



## **SBWGA-18 STANDING RULES**

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### **I. COMMUNICATION**

The major means of communicating with the members is by the SBWGA website. Emails to the members sent through Golf Genius are used to communicate information regarding tournaments, deadlines, Tuesday Play Day information and any other information needing attention.

### **II. CHANGES TO THE STANDING RULES**

The Standing Rules will be reviewed each calendar year by the Elected Board. Changes will be passed by a simple majority vote of the Elected Board. If changes are made to the Standing Rules, changes and the effective date will be communicated to members by the President through email and posted on the SBWGA Website.

### **III. MEMBERSHIP**

The purpose of the SBWGA-18 is to provide events as designated by the Elected Board for the amateur women golfers of SaddleBrooke HOA #1 or HOA #2 including renter members having a valid renter card of SaddleBrooke HOA #1 or HOA #2. Membership options are Annual, Associate and Honorary.

1. Dues are paid on an annual basis and are non-refundable. The amount of the dues will be reviewed each year by the Elected Board and adjusted, as necessary. The amount will be posted on the SBWGA-18 website and the bulletin board. Dues for the following year are payable beginning in October and should be paid by November 30 to ensure inclusion of member information in the SBWGA Handbook. Failure to pay dues by December 31 will result in a member losing her membership and handicap, thus becoming ineligible to play in any SBWGA-18 golf event.
2. To become an Annual Member in the SBWGA-18, a woman must submit an online membership and annual dues payment through the Arizona Golf Association. The dues include SBWGA-18 Membership dues and Arizona Golf Association (AGA) dues. An Annual Member is expected to play by the R&A USGA Rules of Golf (hereinafter referred to as the Rules of Golf.) Members must be registered in the Chelsea System which is used to request tee times. Renters will pay the Annual Member dues. The Membership Chair will pro-rate the dues for members joining after July 1<sup>st</sup> but before October 1<sup>st</sup> (in the amount of 50% of the SBWGA-18 membership fee plus the current AGA fee). For members joining on or after October 1<sup>st</sup>, the pro-rated fee is 25% of the SBWGA-18 membership fee plus the current AGA fee.
3. Eligibility is based on amateur status. All players will play to a maximum course handicap of 40 with the exception of Major Tournaments, ACE Days and Special Tournaments which play to a course handicap of 36.

4. Each player must declare their home course. This should be based on where the player resides the most and plays the most postable rounds. If a player is split 50/50 between two courses, they must notify the Handicap Chair when they arrive at SaddleBrooke so the away status can be changed to home. They must also notify the Handicap Chair when they return to their other residence and have the Handicap Chair change their status from away to home. If the player belongs to several local courses, the player must declare to all the Handicap Chairs which course is the home course and therefore which courses will be deemed as away. A player can only have one home course with the exception of the 50/50 situation.
5. The Big Sister Program creates a positive mentor relationship, gives encouragement, and provides support and information to help the New Member transition into the SBWGA-18. The Membership Chair will facilitate the connection between the Big Sister and the New Member.
6. An Honorary Membership will be offered to former SBWGA-18 members who are unable to continue to participate in the SBWGA-18 golf events and are residents in SaddleBrooke HOA1 or HOA2. Honorary membership allows past members to maintain their social relationships within the organization. The member must submit her membership request by emailing the Membership Chair prior to November 30 in order for her information to be included in the Handbook. This is a social, non-voting membership with no annual dues. Honorary Members will be noted as such in the Membership listing.
7. An Associate Membership is offered. The annual dues will be determined by the Elected Board, will be posted online and will include Associate Membership dues, AGA dues, and the SBWGA Handbook. The purpose of the Associate Membership is to provide members with a less competitive option. Ladies will be able to obtain a tee time on Tuesday Play Day. An Associate Member is not eligible to vote, hold office, play in weekly sweeps, optional games, major tournaments or inter-club competitions (Southern District, Catalina Cup, Kachina Dolls). She will be expected to establish and maintain a USGA handicap and play by the Rules of Golf. An Associate Member is encouraged to attend luncheons, tournament receptions and volunteer in league activities and to play in Special Tournaments (entry fees and handicap restrictions apply). Associate Members may become Annual Members at any time during the year with an additional payment. The Associate Member is responsible for signing up on Tuesdays through the Chelsea system or the phone system or through the Pro Shop. The Associate Member must submit an online membership and annual dues payment through the AGA prior to November 30 for her information to be included in the Handbook.
8. The SBWGA-18 strives to provide an environment of dignity, integrity, inclusiveness, and enjoyment. In the event that any member of SBWGA-18 commits any act that causes discredit or disrepute to another member, and/or the Association, or fails to comply with the rules and regulations of SBWGA-18, the members involved are encouraged to resolve the issue between themselves. If a conflict arises that cannot be resolved, the offended member(s) is (are) encouraged to contact a member of the Elected Board who will bring the matter to the full Board for further consideration and determination of the next step. If a resolution is still not reached, the offending member has a right to be heard by the Elected Board. The Elected Board will consider next steps, including possible suspension or expulsion of the offending member from the Association. After two (2) suspensions within a two (2) year period, the member will be

expelled for at least one full year or permanently, depending on the severity of the behavior. These actions shall be decided by a 2/3 vote of the members of the Elected Board at any regular or special meeting.

9. The SBWGA-18 is an apolitical organization and does not support or endorse any political candidates. Neither does the SBWGA-18 take a position on a proposition or proposed law or amendment to any law. Furthermore, in keeping with established precedent, political candidates shall not be introduced or allowed to address the membership during association meetings. This does not apply to SBWGA-18 Board positions or the SBWGA-18 By Laws or Standing Rules.

#### IV. MEMBERSHIP HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS

The SBWGA-18 adheres to the World Handicap System/Rules of Handicapping.

1. A player's USGA Handicap Index may change on the day following the posting of an eligible score. Each player is responsible for knowing her current USGA Handicap Index. Course Handicaps will differ according to slopes and ratings of the courses played.
2. After a return from prolonged illness or injury, a player may receive a temporary handicap modification from the Handicap Chair in consultation with the Handicap Committee.
3. Any temporary adjustments to any player's handicap will be presented first to the player, as well as the elected board.
4. To determine the course handicap for a particular course, the player should use the GHIN app (GHIN.com).

#### V. HANDICAP RECORDS & PENALTIES

1. In order for us to enjoy playing the game of golf in a spirit of fair and friendly competition, members must post correct scores of every 9-holes or more played. The computer system keeps track of these records and computes handicaps based on the scores entered.
2. The Handicap Committee monitors and corrects postings, but its work is only effective if members conscientiously input all scores, including non-league and away play. It is the expectation of this league that each member post their scores on the day of play before midnight in accordance with the recommendations of the USGA and AGA.
3. The Handicap Committee will conduct random audits to verify that members are posting their scores. A member should post her score the day of play. When the audit reveals that a member did not post her score for one or more rounds in a timely manner, the Handicap Committee will contact the member, by email or phone, to request that she post her score for the round(s) in question as soon as possible. The Handicap Committee may assess a penalty if the member does not post her score after being reminded to do so. The Handicap Committee will follow Rule 7.1 of the Rules of Handicapping when determining if a penalty will be applied. Where a penalty score is deemed appropriate, it will be equal to the lowest/highest Handicap Differential in the player's scoring record.

4. If the member does not consistently post in a timely manner, the Handicap Committee will contact the member to discuss the matter. Should the member continue not to post her scores in a timely manner, she will be referred to the SBWGA Board for further action, which may include ineligibility to participate in TPD sweeps, skins, other awards and tournaments that requires the member to be in good standing.  
If a player discovers that she made an error in posting, or has not posted for a specific reason, she must send a Posting Correction/Exception Form via the website (sbwga.com). That form should be submitted when the player determines a scoring error, such as wrong score, wrong date, incorrect tee ground or when a non-eligible score has not been posted such as played less than 9-holes, played alone, played a nonconforming game, (scramble, shamble, alternate shot) received a playing lesson, or is returning from a documented leave of absence. Penalties are not assessed when this is done.
5. The Handicap Committee will make every effort to resolve posting issues with the members. A penalty score may be appealed to the Handicap Committee within ten (10) days of the assessment.

## VI. POSTING SCORES

1. Tuesday Play Day scores, ACE Day scores and all Major Tournament scores will be entered by the Tuesday Play Day Committee, or the Pro Shop as hole-by-hole scores in Golf Genius and subsequently posted to GHIN. Tuesday games that are not played under the Rules of Golf such as scrambles, shambles, 4 clubs and a putter, will not be posted to GHIN. Tournament scores will be posted as "C" (competitive) scores; regular Tuesday Play Day and ACE Day scores will be posted as "H" (home) scores.
2. Members will post all rounds except those set forth above. Neither the World Handicap System nor the Rules of Golf provide for practice rounds.
3. Incomplete Rounds: A player must complete 9-holes of play in order to post a score. If 9-holes or greater but less than 18-holes are played, e.g. 9-holes – 17-holes, scores are to be posted using the hole-by-hole option in GHIN. The computer software will then convert the posted score into a full round Handicap Differential. If less than 9-holes are played for any reason (weather, darkness, emergency, illness) you may NOT post the score to GHIN, it is now strongly recommended by the USGA to post using the hole-by-hole option to ensure the most accurate calculation is made by the software when converting the score to an 18-hole Handicap Differential.
4. Incomplete Holes: If a player picks up on a hole, she records her Most Likely Score. If the player is: 5' or less from the hole, add 1 stroke; between 5' and 20 yards, add 2 or 3 strokes (depending on the position of the ball, difficulty of the green and ability of the player); more than 20 yards, add 3 or 4 strokes. However, that score must not exceed Net Double Bogey. For a player with an established handicap, a net double bogey is defined as PAR + 2 Strokes + Handicap Strokes received. Rules of Handicapping 3.1. Incomplete hole scores should be marked with an "X" preceding the stroke number.

5. Rounds that are not played under the Rules of Golf, such as a Scramble, Shamble, a round played alone, a round played as a teaching lesson, may not be posted.

#### VII. SBWGA-18 LOCAL RULE

For all SBWGA-18 league play, SaddleBrooke Course, Hole #2, will be governed by:

1. The R&A USGA Rules of Golf, Rule #17 – Penalty Areas.
2. SBWGA-18 Local Rule: No player may take a gross score higher than nine (9) on SaddleBrooke Course, Hole #2. When a player reaches a gross score of nine (9), it is mandatory that they pick up their ball and record a gross score of nine (9). This will not disqualify a player from any tournament, ACE Day, or any games played on Tuesday Play Day.
3. SaddleBrooke One Golf Local Rule: Decorative Rock (as indicated on the back of the scorecard). Players must take free relief under R&A USGA Rule 16.1.

#### VIII. TUESDAY PLAY DAY (TPD)

The Rules of Golf and the World Handicap System/Rules of Handicapping will govern SBWGA-18 rules of play and handicap. (For information on ACE Day, see Section IX)

1. A player must be an Annual Member of SBWGA-18 in good standing with an established USGA handicap to be eligible for Tuesday Play Day competition. Maximum course handicap for weekly play is 40.
2. For all Tuesday Play dates, including shotgun starts, all players should check in with the Starter twenty (20) minutes prior to tee times.
3. Sign-up for most games, including partners and foursomes will be through Chelsea sign up. The deadline for signup is Wednesday at 2:00 PM, prior to the desired play day. Entries after the deadline may have the opportunity to play if space becomes available. Requests after Monday, 12:00 Noon, will not be honored. Tuesday morning walk-ons will not be allowed. Once a member receives the second Chelsea notification on Monday prior to play, cancellations should be reported by email to [TPD.sbwga18@gmail.com](mailto:TPD.sbwga18@gmail.com).
4. Unless otherwise stated, for special events and tournaments, signup will be by paper form sign up with a stated sign-up deadline.
5. A minimum of eight (8) players must complete play to constitute a field in which sweeps will be paid on a scheduled Tuesday. The field of play may be divided into flights according to handicap indexes. The TPD Chair and her Committee will set the range for each flight.
6. In stroke play, throughout the round, players are to remain in the group paired by the Committee whenever possible. Any player who does not complete 18-holes will write “WD” (withdraw) on her scorecard. In all circumstances, common sense should prevail.

7. If a player is disqualified for some infraction of the Rules of Golf or Rules of Handicapping during a Tuesday Play Day game, the player will receive no awards for that day.
8. If a player withdraws from the game of the day, she will still receive credit for Eclectic (for holes played), birdies or better (gross), chip-ins, Skins or closest to the pin, if that player completed at least 7 holes so that a 9-hole score may be posted. If she does not complete the minimum number of holes necessary to post a score, she will not be eligible for any of the above competitions.
9. An Annual Member may bring a guest to a Tuesday Play Day (excluding ACE Day, Major Tournaments and Special Tournaments) twice in a year. This will be at the discretion of the Tuesday Play Day Chair and will be dependent on the weekly game and the number of members signed up for the event. The guest must have a valid USGA Handicap and may not participate in weekly sweeps. A guest may play only once during a calendar year. To add a guest to a Tuesday Play Day, email the Tuesday Play Day Chair.
10. The procedures for Tuesday Play Day are as follows:
  - a) Notice of the Tuesday games to be played will be posted on the website. Signup will be available in Chelsea thirty (30) days in advance.
  - b) When there is a Special Tournament with an entry fee (excluding LAGOS and SaddleBrooke Women's Classic [fka as Home & Home & Home] hosted by the SBWGA -18) or a Major Tournament with a multiple-day commitment, there will be a Tuesday Play Day game for those players not participating in the Tournament except when the field is full and no additional tee times are available for TPD. Sign-up will be through Chelsea.
  - c) Tee Boxes: All TPD and Ace Day events will be played from the Red tee box.
  - d) Pairings will be posted on Chelsea no later than Saturday prior to play. Final pairings will be posted on Chelsea on the Monday prior to play.
  - e) Tuesday Play Day games will mostly be a combination of individual games, 4-person games and Pick Your Partner (PYP) team formats. Most games will be suitable for posting. When the game is a team format or Stableford game, a player who is "out of the hole" or cannot improve her standing in the game of the day, should pick up her ball to maintain pace of play. She will record her "most likely score" for that hole. In team games like "best ball" and match play a player may pick up if she is out of the hole. The player must record her "most likely score." See VI.4 - Posting Scores, Incomplete Holes.
  - f) If the TPD Committee considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, it may impose a penalty of disqualification under USGA Rule 1.2.
  - g) Each player is responsible for verifying her correct handicap and attesting her own score (both may be subject to disqualification if in error) per USGA Rule 3.
  - h) Scorecards: For all events, two (2) scorecards must be kept, one may be electronic via Golf Genius. Both scorecards will be turned in to the TPD Committee. Scores must be checked



hole by hole and 9-hole gross scores tallied before the scorecard is returned. Signatures from every player are required on the master scorecard.

- i) Ties on Tuesday Play Days: The Tuesday Play Day Chair will combine winnings for tied scores and divide the winnings among the tied players. This will not apply to Ace Day payouts, which will utilize the USGA Card Off Procedure (described in Section IX, paragraph 6).
- j) Blind Draws: For team events on Tuesday Play Days, if a “blind draw” is required to create a foursome, the person who is designated as the “blind draw” for a team will not be eligible to win Sweeps payouts as a member of that team.
- k) Cancellation of Tuesday Play Days, Special Tournaments: Cancellation of any tournament is at the discretion of the TPD Chair and the Golf Professional where applicable.
- l) The TPD Committee will post all scores according to World Handicap System (WHS) rules.
- m) Regardless of where a player begins on the rotation of courses, on the SaddleBrooke/Tucson course, Tucson is the back nine; on the Tucson/Catalina course, Catalina is the back nine; on the Catalina/SaddleBrooke course, SaddleBrooke is the back nine.
- n) Pick Your Partner (PYP) pairings: Members will select their own partners and sign up together in Chelsea. If a member signs up without a partner, the Pro Shop randomly picks a partner. The required 10 stroke handicap differential is applied to all partner events.

## IX. ACE DAYS

The Tuesday Play Day Chair schedules this monthly event. On ACE Day, all players must putt out or be disqualified EXCEPT for SaddleBrooke Course, Hole #2, where the SBWGA-18 Local Rule is in effect (see VII. SBWGA-18 Local Rule). Overall Low Gross and Overall Low Net winners over the field will determine the ACEs of the Month. Monthly ACE winners are limited to one win in low gross OR one win in low net per calendar year.

1. All players are eligible for Gross ACE of the Month and Gross AGA State Medallion as well as Net ACE of the Month and Net AGA State Medallion. The Net ACE of the Month and Net State Medallion winner will be determined using WHS Playing Handicap.
2. All players who qualified throughout the calendar year are eligible to play in the ACE of ACES playoff. ACE of ACES qualifiers will compete only in the category from which they won (i.e., Gross or Net).
3. All players will play to a maximum course handicap of 36.
4. ACE day pairings and flights will be based upon players’ handicap indexes.
5. A minimum of three (3) players in a flight is required for ACE Day payout. Payout will be approximately 33% of the field.

6. Ties for ACEs of the Month, ACE of ACEs and flight winners will be broken using the USGA recommended Card-Off Procedures. The acceptable method of matching the cards is to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine (9) holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine (9) holes, then the winner will be determined on the basis of the last six (6) holes, then based on the last three (3) holes and finally based on the 18th hole. (Note: card-off is automated in Golf Genius Reports).

## X. MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

Prize money for Major Tournaments is funded through Annual Member dues. The Board may approve additional budget from sponsor funds. With agreement of the Elected Board, the Tournament Chair(s) and Committee will: a) establish entry procedures; b) determine the field and format; and c) determine the method for substitution in the event of cancellation.

1. The following are Major Tournaments:  
PRESIDENTS' CUP (match play tournament)  
CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (low gross tournament)  
SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (low gross tournament)  
LEGENDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP (low gross tournament)  
CACTUS CLASSIC (low net tournament)
2. To be eligible to play in a major tournament, a member must have played three (3) SBWGA-18 Tuesday Play Day events within twelve months prior to the entry date of the tournament. The SBWGA-18 President may make exceptions to this requirement in extraordinary circumstances. If a TPD event is cancelled, a player will receive credit toward this requirement.
3. In all Major Tournaments, a player will play to a maximum course handicap of 36.
4. Members who have started to play in a Major Tournament are required to complete all rounds under the Rules of Golf, as amended by Local Rules. Players who withdraw, no show, X-out or fail to putt out on a hole without reasonable cause as determined by the Tournament Chair(s), will be ineligible to compete in the next Major Tournament.
5. Individual scorecards signed by scorer (marker) and attested by player, are the only scorecards required and are the official scorecards of the tournament. It is recommended that the players keep an unofficial master card for comparison of scores.
6. A scoring area will be established. Once a player deposits her signed and attested scorecard in the designated box, it is considered final.
7. In Major Tournaments, in case of a tie for the overall winner, an on-course sudden death playoff will be held immediately until the winner is decided. Ties among flight competitors will be broken using the USGA recommended Card-Off Procedures.
8. PRESIDENTS' CUP is a multi-day match-play tournament with the number of rounds dependent on the size of the field (32 players=5 rounds; 64 players=6 rounds). All participants must play in the qualifying round to determine the field of 32 or 64 based on low net scores.



Participants must commit to playing in all rounds until eliminated. Scores for the Presidents' Cup will be entered into Golf Genius and then posted to GHIN as a competitive ("C") score each day of play.

9. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP, SENIOR CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP are three-day gross score tournaments and LEGENDS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP is a two-day gross score tournament. Participants must play all two or three days. Each player's hole-by-hole score will be entered into Golf Genius and then posted to GHIN as a competitive ("C") score each day of play. To participate in the Senior Club Championship, the member must turn 72 by the end of the calendar year. To participate in the Legends Club Championship, the member must turn 80 by the end of the calendar year.
10. CACTUS CLASSIC is a three-day low net tournament. Participants must play all three days. Each player's hole-by-hole score will be entered into Golf Genius and then posted to GHIN as a competitive ("C") score each day of play.

#### XI. SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS

The following Standing Rules are applicable to all Special Tournaments:

1. Standing Rules and SBWGA-18 Local Rules (i.e., Section VII) in effect at the time of a tournament may not be waived without the approval of the Rules Committee and the current Board of Officers.
2. Prize money for special tournaments is funded by the entry fees and supplemented by sponsor money if available.
3. All entrants will play to a maximum course handicap of 36.
4. For partner events: handicap differential between partners may not be more than 10 strokes. If the playing handicap between the two players is greater than 10 strokes, the playing handicap for the player with the higher handicap will be reduced. Scrambles and Shambles may be excepted from this rule as percentages of handicaps are used per USGA Rules of Handicapping.
5. Players must provide a current established and verifiable handicap index to be eligible.
6. With the agreement of the current Board, the Chair(s) and Committee will:
  - a. establish entry procedures
  - b. determine the field size and format
  - c. determine the method of substitution in the event of cancellation
7. THREE JILLS & A JACK TOURNAMENT (held every other year on odd numbered years)
  - a. Three Jills & A Jack is a one-day every for three SBWGA-18 members and any man who is an HOA #1 or HOA #2 verifiable resident with a current established USGA Handicap Index. All entrants will play to a maximum course handicap of 36.
8. QUAIL CLASSIC INVITATIONAL
  - a. This is a two-day member-guest event. Guests may not be members of SBWGA-18.

- b. SBWGA-18 members who have not paid annual golf fees are required to pay green fees as they would any time they play the golf course.
- c. The Chair(s) for the following year shall be appointed by the President and the current Board.

## 9. MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

- a. This is a two-day eclectic tournament

## 10. SADDLEBROOKE WOMEN'S CLASSIC (fka Home & Home & Home)

- a. This tournament is hosted by each club every third year
- b. This reciprocal event is for members of SBWGA-18, Mountain View/Preserve Women's Golf Association-18 and SaddleBrooke Ranch WGA-18.
- c. All entrants will play to a maximum course handicap of 36.

## 11. GUEST DAY

- a. This is a one-day tournament where SBWGA-18 members are encouraged to ask members of other local clubs to partner with them in this fun event.
- b. Team Best Ball Format: flights of teams will be determined by team handicap.

## 12. LAGOS TOURNAMENT (LADIES AMALGAMATED GOLF OF SADDLEBROOKE)

- a. LAGOS is a cooperative event with the SaddleBrooke Lady Niners.
- b. Responsibility for this tournament rotates between the SBWGA-18 and the SaddleBrooke Lady Niners. The SBWGA-18 will host this event on odd-numbered years.

## 13. "SOLHEIM TYPE" TOURNAMENT (held every other year on even-numbered years)

- a. This is a two-day team match play event broken into four 9-hole matches.
- b. Day One will consist of a 9-hole scramble match and a 9-hole better ball match; Day Two will consist of a 9-hole Chapman (modified alternate shot) match and a 9-hole better ball match.

## XII. ONGOING GAMES AND AWARDS

### 1. AGA STATE MEDALLION

The player with the two best low gross 18-hole scores out of the four designated ACE Days played January through April will be the Gross State Medallion winner. The player with the two best low net 18-hole scores on those same ACE Days will be the Net State Medallion winner. Gross scores will supersede net scores. Players need to participate in at least two rounds to be eligible. The Gross and Net winners (or their alternates) will represent the SBWGA-18 at the State Tournament. In the event of a tie in the AGA State Medallion competition, the tie will be broken by comparing the players' lowest round of the qualifying rounds. If the lowest round scores are the same, the USGA recommended Card-Off Procedures will be used to determine the winner. See Section IX, paragraph 6 for details.

### 2. ECLECTIC

This is an optional game based on the participants' lowest gross score for each hole throughout the year. Eclectic will be played on all Tuesdays where the competition allows a player to play their own ball and her score can be posted. The Membership Options Committee will keep track

of participants' scores, on Tuesday Play Days, ACE Days, Major Tournaments and Special Tournaments played from the red tees. If a hole is going to be used for Eclectic, the ball must be putted out. Money will be awarded in January for the prior calendar year based on the lowest gross score by 18-hole course combinations, specifically, SaddleBrooke-Tucson, Tucson-Catalina, and Catalina-SaddleBrooke. Members may join this optional game only at time of annual dues registration.

### 3. CHIP-INS

This is an optional game for participants who have chip-ins on Tuesday Play Days, ACE Days, Major Tournaments and Special Tournaments where the player plays her own ball, and her score can be posted. A Chip-in is defined as "a ball that is holed out having been struck from any part of the golf course, except the putting green, is called a chip-in." To qualify as a chip-in the ball must be holed out from a spot off the green. A ball that has come to rest on the green is no longer eligible, even if the putt runs the ball off the green. Players will indicate chip-ins on their scorecards. These chip-ins will be recorded on a tally sheet maintained by the Membership Options Committee. Money will be awarded in January, based on the number of chip-ins made in the prior calendar year. Members may join this optional game only at time of annual dues registration, or during Membership Options open registration July 1 - 15. However, only chip-ins made after joining will count.

### 4. BIRDIES OR BETTER (GROSS)

This is an optional game where each time the participant scores a birdie or better (gross) on Tuesday Play Days, ACE Days, Major Tournaments and Special Tournaments. Players' names will be recorded on the tally sheet maintained by the Membership Options Committee. Payouts will be made in January based on the number of birdies or better made by each participant in the prior calendar year. Members may join this optional game only at time of annual dues registration, or during Membership Options open registration July 1 - 15. However, only birdies or better made after joining will count. This applies only where the player has played her own ball and her score can be posted. All balls must be putted out on any hole where the score is recorded as a gross birdie or better.

### 5. SKINS GAME

Tuesday Play Day will host an optional Gross and Net Skins competition at least once a month, typically on ACE Day. The cost for participation in Skins will be \$4.00 and will include entry in both the Gross and Net Skins competition. Gross and Net Skins will pay off across the entire Skins field. Players who want to play in the Skins competition may sign up at the beginning of January or July. Players may withdraw at any time but only rejoin during the two windows each year. New members may join with their new membership. Players should then email the Tuesday Play Day Chair and they will automatically be included whenever they sign up for that week's game. Payment for the game will be charged to the member's HOA house account. The Skins Report will be posted on the SBWGA website and sent to the participating players through Golf Genius. The entire Skins pot will be paid out to all Gross and Net winners in the form of Pro Shop credit. There will be no carryover from the Skins games.

### 6. HOLE-IN-ONE GAME

This is an optional game where any participant who scores a hole-in-one from January 1st through December 31st will have her name recorded on the hole-in-one tally sheet maintained by

the Awards Committee. Members may join this optional game only at time of annual dues registration, or during Membership Options open registration July 1 - 15. However, any holes-in-one that occur prior to joining the game will not count. Holes-in-one can be made on any day of the week when playing a postable 18-hole round played on any of the HOA #1 courses except on a hole that has been temporarily modified because of construction, course conditions, etc. Holes-in-one made on an away course will be counted if played as part of any event hosted by an organization of which SBWGA-18 is a member. The signature of at least one other player in the group is necessary for verification. At the end of the year monies collected will be split based on the number of holes-in-one made by each participant. Winners will be announced at the January General Meeting. If none of the participants makes a hole-in-one during the year, the monies will be carried over to the following year for the Hole-in-One program.

#### 7. SOUTHERN DISTRICT DEL SUD AND TELEGRAPH TOURNAMENTS

The Del Sud and Telegraph Tournaments are held at SaddleBrooke for SBWGA-18 members who paid their SDWGA dues for the year. Del Sud is a two-round eclectic (net ringer format) tournament held on ACE days in March and April utilizing the best score for each hole between those two days.

The Telegraph Tournament is held in November on ACE Day.

Both the Del Sud and Telegraph tournaments:

- a. Have a maximum course handicap of 36.
- b. May be flighted based on the number of players and the range of handicaps. Payouts include \$5 of the \$10 SDWGA membership fee.
- c. Ties for both tournaments will be determined by a scorecard playoff using the USGA recommended Card-Off procedures.
- d. All Standing Rules in effect at the time of the tournament will be observed.

### XIII. OTHER AWARDS

#### 1. BREAK PINS

A member breaking 100, 90, 80 or 70 for the first time on a Tuesday Stroke play day will be given a Break pin. Members need to notify the Awards Committee. To qualify for a break pin, the player must putt out every hole.

#### 2. EAGLE PINS

Eagle pins are awarded for Gross eagles on any Par 4 or Par 5 hole on any of the SaddleBrooke courses. The player's scorecard must be attested by at least one member of her playing group, marked for "Eagle Pin" and placed in SBWGA-18 drawer.

#### 3. MOST IMPROVED GOLFER

This yearly award for the SBWGA-18 Most Improved Golfer will be determined using the USGA formula and standard report provided by the GHIN software. The Handicap Chair will review the player's record to verify that she complied with the award criteria. The award will be presented at the January General Meeting. To be eligible for this award, the player must meet the following criteria:

- a. Based on 12 months of play starting January 1 through December 31 of each calendar year.

- b. The player must be an annual member in good standing of the SBWGA-18 for the full calendar year.
- c. The player must have played and posted a minimum of 36 rounds of 18-hole scores during the calendar year.
- d. The player must have played in a minimum of 15 Tuesday Play Day events and/or SBWGA-18 tournaments during the calendar year. These 15 posted events may count toward the required 36 minimum rounds.

#### 4. HOLE-IN-ONE RECOGNITION

Any player who makes a hole-in-one should notify the Hole-in-One Representative with the date, club used, course, hole number and length of the hole from the tee played, together with the names of those players who witnessed the event. The Hole-in-One Representative will contact the AGA for issuance of a Hole-In-One certificate.

### XIV. INTERCLUB EVENTS

The Board is responsible for ensuring these events are chaired and budgeted. Participation in these events is limited to Annual Members.

#### 1. SOUTHERN DISTRICT

Southern District stroke play and best ball tournaments, as well as two intra-club events described above, are scheduled January through December. Eligibility is limited to paid Southern District members. Check with the Southern District Representative and the bulletin board for membership and tournament information. The Chair is appointed by the current Board to serve for the calendar year.

#### 2. KACHINA DOLLS

Kachina Tournaments are held at various clubs in the area. The entry fee includes golf, lunch and prizes. These best ball tournaments are usually scheduled from September through June. For information and signup, check with the Kachina Representative and the bulletin board. The current Board appoints the Kachina Representative on alternate years.

#### 3. CATALINA CUP

Catalina Cup is a competitive, match play team tournament held at various clubs throughout the area. The matches are held November through April and a separate entry fee is required for each match. The Catalina Cup Captain is appointed in April by the Elected Board. The Captain will establish a team of players to represent SaddleBrooke based on their performance and current USGA handicap index. Participation is limited to Annual Members with handicaps of 26.0 or less.

### XV. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### 1. GENERAL MEETING LUNCHEONS

Reservations for luncheons are made via the SBWGA website Luncheon Reservation page. Luncheon reservations are charged to a member's HOA #1 or HOA #2 house account number. Deadlines for submitting luncheon reservations are noted on the published menus, SBWGA website and Handbook calendar.

## 2. PRIZES FOR SBWGA-18 EVENTS

Rule 11.7, paragraphs C and D of the HOA #1 Rules and Regulations state:

- a. All event golf prizes and golf awards for the events shall be purchased from the SaddleBrooke One Golf Shop.
- b. Marketing/tournament sponsors are encouraged, and shall have the right to donate their prizes and gifts without purchasing from the SaddleBrooke One Golf Shop, with agreement from SaddleBrooke One Head Golf Professional.
- c. Therefore, payouts for SBWGA-18 events should follow these standards:
  - i. Winners of any optional games that were paid for, in addition to annual dues, will be paid out in cash. This includes Chip-ins, Birdies or Better (Gross), Eclectic, Holes-in-One.
  - ii. The Elected Board can approve the use of sponsor money to support the league in a variety of ways including, but not limited to, supplementing Special Tournaments, financing added games such as closest to the pin, paying for lunches for guests/Pros, and helping defray the cost of the handbook.
  - iii. Any tournament/event must receive the approval of the SaddleBrooke One Head Golf Professional to use sponsor money for awards other than Pro Shop credit.
  - iv. Winners of Major Tournaments and Special Tournaments including flight winners, ACE Days, ACE of ACES and Most Improved Golfer will be paid in the form of Pro Shop Credit.
  - v. On Tuesday Play Days, all sweeps will be paid from annual dues allocated to the TPD budget. Payouts will be in the form of Pro Shop credit. This also applies to flight payouts on ACE Days. Sponsor money may be used for side games played such as closest to the pin contests.





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