclusive, regardless of when paid during any given year.

3.4 For New Members:

- 3.4.1 New Members may participate after December 1st of the current year's tournaments upon receipt of membership application and payment of dues.
- 3.4.2 The Board of Directors shall agree upon changes to the coming year's annual membership dues amount no later than the September Board of Directors meeting.
- 3.4.3 The Arizona Golf Association (AGA) annual membership fee spans the current year December 1st through December 31st of the following year. The **DRGA** annual membership fees are based on Arizona Golf Association (AGA) membership fees and forecasted **DRGA** administration/operating expenses.
- 3.4.4 No Member shall have voting, tournament sign-up or signup participation privileges while delinquent in payment of their dues. If **DRGA** dues are not paid on or before December 31st that member shall be placed on "Inactive" status within the **DRGA**.
- 3.4.5 The Board of Directors may grant "Honorary Membership" to an individual with unanimous approval.
- 3.4.6 The Board of Directors may provide Non-Members the opportunity to purchase an AGA membership for the purpose of establishing or maintaining a current USGA handicap. The cost of this service is identified in the fee schedule above. This is commonly referred to as "Handicap Only".
- 3.4.7 Ring of Honor Members: Members shall receive a lifetime membership and a reserved tee time as well as a USGA/GHIN number if requested.

Table for DRGA Dues Structure:

Membership Type	DRGA Dues 2023	Effective Dates
Membership Type #1 <u>Renewing Member</u>	\$135	October 3, 2022 thru December 31, 2022
Membership Type #2 <u>Renewing Member</u>	\$150	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023
Membership Type #3 <u>New Member</u>	\$145	October 3, 2022 thru December 31, 2022
Membership Type #4 <u>New Member</u>	\$150	January 1, 2023 thru December 31, 2023
Membership Type #5 <u>Handicap Only</u>	\$80	October 3, 2022 thru December 31, 2023
Note: Access to the AGA portal for New Member & Renewal memberships will be available for registration beginning October 3, 2022 at 12pm.		

Article - 4.0 Operating Procedures, Responsibilities & Amendments:

4.1 Elected Officers and Appointed Chairman:

4.1.1 Operating Procedures may be updated at any time. Amendments to the Operating Procedures require a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

4.2 The “President”

- 4.2.1 The “President” of this organization shall be duly elected by membership ballot annually
- 4.2.2 The “President” shall preside at all meetings, act as an ex-officio member of all committees, assume responsibility of the **DRGA** Operating Procedures.
- 4.2.3 The “President” will have signature authority for all **DRGA** banking accounts.
- 4.2.4 The “President” shall establish additional committees when required.
- 4.2.5 Should the office of the “President” become permanently vacant, the “Vice-President” shall become the “President” of the Association through the remainder of the current term.

4.3 The “Vice-President”

- 4.3.1 The “Vice-President” of this organization shall be duly elected by membership ballot annually.
- 4.3.2 The “Vice-President” shall assume the duties of the “President” if absent.
- 4.3.3 The “Vice-President” will have signature authority for all **DRGA** banking accounts.
- 4.3.4 Should the office of “Vice-President” become permanently vacant for any reason, the Board of Directors shall elect from itself a replacement for the remainder of the current term.
- 4.3.5 The “President” shall then appoint a non-elected candidate from the last election to fill the open Director-at-large position.
- 4.3.6 The new director will be the member receiving the next highest number of votes in the last election.
- 4.3.7 The “Vice-President” will assist the Tournament Chairman in the organization and oversight of our Four Majors

4.4 The “Secretary”

- 4.4.1 The “Secretary” of this organization shall be duly elected by membership ballot annually.
- 4.4.2 The “Secretary” shall keep the minutes of all board meetings and general membership meetings.
- 4.4.3 The “Secretary” shall follow-up on all action items from the previous meeting.
- 4.4.4 The “Secretary” will assist the Board with all forms and membership information.
- 4.4.5 The “Secretary” will have signature authority for all **DRGA** Banking accounts.
- 4.4.6 Should the office of “Secretary” become permanently vacant, the Board of Directors shall elect from itself a replacement for the remainder of the term.

4.4.7 The "President" shall then appoint a non-elected candidate from the last election to fill the open Director-at-large position.

4.5 The "Treasurer"

4.5.1 The "Treasurer" shall be appointed by the "President" and require approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

4.5.2 The "Treasurer" will keep a record of all **DRGA** receipts, and an itemized accounting of all disbursements of funds.

4.5.3 The "Treasurer" shall prepare all checks for disbursement of funds.

4.5.4 The "Treasurer" shall be responsible for a "Treasurer's Report" to be presented at each Board of Directors meeting.

4.5.5 This "Treasurer's Report" will include the most recent bank statement and an estimate of funds available for use by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the calendar year in question.

4.5.6 This projection will be designed to assist the Board of Directors in determining how those funds are to be spent. All records will be subject to an audit upon notification of the "President".

4.5.7 The "President" may appoint an Audit Committee at any time. The "Treasurer" SHALL NOT have signature authority for any **DRGA** banking accounts.

4.5.8 Should the office of "Treasurer" become permanently vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled as specified above.

4.5.9 The responsibilities include but not limited to:

4.5.9.1 Keeping a record of all **DRGA** receipts, and an itemized accounting of all disbursements of funds.

4.5.9.2 Preparing all checks for disbursement of funds.

4.5.9.3 Preparing a "Treasurer's" Report to be presented "at each Board of Directors meeting.

4.5.9.4 This "Treasurer's Report" will include the most recent bank statement and an estimate of funds available for use by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the calendar year in question. This projection will be designed to assist the Board of Directors in determining how those funds are to be spent.

4.5.9.5 Providing all records for audit upon notification of the "President".

4.5.9.6 Balancing of checking account available funds.

4.6 "Handicap Chairman"

4.6.1 The "Handicap Chairman" shall be appointed by the "President" and require approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.

4.6.2 The "Handicap Chairman" will be responsible for computing initial and ongoing handicaps for all club members, updating the **DRGA** and AGA handicap databases following each

tournament event, and having such updated handicaps posted as soon as possible thereafter, but prior to the next tournament.

- 4.6.3 The posting of handicap information shall include a posting showing the members last six tournament scores at a minimum.
- 4.6.4 The “Handicap Chairman” preforms tournament handicap validation. The “Handicap Chairman” will be required to have or obtain within a reasonable amount of time as specified by the Board of Directors, USGA/AGA “Handicap Chairman” certification for this position.
- 4.6.5 The “Handicap Chairman” shall also maintain a current membership list with addresses and phone numbers and shall make copies available to the “President”, “Treasurer”, “Handicap Chairman” and Pro Shop.
- 4.6.6 The “Handicap Chairman” will serve as the only official liaison between the AGA and the **DRGA**.
- 4.6.7 Of particular importance is ensuring that **DRGA** and AGA membership totals match, and that the AGA maintains operation of the automated handicap system.
- 4.6.8 This includes covering all costs including computer hardware, software and phone charges.
- 4.6.9 Should the office of “Handicap Chairman” become permanently vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled as specified above.

4.7 “Webmaster”

- 4.7.1 The “Webmaster” shall be appointed by the “President” and require approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 4.7.2 The WEB committee shall consist of the “Webmaster” and a minimum of one additional active member.
- 4.7.3 The “Webmaster” will maintain a website for the membership that will be updated a minimum of twice per month. Minimum content will include sections on club news, tournament results, handicap listings, upcoming events, tee times, and useful web links.
- 4.7.4 The “Webmaster” shall be responsible for sending communications to the Membership as directed by the Board of Directors.
- 4.7.5 Should the office of “Webmaster” become permanently vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled as specified above.
- 4.7.6 “Marketing & Social Media Chairman”
- 4.7.7 The “Marketing & Social Media Chairman” shall be appointed by the “President” and require approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 4.7.8 The Chairman will be responsible for the promotion and implementation of all special events that are approved by the Board of Directors.
- 4.7.9 The Chairman will be responsible for updating the membership through Facebook and any other websites that are connected to the **DRGA**.
- 4.7.10 Should the office of Social Chairman become permanently vacant for any reason, the position shall be filled as specified above.

4.8 “Tournament Chairman”

- 4.8.1 The Tournament Chairman shall be appointed by the “President” and require approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.
- 4.8.2 The “Tournament Chairman” shall be responsible for all tournament events, including the planning, organization, scoring oversight and dispute resolution.

4.9 “Director-at-Large”

- 4.9.1 There shall be six duly elected Directors-at-Large.
- 4.9.2 The Directors are elected to two-year terms, with three to be elected on the odd years and three on the even years.
- 4.9.3 The Directors-at-Large, under the guidance of the “President”, shall ensure that the committee chairman’s and committees’ function properly, ensure all **DRGA** debts are paid, be responsible to assist committee chairman’s where needed, and govern club activities and functions in general.
 - 4.9.3.1 Exceptions to this would be those procedures where a change would require a membership vote.
- 4.9.4 The “Directors-at-Large” shall also call a general membership meeting at least once per year or when deemed necessary.
- 4.9.5 Should a “Director-at-Large” position become permanently vacant for any reason, the “President” shall appoint a non-elected candidate from the last election.
- 4.9.6 The new Director will be the member receiving the next highest number of votes in the last election.
 - 4.9.6.1 Should that member not accept the position, the “President” will continue through the list of non-elected candidates until a non-elected candidate accepts the appointment and is approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors.
 - 4.9.6.2 Should no non-elected candidate accept appointment, the “President” shall select for consideration any member at large to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term.
 - 4.9.6.3 This selection by the “President” will however require approval of a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors. Election results shall become part of the “Secretary’s” minutes at the following board meeting.

4.10 Voting Privileges:

- 4.10.1 The Board of Directors with voting privileges shall consist of the above duly elected or appointed officers, including the “President”, “Vice-President”, “Secretary” and six (6) Directors at Large.
- 4.10.2 Should a “Director-at-Large” hold an appointed position, they shall still only have one vote.
- 4.10.3 All appointed members on the Board shall have one vote. This includes the following:
- 4.10.4 “Treasurer”

- 4.10.5 "Webmaster" and his/her assistant
- 4.10.6 "Handicap Chairman" and his/her assistant
- 4.10.7 Social Chairman
- 4.10.8 Tournament Chairman

Article - 5.0 Dismissal Procedure - Appointed Chairman

- 5.1** The "President" shall call an Executive Session where the "President" will present the case to recommend the termination of responsibilities for a particular appointment. The elected members of the Board of Directors will vote to support or not support the "President's" recommendation. A simple majority of the BOD's present will constitute the decision.
- 5.2** All conversations during the Executive Session shall remain confidential and shall not be divulged outside of the session.
- 5.3** The "President" shall be responsible to deliver the results of the Executive Session to the principle of the session.
- 5.4** The "President" or a member of the BOD will call for an Executive Session where the "President" or a member of the BOD will present the case to recommend the termination of responsibilities of a member of the BOD. The elected members of the board of directors will vote to support or not support the recommendation. A 2/3 majority of the BOD's present will constitute the decision.
- 5.5** The Executive Session will include all elected members of the **DRGA** Board of Directors. The subject of the Executive Session shall not be invited to the session.
- 5.6** All conversations during the Executive Session shall remain confidential and shall not be divulged outside of the session.
- 5.7** The "President" shall be responsible to deliver the results of the Executive Session to the principle of the session.

Article - 6.0 Meetings:

- 6.1** A General membership meeting shall be held at a minimum of once a year in October. The “Webmaster” shall e-mail a notice to each member, or post a notice in the Pro Shop, at a minimum of one week before said meeting.
- 6.2** The business reviewed at all meetings of the club shall be at a minimum: Call to Order, General Membership Presentations, Pro Shop Business, Approval of the Minutes of the Preceding Meeting, Report from the “Treasurer”, Unfinished Business, New Business, and Adjournment.
- 6.2.1 Members wishing to secure a spot on the agenda to present questions or proposals to the Board must plan at least one week in advance of the meeting by contacting the Club “President” or “Secretary”.
- 6.3** The Board of Directors shall meet once a month during each calendar year at a time and place to be fixed by the “President”. The “President” shall contact each member of the Board of Directors at least five days prior to the meeting.
- 6.3.1 General members who wish to address the board must contact the Club “President” or “Secretary” at least one week prior to the meeting to secure a place on the agenda.
- 6.3.2 The meetings are open to all **DRGA** members unless an executive session is called for by the “President”.
- 6.4** The “President”, or any two members of the Board of Directors, may call a special meeting of the Board of Directors at any time, provided the “Secretary” has notified each member of the Board of Directors.
- 6.4.1 A notice of said meeting stating the business to be brought before the Directors must be e-mailed or a telephone confirmation received, at least five days prior to said meeting.
- 6.4.2 Six voting members of the Board of Directors shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of said Board of Directors.
- 6.4.3 Robert’s Rules of Order Revised, shall be the final authority as to parliamentary procedure at all meetings of the members, insofar as they do not conflict with a provision of the By-laws.

Article - 7.0 Elections:

- 7.1 Election Guidelines:**
- 7.1.1 A candidate can only run for one elected position per election.
- 7.1.2 Should an existing member of the board who is not due for election decide to run for a different position, they will be required to vacate their present position if elected to the new position.
- 7.1.2.1 Should they not be elected they will be allowed to continue in their current position for the remainder of their term.

- 7.1.3 In the event of a tie in the membership vote for any elected position, the tie will be settled by a majority vote of the incumbent Officers and Board of Directors at the December BOD's meeting.
 - 7.1.3.1 This will be a sealed vote counted during the December BOD meeting and the results announced by the DGRA election committee.
 - 7.1.3.2 Board member terms in office begin on January 1 and end on December 31.

7.2 Election Procedure:

- 7.2.1 **DRGA** "Webmaster" will email members about running for the board by September 30th of the current year.
 - 7.2.1.1 Members in good standing that wish to run for an open position on the board need to email the **DRGA** "Secretary" by October 15th of the current year regarding their intent to run and for what position.
- 7.2.2 The **DRGA** "Secretary" will request biographies from the candidates upon receiving confirmation of their running for an elected position.
- 7.2.3 The **DRGA** "Secretary" will prepare the Ballot Forms prior to the November BOD meeting and distribute by email to the Board for review at our scheduled board meeting.
- 7.2.4 Once approved, the **DRGA** "Secretary" will print Ballots for the First Tee. An electronic version will be forwarded to the election committee for distribution to the members.
- 7.2.5 The **DRGA** "Secretary" will send biographies received to the **DRGA** "Webmaster" for distribution via e-mail.
- 7.2.6 The **DRGA** "Webmaster" will prepare an updated roster for the Pro Shops use in tracking Members submitting ballots.
- 7.2.7 Ballots will be delivered to the Membership via email on or before the second Monday in November. Members may vote anytime from the 2nd Monday in November until 3rd Friday in November at 6pm.
 - 7.2.7.1 Members may vote on the first tee on Saturday of the last Major event for the current year up until the last tee time.
- 7.2.8 The Pro Shop will check off Members' names submitting Ballots on the First Tee on Saturday.
- 7.2.9 Once the last group has teed off on Saturday, the Pro Shop will count the Ballots and deliver a tally sheet to the **DRGA** "Secretary" for submission to the board. These Votes will be combined with the electronic votes for tabulation.

Article - 8.0 Policies:

8.1 Expulsion of a Member:

- 8.1.1 The Officers and Board of Directors shall have the right by a 2/3 majority vote, to expel from the **DRGA** any member whose conduct, activities, or attitude does not promote integrity or good sportsmanship.

8.1.2 Any member having playing privileges revoked by golf course management shall automatically lose membership rights.

8.1.3 The expelled player shall forfeit any fees for membership.

8.2 End of Year Distribution of Funds:

8.2.1 It will be the intent of the **DRGA** that all funds are to be distributed by December 31st of the current fiscal year.

8.2.1.1 Any overage or shortage shall be made available to the Board of Directors at the January meeting in the following year to determine where the miscellaneous funds will be disbursed in the next fiscal year.

8.3 Expiration of Checks Outstanding issued by the DRGA:

8.3.1 There will be a 90-day statute of limitations enforced from date of issue on any checks written that are outstanding from the **DRGA**. After the 90-day period, a written notification will go out to the individual instructing them to cash the check or have a new check reissued. If no response is received 14 days after the notification, the check will expire worthless. Should the loss of the check be due to member negligence, they will be responsible for all costs associated with the reissue.

8.4 Bad Check Policy:

8.4.1 Upon receipt of notice from the bank of a check being returned, the **DRGA** "Treasurer", Club "President" or "Secretary" will notify the member of a \$50 service charge being added to the amount of the original check.

8.4.2 A money order will then be required from the member in question to replace the original check with the service charge included.

8.4.3 Until such time that the check amount and service charge has been collected, the offending member will be placed on probation, and will not be permitted to enter any future events.

8.4.4 Should the club receive a second bad check from the same individual the **DRGA** will require that the offending member produce a money order for all future transactions with the **DRGA** for the remainder of the individual's membership.

8.4.5 The **DRGA** mailing list will be used for **DRGA BUSINESS ONLY** and will under no circumstances be distributed for solicitation.

8.5 Bank Account:

8.5.1 The **DRGA** will maintain a bank account for the intake and disbursement of funds. Signature Authority for any **DRGA** banking account will rest with the "President", "Vice-President", and "Secretary".

8.5.1.1 Management of the account will rest with the "Treasurer". The "Treasurer" will not however have signature authority over any **DRGA** banking account.

8.6 Advertising:

8.6.1 All advertising using **DRGA** resources shall be golf related and must be presented to the "Webmaster" for consideration.

- 8.6.1.1 The “Webmaster” will then present the proposal and it must be approved by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

8.7 Etiquette: Behavior on the Course:

- 8.7.1 The overriding principle is that consideration should always be shown to others on the course.
- 8.7.2 Golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules.
- 8.7.3 All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship always. Abusive or foul language directed toward other players or any golf course staff member or employee will not be tolerated.
- 8.7.4 Club throwing and disregard for the safety of others will be subject to disciplinary action. In the case of a serious breach of etiquette, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 33-7.
- 8.7.5 If a player consistently disregards these guidelines during a round or over a period to the detriment of others, the offending player will be subject to appropriate disciplinary action based upon **DRGA** Board approval.
- 8.7.6 This could include the maximum penalty of having their membership cancelled immediately without refund.
- 8.7.7 This is justifiable in terms of protecting the interests of most golfers who wish to play in accordance with these guidelines

8.8 Guests During DRGA Events

- 8.8.1 With the exception of serving as a player’s caddy, children under the age of 16 are prohibited from accompanying members during **DRGA** sponsored tournaments. Required caddy responsibilities would include at a minimum physically carrying or pulling the player’s bag for the full 18 holes.
- 8.8.2 Scoring:
 - 8.8.2.1 The Pro Shop representative responsible for scoring a **DRGA** tournament will be responsible for the creating and maintaining the scoreboards, scoring the tournament, and ensuring accurate results. Compensation shall be \$150 per day as taken from the tournament entry fees.
- 8.8.3 First Tee:
 - 8.8.3.1 The Pro Shop representative responsible for the first tee will be responsible for explaining any format or rules changes, indicating when it is the members turn to begin play, and marking the start time on the players score card. Compensation shall be \$75 per day as taken from the tournament entry fees.

Article - 9.0 Standing Committees:

9.1 The Tournament Committee:

- 9.1.1 The Tournament Committee shall consist of the Tournament Chairman and two Board Members as selected by the Tournament Chairman. The Tournament Chairmen shall be the Chairman of this Committee. The Tournament Chairman shall have charge of all club tournaments. Responsibilities include:
- 9.1.2 Arbitrating all time penalties, scoring and rules disputes in conjunction with committee members.
- 9.1.3 Posting of the distribution of tournament funds prior to noon the day of the tournament.
- 9.1.4 Confirmation of official results by 6 p.m. the Wednesday following the tournament.
- 9.1.5 Posting of results to the Pro Shop no later than 12 noon on the Saturday or Sunday immediately following a tournament. Results to be posted include:
- 9.1.6 Winnings from all flights for gift certificate distribution.
- 9.1.7 Winnings from **DRGA** Board Sponsored games.
- 9.1.8 Closest to Pin Results:
 - 9.1.8.1 Posting a Leading Money Winners List at least once per month on the Website.
 - 9.1.8.2 Calendar: On an annual basis setting the dates for the coming year in conjunction with the Pro Shop representative.
 - 9.1.8.3 The number of events each year is defined as a minimum of two per month excluding October where no events are scheduled.
 - 9.1.8.4 This totals to a minimum of 22 events per year. This includes four two-day Major Tournaments.

9.2 The Handicap Committee:

- 9.2.1 The Handicap Committee shall consist of the "Handicap Chairman" and a minimum of one additional active member. The "Handicap Chairman" as needed may appoint additional members.
- 9.2.2 The committee shall, always keep records and establish handicaps for its members in accordance with the United States Golf Association (USGA), Arizona Golf Association (AGA), and the **DRGA** Tournament Handicap System, as specified by the **DRGA** Board of Directors.
- 9.2.3 Handicaps and records shall be posted on the **DRGA** website "drgagolf.com" and will be made available upon request of the Board of Directors or the general membership.

9.3 Established Members Handicaps:

- 9.3.1 For all tournaments supervised by the **DRGA**, an established member's handicap shall be calculated based on the best three (3) of the members latest six (6) tournament scores in **DRGA** events where the member is required to play their own ball to completion on each hole. This excludes scramble, best ball and like events.

9.4 New Members without a previous DRGA handicap:

- 9.4.1 For all tournaments supervised by the **DRGA**, new members will be required to provide an active/inactive GHIN number. If unavailable, other sources for establishing a handicap are the 50 Club at Dobson Ranch, other affiliated Clubs or “games” not affiliated with the USGA. Example, the Friday game at Dobson Ranch.
- 9.4.2 A minimum of 3 scores and tees utilized at Dobson Ranch Golf Course or as a last resort, 3 scores including tees played, from other golf courses which will be used for calculating an initial fair and competitive handicap.
- 9.4.3 New member handicaps will then be calculated per the schedule shown below. Until six (6) qualifying tournament scores are recorded. **Procedures for establishing DRGA handicaps:**
- 9.4.4 Gross Scores: For all tournaments supervised by the **DRGA**, no restrictions will be applied to new member’s gross scores, however, net scores will be governed by the policy below.

9.5 Net Handicapping Guidelines:

- 9.5.1 **NOTE:** The minimum Net score for the first six (6) **DRGA** events is 68
- 9.5.2 USGA Member - Sanctioned Away Tournaments
- 9.5.3 Active or Inactive USGA/GHIN membership is acceptable.
- 9.5.4 5% rule applies on Net side for the first six (6) events.
- 9.5.5 Verify 3 or more (max of 8) away tournament scores in the past 12 months:
- 9.5.6 Establishing Permanent Handicap:

9.6 1st Round – No DRGA Rounds Recorded

- 9.6.1 Use the 1 of 3 lowest “Away” score to establish “Initial Player Handicap”
- 9.6.2 Calculate the “Player Handicap” as per USGA guidelines.
- 9.6.3 All “Away” scores will have a posting date of 09/30/20XX of the prior season, so the scores are not mixed with current year official **DRGA** scores.

9.7 2nd Round – One (1) DRGA Round Recorded

- 9.7.1 Determine 2 lowest “Away” scores of the initial 3 used, delete the highest “Away” score. Using the 1 **DRGA** score as one of the three scores, calculate “Player Handicap” using the best 1 of 3 scores.
- 9.7.2 The new member’s net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule).

9.8 3rd Round – Two (2) DRGA Rounds Recorded

- 9.8.1 Determine the lowest “Away Score” of the initial 2 remaining “Away Scores”, delete the highest “Away Score”. Using the 2 **DRGA** scores as two of the three scores.
- 9.8.2 Calculate “Player Handicap” using the one lowest score of the 3. (Best 1 of 3 scores).
- 9.8.3 The new member’s net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule)

9.9 4th Round – Three (3) DRGA Rounds Recorded

- 9.9.1 With 3 **DRGA** scores posted the last remaining “Away Score” will remain in the members record until 6 **DRGA** scores have been posted at which time the last “Away Score” will be deleted from the members record.
- 9.9.2 Utilizing the 3 **DRGA** tournament scores and the one remaining “Away Score”, calculate the “Player Handicap” using the two lowest scores of the 4. (Best 2 of 4 scores).
- 9.9.3 The new member’s net tournat score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule).

9.10 5th Round – Four (4) DRGA Rounds Recorded

- 9.10.1 With 4 **DRGA** scores and the one remaining “Away Score” posted, calculate “Player Handicap” for the “Best 2 of 5” Scores.
- 9.10.2 The new member’s net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule).

9.11 6th Round – Five (5) DRGA Rounds Recorded

- 9.11.1 For the 5 **DRGA** scores and the one remaining “Away Score” posted, calculate “Handicap Index” and “Player Handicap” for the “Best 3 of 6” scores.
- 9.11.2 The new member’s net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule).

9.12 7th Round – Six (6) DRGA Rounds Recorded

- 9.12.1 With 6 **DRGA** scores now recorded the members **DRGA** handicap is now established, and the 5% rule is removed.
- 9.12.2 The last remaining “Away Score” can now be deleted from the member’s record.

9.13 USGA Member – Casual Rounds Only

- 9.13.1 5% rule applies on net side for the first 6 events.
- 9.13.2 Verify 3 or more (max of 8) away scores in the past 12 months.
- 9.13.3 Initial away “Player Handicap” will be used for 1st **DRGA** event.
- 9.13.4 Calculate “Handicap Index” and use lowest 3 of last 8 casual rounds to calculate initial player handicap.
- 9.13.5 Utilize the guidelines above for 1st thru 7th rounds above to calculate this “Player Handicap” for each subsequent tournament.
- 9.13.6 Once 6 **DRGA** scores are established, the player now has an official **DRGA** handicap, and the 5% rule is removed.

9.14 Non-USGA/AGA Member (No Affiliation) – Casual Rounds

- 9.14.1 5% rule applies on net side for the first 6 events.
- 9.14.2 Initial Handicap will be calculated based upon good faith scores of the new member. Primarily interested in scores when playing Dobson Ranch
- 9.14.3 Calculate “Handicap Index” using as many scores as can be recalled at Dobson Ranch. If 6 scores are available, use all 6.
- 9.14.4 Failing scores from Dobson, use scores from any courses he/she recalls.

- 9.14.5 Attempt to get a minimum of 3 scores including course rating and slope – Determine “Handicap Index” from one best of those scores and utilize the Handicap Index” to determine initial “Player Handicap.”
- 9.14.6 Initial “Player Handicap” will be used for the 1st **DRGA** event.
- 9.14.7 Utilize the guidelines above for 1st thru 7th rounds above to calculate the “Player Handicap” for each subsequent tournament.
- 9.14.8 Once 6 **DRGA** scores are established, the player now has an official **DRGA** handicap, and the 5% rule is removed.

Article - 10.0 Tournament Signup Procedures:

10.1 Event Registration & Online Signup System

- 10.1.1 For a particular Individual Net/Gross tournament, the tournament registration opens on Monday two (2) weeks prior to the tournament at 5am.
Example – If the tournament date is Saturday, Jan 30th, the registration for that tournament opens at 5am, Monday, Jan. 10th.
- 10.1.2 Tournament registration closes on the last Sunday prior to the tournament date at 5pm.
- 10.1.3 In the above example, the January 30th tournament will close registrations on Jan. 23rd at 5pm.

10.2 Dobson Cup:

- 10.2.1 For the Dobson Cup, tournament registration opens on Monday two (2) weeks prior to the tournament at 5am for all members with 13 or greater **DRGA** events including all major rounds played.
- 10.2.2 The RTD column in the Handicap Roster Reports posted on the **DRGA** website only indicates total official **DRGA** rounds and does not include rounds from majors where scores for unofficial rounds such as scrambles, best balls are not entered into your official handicap record.
- 10.2.3 Prior to the season ending Dobson Cup, the “Handicap Chairman” will compute the Total Rounds to date including unofficial rounds and publish that rollup to the Tournament Chairman and “Webmaster”. It will also be posted on the official tee sheet on the **DRGA** website.
- 10.2.4 Members with <13 **DRGA** rounds and new members for the upcoming season may register for the Dobson Cup beginning Wednesday at 12pm following the Monday opening of registration for the remaining open tee times.

10.3 Single Signup:

- 10.3.1 A member may sign up for the next tournament by going to the **DRGA** website (<http://www.drgagolf.com>) and completing the online sign up for the preferred date.
 - 10.3.1.1 Required – Tee Time Preference
 - 10.3.1.2 Tee Time Preference is mandatory for each player.
 - 10.3.1.3 Click on “Pay Registration” for (Member) now.

10.3.1.4 Opening and closing dates will be shown on the signup form.

10.4 Sign Up & Pay For 2 – 4 Members:

10.4.1 A member may sign up for the next tournament by going to the **DRGA** website (<http://www.drgagolf.com>) and completing the online sign up for the preferred date.

10.4.1.1 Member signing up a group must enter his/her name first.

10.4.1.2 Tee Time Preference is mandatory for each player.

10.4.1.3 Click on “Pay Registration” for (Member) now.

10.4.1.4 Opening and closing dates will be shown on the signup form.

10.4.1.5 A member may sign up to 4 players for the next tournament.

10.4.1.6 Members will receive an invoice via E-mail and their Credit/Debit card will be charged.

10.4.1.7 Signup & Email Payment Request to Other Members

10.5 Withdrawing From a Tournament – Refund Policy:

10.5.1 A member may withdraw from a Tournament before the Tournament Closing date and receive a full refund.

10.5.2 If a member withdraws after the Tournament has closed, they will only receive a refund if they are replaced in the tournament.

Article - 11.0 Tournament Disputes Process:

11.1 The “Tournament Disputes Process” has been instituted to allow members the opportunity to challenge issues affecting the outcome of the tournament or for the good of the Club.

11.2 A Dispute must be made to the **DRGA** Board of Directors immediately once the dispute becomes known.

11.3 The Tournament Committee members will review all the data and render their decision to the Committee Chairman as soon as possible but no later than 6pm Tuesday after the Tournament.

11.4 The Chairman shall notify the players of the Committee's decision by noon on Wednesday after the tournament.

11.5 This decision shall be final.

Article - 12.0 Tournament Scoring & Final Results:

12.1 Scoring:

12.1.1 Score cards will be signed by an opponent and attested by the player.

12.1.2 Not doing so will be grounds for disqualification.

12.1.3 If a player arrives at the tee box late but is within 5 minutes of the assigned tee time, the player incurs a 2-stroke penalty.

12.1.4 After the 5-minute allowance the player is disqualified.

- 12.1.5 The Pro Shop Professional on duty during a **DRGA** tournament will be responsible for all decisions concerning the “Rules of Golf”.
- 12.1.6 The Tournament Chairman shall arbitrate all scoring and rules disputes in conjunction with the Board of Directors.
- 12.1.7 All tournament results are final at 6:00 pm on the Wednesday following the tournament.
- 12.1.8 Score card playoffs will only be used for last place in a flight.
- 12.1.9 Procedure shall be best score, net or gross depending upon the category being considered by USGA procedures.
- 12.1.10 The way funds collected for a tournament are distributed shall be posted on the day of the tournament.

12.2 Payouts:

- 12.2.1 The payout for all **DRGA** events shall adhere to the following criteria as defined by the Tournament Chairman:
- 12.2.2 The prime directive is that each event be self-funding and that all expenses must be covered by that event’s entry fees.
- 12.2.3 Expenses that must be covered are greens fees, tournament scorer, first tee support personnel, closest to the pin prize money, gross and net gift certificates, and collections for the Annual Awards Event.
- 12.2.4 Included in our Major 2-day events each player will receive a food and beverage gift card.
- 12.2.5 The only prizes that do not get paid out of tournament entry fees are the \$200.00 bonus prizes for our Club Champion/President Cup winners and the \$200.00 Hole-In-One Bonus.
- 12.2.6 At a minimum, the prize payout shall include 25% of the participants in each event. However, the target payout shall be between 30% and 35% of the field.
- 12.2.7 First Place shall be no less than \$100 in gift certificates per person per day in regular events and \$200 per person in “Major Team” events. Each place to follow shall be paid out in declining amounts.
- 12.2.8 Once the above criteria have been met, the Tournament Chairman is responsible to manage the Annual Awards Fund. The Awards Fund is granted at the beginning of the year a \$2000.00 beginning balance from the General Fund. The targeted budget for this event is between \$7500.00 and \$8500.00.
- 12.2.9 At the discretion of the Tournament Chairman, the accumulation to this account cannot be less than \$0 or more than \$500 from any one event. The Tournament Chairman will publish to the Board of Directors at each monthly meeting the current balance in this fund and a record of the per event accumulation.
- 12.2.10 Each tournament round will include \$50 closest to the pin prizes on each of the five Par 3 holes. All Winners will receive a check for \$50.

12.3 Calcutta:

- 12.3.1 The **DRGA** will only accept checks for the purchase of teams. Payment to the winning teams will be mailed out by check on the Monday following the receipt of all funds and finalized

results. Hole-In-One: Any member who records a hole-in-one during a **DRGA** event will receive a \$200 cash bonus.

12.3.2 Gift Certificates: Gift Certificates may be used anywhere on the golf course.

12.3.3 The only exception is that the certificates may not be used for Tournament entry Fees, Cart Fees on Tournament Days and Membership Fees.

12.4 Skins:

12.4.1 Individual Events:

12.4.1.1 The pro shop will collect a voluntary skins game for each event. The cost will be \$10 for gross skins and \$10 net skins.

12.4.1.2 For net skins, the maximum number of shots that can be used from a member's handicap will be one per hole.

12.4.2 Team Events:

12.4.2.1 The pro shop will collect a voluntary skins game for each event. The cost will be \$10 for gross skins and \$10 net skins for the TEAM.

12.4.2.2 For net skins, the maximum number of shots that can be used from a member's handicap will be one per hole. Partners cannot cancel each other out in the team skins game.

12.4.2.3 The player that wins a "Skin" will be paid and it is up to the two players to decide if the "Skin" will be split (true team skin) or not. In the case where both players score the same and earn a "Skin", the "Skin" will be divided evenly.

Article - 13.0 Slow Play Policy:

13.1 Pro Shop Responsibilities:

13.1.1 The Pro-Shop representative on the first tee box will mark one scorecard with the foursome's departing time.

13.1.2 A time clock will be placed in a designated area between the ninth green and the tenth tee. At the completion of the front nine holes and the completion of the back nine holes, each group is required to "punch in" their time on the designated scorecard.

13.1.3 The "Clock" should be punched after the last player in the group has holed out and the flag has been replaced.

13.1.4 The Pro Shop will monitor the card stamping procedure to ensure compliance with this policy.

13.2 Players Responsibility:

13.2.1 All disputes must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Committee in accordance with Article 11.

13.2.2 Players are expected to play "ready golf". This simply means if your shot is not going to interfere by sight, sound, or safety of another player, proceed to hit.

13.2.3 It is the responsibility of all members of each foursome to monitor their time.

13.2.4 If a player(s) within a foursome is exceedingly slow, the other foursome members must encourage faster play to avoid a foursome penalty.

13.2.5 All foursome members bear responsibility for the scorecard being punched properly.

13.3 Time Penalties:

13.3.1 Standard Time = 4 Hours 12 Minutes

13.3.2 The starting time for the round shall be written on the groups scorecard(s) at the beginning of the round by the starter and the scorecard shall be stamped by the group after the completion of the Front Nine (#9) and the Back Nine (#18).

13.3.3 No penalties will be assessed if the round is completed within 4 hours and 12 minutes indicated by a clock punch of 4 hours and 12 minutes or less. Should the group finish the round in 4 hours and 13 minutes or more, as indicated by a clock punch of 4 hours 13 minutes or more, penalties will be assessed to each member of the foursome in the following manner should the proscribed intervals be exceeded:

13.3.4 Finishing 16 or more minutes behind the previous foursome on the front nine = 2 stroke penalty.

13.3.5 Finishing 16 or more minutes behind the previous foursome on the back nine = 2 stroke penalty.

13.3.6 A clock punch of 15 minutes or less per nine shall incur no penalty and a clock punch of 16 minutes or more per nine shall incur a penalty of 2 strokes for each nine on which it occurs.

13.3.7 Punching the scorecard before the last foursome member has putted out and the hole has been completed = 2 stroke penalty for each nine on which it occurs.

13.3.8 Failing to punch the scorecard = 2 stroke penalty.

13.4 Team Events:

13.4.1 During team play events, the maximum penalty per nine holes will be two shots per team.

13.4.2 Player in Wrong Fairway or Wrong Green:

13.4.3 A player on Hole #9 has the "right of way" before any player on Hole #1.

13.4.4 A player on Hole #8 has the "right of way" before any player on Hole #11.

13.4.5 A player on Hole #18 has the "right of way" before any player on Hole #10.

Article - 14.0 Tournament Formats:

14.1 DRGA Tournaments are 'Flighted' Events.

14.1.1 Flights are comprised of players with like handicaps. With the intent of equal division amongst the playing field, players with the same handicap could end up in different Flights.

14.1.1.1 The determining factor for the split in Flights is the decimal point of the player's handicap index, with the higher value going into the higher flight.

14.1.1.2 Exceptions to this policy are Major Tournaments where all teams or individuals with like handicaps will play within the same flight.

14.1.2 On the first day of such events, teams or individuals will be grouped in order of increasing handicap within a flight.

14.1.3 On the second day of such events, teams or individuals will be grouped based on the previous days score, with the leaders teeing off last.

14.1.4 Individuals or teams who finished last on the first day may be moved to ensure that the leaders of a flight play

14.2 Individual Gross / Net:

14.2.1 A Player plays his/her own ball through the entire 18 Hole round according to USGA and **DRGA** local rules.

14.2.2 Prizes are awarded for lowest GROSS scores and lowest NET scores within each tournament flight. These types of tournaments are Major qualifying events.

14.3 All Team Events:

14.3.1 Two Person team event with a maximum of eight (8) stroke differential between team members. If the stroke difference exceeds 8 then the player with the higher handicap will have their handicap adjusted down to meet the requirement.

14.3.2 Tournament results will be based on the net score only.

14.3.3 1st Flight maximum combined team handicap is 12 strokes.

14.3.4 Prizes are awarded for lowest NET scores within each tournament flight. A score card playoff will break all ties for 1st Place.

14.4 Person Combined Gross / Net:

14.4.1 Each team player plays their own ball through the entire 18 hole round according to USGA rules and **DRGA** local rules. Their scores are added together for a total team score.

14.4.2 Prizes are awarded for lowest GROSS scores and lowest NET scores within each tournament flight.

14.4.3 These types of tournaments are Major qualifying events.

14.5 Two Person Modified Alternate Shot:

14.5.1 Each player will tee off and then select the best shot. The player who did not hit the selected shot will then hit the next shot; the shots will continue to alternate until the ball is holed. Once the tee shot has been selected that ball will be the ball "in play" throughout the completion of that hole, with no lifting or replacement of ball permitted unless defined under the rules of golf.

14.6 Two-Person Four Play:

14.6.1 Tournament results will be based on the net score only. This event will consist of four separate nine-hole segments spread over two days. Formats will include a Scramble, Modified Alternate Shot, Better Ball and Combined Net (both balls count).

14.6.2 1st Flight maximum combined team handicap is 12 strokes.

14.6.3 Prizes are awarded for lowest NET scores within each tournament flight.

14.7 Better (best) Ball –

- 14.7.1 A golf competition format consisting of two-person teams where each partner plays his/her own golf ball on each hole. Teams will compete against the field, within their flight, using the better NET score of the two players.
- 14.7.2 Scoring should include both GROSS scores on the team's scorecard. A third score will be the shown as the best ball NET score.
- 14.7.3 Should a player "pick up" and not finish a hole, an "X" will be shown as his/her GROSS score. As long as one team member can post a score, the other player need not finish the hole.
- 14.7.4 Because there are two (2) players on each team, one player can be penalized without the other player being affected. However, time penalties will affect the team.

14.8 Scramble Events –

- 14.8.1 Both players tee off and then select the better ball on each shot.
- 14.8.2 Except for on the green, the selected ball may be marked and replaced by both players within 1 scorecard (lengthwise) from the original marked position.
- 14.8.3 On the green the scorecard distance does NOT apply.
- 14.8.4 All putts must be puttied as close to the original chosen position as possible. Additional clarification of the Rules will be provided on the 1st tee.

14.9 Calculation of Handicaps

- 14.9.1 The calculation of handicaps for a 2-person scramble is as follows:
- 14.9.2 Utilize the Members Course Handicap based upon Dobson Ranch Blue Tee ratings of:
 - 14.9.2.1 Course Rating – 71.1
 - 14.9.2.2 Course Slope – 123
 - 14.9.2.3 Par – 72
- 14.9.3 If there is a decimal due to the averaging, Round it to the nearest whole number.
 - 14.9.3.1 An example is: 5.5 handicap = a 6 handicap
- 14.9.4 Apply the 35% allowance based upon the format of play
- 14.9.5 If the calculation results in a fractional number, leave the decimal number as part of the handicap.

Example: A 'plus' handicap player is identified with a '+' symbol...a player with an assignment on the 'normal' side of scratch is simply listed with the raw Handicap value. This scenario was based upon play at Dobson Ranch, Back Tee set (71.1/123/72) with 35% being used for both players:

Team A: Player 1 - (+2.0 Handicap), Player 2 - (4.0 Handicap)

Team Handicap for the round equals: $+2.0 + 4.0 = 2.0 \times 35\% = 0.7$ Strokes

Team B: Player 1 – (14.0 Handicap), Player 2 – (22.0 Handicap)

Team Handicap for the round equals: $14.0 + 22.0 = 36 \times .35\% = 12.6$ Strokes

14.10 Club Championship –

- 14.10.1 The format will be a two-day individual gross and net event. The player recording the lowest Gross score for the tournament regardless of flight will determine the “Club Champion”.
- 14.10.2 The player recording the lowest NET score for the tournament regardless of flight will determine the “President’s Cup” winner.
- 14.10.3 Prizes are awarded for lowest GROSS scores and lowest NET scores within each tournament flight.
- 14.10.4 Winners will be determined by an on-course playoff when possible.

Article - 15.0 Major Tournament Qualifying Eligibility:

15.1 General Guidelines:

15.1.1 Definition of a “Qualifying Tournament”

15.1.1.1 **"A qualifying tournament is an event where your score counts towards your handicap"**

- 15.1.2 There shall be four, two-day Major Tournaments per year. The Spring Shootout, Club Championship, Fall Classic and Two-Man Four Play.
- 15.1.3 Eligible members shall have played in a minimum of three (3) qualifying tournaments Shootout during that current calendar year. Each of these tournaments will count as two (2) qualifying rounds for eligibility into the Dobson Cup.
- 15.1.4 The maximum handicap differential of 8 shots will apply to a player’s adjusted handicap.
- 15.1.5 Each board member can reserve a spot in each tournament for themselves and one guest. The exception to this will be the Club Championship, when only a spot for the Board member will be made available.

15.2 Dobson Cup:

- 15.2.1 The Annual Awards tournament will hereby be named the Dobson Cup. Any member in good standing that has played in a minimum of 13 tournaments from December 1st to October 1st will qualify to play in the Dobson Cup.
- 15.2.2 Player of The Year: The Player award will go the member that earns the most money from tournament earnings and Closest to the pins.
- 15.2.3 Leading Money Winner: The Player award will go the member that earns the most money from tournament earnings, skins and closest to the pin.

Article - 16.0 Local Rules:

16.1 Distances Finders –

16.1.1 Players can use devices that measure distance only.

16.2 Dress Code –

16.2.1 We strongly encourage all players to wear appropriate golf attire. It is our recommendation that tailored shorts or pants and a shirt with a collar and sleeves be considered.

16.3 Water Hazards –

16.3.1 All lakes, creeks and their concrete banks or lining are played as a penalty area at all times.

16.4 Pump House on #10 and #18 –

16.4.1 Nearest relief is given for swing and stance only.

16.5 Block Retaining Walls (#8 Green, #9 Tee box) –

16.5.1 Nearest relief for swing and stance.

16.6 Maintenance Area –

16.6.1 The maintenance area located between Hole #9 and Hole #10 is out of bounds as defined by white stakes.

16.7 Course Perimeter walls/gates –

16.7.1 No relief is provided, with the exception of Rule 24 (Obstructions such as sprinklers or irrigation control equipment affecting swing or stance.

16.7.2 For safety reasons, any ball that comes to rest placing the starter's shade canopy in the direct line of sight of the green or impacts stance or swing, the player shall be provided a free drop at the nearest relief, no nearer the hole.

EXCEPTION - Should the ball come to rest against or adjacent to the perimeter wall, the ball shall be deemed unplayable. The player must drop at the nearest point of relief and incur a one stroke penalty.

16.7.3 The retaining wall at the ends of the tunnel defines out of bounds.

16.8 Range Balls –

16.8.1 Taking stance and hitting range balls on the course during play is not allowed and is subject to a two-stroke penalty.

16.9 Out of Bounds – Holes #9 and #10

16.9.1 Hole #9: The stakes have been moved closer to the cart path. Out of Bounds is defined by these stakes which means that any ball left of the cart path will likely be Out of Bounds. There will no longer be drop areas as Left of the green and behind the green will be staked for out of bounds. We strongly encourage you to hit a Provisional ball as per USGA Rules if you do not see where your shot finishes.

16.9.2 Hole #10: The stakes have been moved closer to the cart path. Out of Bounds is defined by these stakes which means that any ball left of the cart path will likely be Out of Bounds. We strongly encourage you to hit a Provisional ball as per USGA Rules if you do not see where your shot finishes

16.10 Hole #8 – Lateral Water Hazard

16.10.1 From the **USGA** –

The penalty and procedures after hitting into a water hazard (including lateral ones) are covered in [Rule 26](#). Two options are the same, whether you've hit into a water hazard (yellow lines or stakes) or lateral water hazard (red lines or stakes). After taking the 1-stroke penalty, the golfer can:

1st Option - Go back to the spot of the previous [stroke](#) and re-play the shot. This is called "stroke-and-distance."

2nd Option - Or drop a ball behind the water hazard, keeping the point where your ball crossed into the hazard on a straight line between yourself and the hole.

16.10.1.1 But, as we've learned, the whole reason to separately consider lateral water hazards is because it might be impractical or impossible to drop behind one. So, for lateral water hazards, a third option exists:

16.10.2 **3rd and 4th options –**

16.10.2.1 From the spot where your ball crossed into the hazard, drop outside the lateral water hazard within two club-lengths of that spot, or on the opposite side of the hazard at a point equidistant to the hole. No closer to the hole in either case.

16.10.2.2 You can use any golf club in your bag to measure those two club-lengths (hint: use your longest club). Once you've identified the spot where you'll be dropping, hold the club at knee height and drop it. Where it comes to rest, it is in play. (There are exceptions—such as if the ball rolls back into the hazard—that require a re-drop. [See Rule 20-2\(c\) for those.](#))

16.10.3 **5th Option –**

16.10.3.1 You also have the option to enter the lateral hazard and hit the ball from there.

Article - 17.0 Officer's Compensation:

17.1 "President" –

17.1.1 Compensation includes annual membership dues, tournament entry fees. Guaranteed tee time with up to 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended

17.2 "Vice-President" –

17.2.1 Compensation includes annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

17.3 Tournament Chairman –

17.3.1 Compensation includes annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

17.4 "Secretary" –

17.4.1 Compensation includes annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

17.5 "Treasurer" –

17.5.1 Compensation includes a \$200 monthly stipend, annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

17.6 "Handicap Chairman" –

17.6.1 Compensation includes a \$200 monthly stipend, annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

17.7 "Webmaster" –

17.7.1 Compensation includes a \$200 monthly stipend, annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

17.8 "Marketing and Social Media Chairman"–

17.8.1 Compensation includes annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

17.9 “Directors-at-Large” –

17.9.1 Compensation includes annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

17.10 “Webmaster Assistant” & “Handicap Assistant” –

17.10.1 Compensation includes annual membership dues, tournament entry fees and a reserved spot in each tournament and 3 additional players. No compensation will be provided for tournaments not attended.

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