



# **Dobson Ranch Women's Golf Association**

**2024-25  
Handbook**

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## Standing Rules

USGA/AWGA procedures must govern rules of play and handicaps. The GHIN/USGA handicap system must be used in computing handicaps. **You must have an established handicap of no more than 37 to join the DRWGA. The max handicap used in any DRWGA tournament/play of the day is 40.**

All rounds of golf must be posted unless they are not individual play, such as “Scotch” and “Scrambles.” The handicap chair will monitor play each week, and will send out reminders if scores are not posted. It is crucial that scores are posted the day you play, as it helps regarding weather adjustments and course ratings.

Only DRWGA members will be allowed to participate in the weekly Play of the Day or Club Tournaments. Guests are allowed at the league's greens fee rate. A guest may play up to 2 times per season.

Proper attire shall be worn at all times.

Abusive or foul language and/or violent behavior can result in disqualification in any event.

The use of cell phones and pagers must not disturb other players or delay play. These devices must be on silent or vibrate if their use is necessary during play.

All players are responsible for themselves and their play. Anyone needing assistance in performing the usual and customary golf actions must provide their own assistance.

## Dues

Members must have an established handicap to qualify for prizes and to vote in the Association elections.

Dues are paid online at [www.azgolf.org](http://www.azgolf.org), or download the AGA app. If you are not able to utilize the online registration contact Lori Prescott, Membership.

**If you are a member of another league, AGA fee is reduced automatically online. If you join/renew by December 31, the dues are as follows. January 1 fees go up by \$5.**

New Members	\$85.00*
Renewing Members	\$80.00*
Handicap Only	\$60.00
New Members (July – Sept 30)	\$40.00

Dues include GHIN handicap.

Associate memberships are for the purpose of handicapping only. Associate members are not eligible to vote in association elections or participate in the play of the day or club tournaments.

## Tee Times

Tee Time Helper will be the signup method used by DRWGA. The tee sheet will be issued bi-weekly with the POD events. You can add, move, or cancel yourself before the tee sheet is locked, which will be either Saturday or Sunday before the day of play. After the tee sheet is locked you will need to email [dobsonranchwga@gmail.com](mailto:dobsonranchwga@gmail.com) to add or cancel. Please contact Beth directly by text 602-751-8553 if you have to cancel last minute. **Tee Time Helper will be updated to reflect any changes as needed. You must be there no later than 30 minutes prior to your tee time.**

Cancellation of a tee time must be made no later than 4PM on the Monday before play. **Members who sign up for tee times and do not follow the cancellation policy may be charged the \$5 PoD. DO NOT CALL THE PRO SHOP TO CANCEL, TEXT BETH AT 602-751-8553**

Weekly prize money (**\$5.00 per player**) for Play of the Day competition is *not* included in the annual dues and will be collected by the pro shop on the day of play. Guests are not included in the POD.

There will be no cancellation of play for any reason (including inclement weather) unless the course is closed by the Golf Course Superintendent.

## Prizes

Weekly competition prizes and tournament prizes will be in the form of Pro Shop credits and will be posted on their books. **Certificates for prize money expire 1 year from the date issued.** Prizes will be paid to approximately one third of the competing field in Tournaments and Play of the Day (POD).

**Pro Shop credits can be used for Green Fees (any day but our play day), Cart Fees (anytime), Merchandise, Restaurant/Bar.**

## Bulletin Board/Plaques

The bulletin board and plaques are located in the restaurant area. Check weekly for updates/PoD/notices.

## Score Cards

Each group will turn in a master scorecard with the POD scores on it. That scorecard must be signed by two players in the group and dated. The first and last names should be on the scorecard. It is the responsibility of the golfer to see that her score is correct. If names or scores are illegible, the player(s) may be disqualified. All players are responsible for entering their POD score on the weekly score sheet to be counted in the POD. Scores not entered on the PoD sheet may not be eligible for prize payouts.

Each golfer is responsible for posting her own score into the GHIN system. Be sure to indicate Tournament and Away scores as such. Please be timely in posting your scores. If you are having problems posting, contact the Handicap Chair.

## Handicapping

As per the USGA, a handicap index is based on the lowest eight of the last 20 rounds of golf (18 holes). The Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) will compute all handicaps. All golfers are responsible for posting their own scores in the computer. **The maximum handicap index to join is 37, which ends up being a 40 at Dobson.**

## Handicapping Definitions

Gross Score is the total of the actual strokes you made on each hole. Adjusted Score is the maximum hole score you can post in GHIN which is limited to a Net Double Bogey.

Net Score is the total of the actual strokes you made, minus your handicap.

## Adjusting Scores

### Incomplete Scores or Conceded Strokes

If a player picks up on a hole or is conceded a stroke, record the most likely score that would have been made. This most likely score is the number of strokes (including any penalty strokes) taken thus far played under the Rules of Golf, plus the number of strokes needed to complete the hole from that point. An "X" should precede the score on the scorecard for this hole score. **However, if you pick up on a hole during our round, and it is a hole that is used for the competition, you must put an "X" and you will be DQ or WD for the PoD.**

### Holes not Played

When a hole is not played, or not played under the Rules of Golf, the player's score for the hole is par plus any handicap strokes the player is entitled to, based on their Course Handicap.

### Maximum Score Per Hole For Handicap Purposes:

For a player with an established handicap index the maximum score for each hole played is limited to a net double bogey.

Ex: Par of the hole + 2 strokes + any handicap strokes that the player receives on that hole\*.

(\*or minus any handicap strokes the player has to give back on the hole.)

## Posting Scores

Post scores from home and away courses. Post scores in all forms of play including match play, stroke play and team competitions in which you are requested to pick up. Post scores when you play at least 14 holes out of 18 holes or at least 7 out of 9 holes. On the holes you didn't play, record par plus any handicap strokes you would have received for each hole. Post a score if you play two nines even if it's the same nine, or nines from different days.

## Tournament Eligibility

Only members in good standing with established handicaps are eligible to play in the Play of the Day or enter tournaments.

The Tournament Chairperson will determine and post eligibility requirements for each scheduled tournament.

### Club Championship

The Club Championship is a two-week tournament. This is a flighted low gross and low net tournament. The low net winner will have their name engraved on the President's plaque. The Tournament Chair makes Pairings. POD money (amount to be determined by Tournament Chair) is **payable in full before the tournament begins**. For those not eligible or who cannot play both weeks, see schedule for other PoD running concurrently.

The Club Championship and the President's Cup were combined into a single 2-week tournament. **You must have paid your dues by December 31<sup>st</sup> and have a minimum of 5 rounds played prior to the Championship to be eligible.**

### State Medallion

This is a four-week low gross and low net tournament. Winners are determined based on the best 2 rounds of the 4. Players do not have to play all 4 rounds. Both the low gross and the low net winners are eligible to

participate in the AGA sponsored State Medallion Club Team Tournament. The DRWGA will pay the State Medallion entry fee for the low net and low gross representatives from our league. Qualifications for participating in the State Medallion are the same as Club Championship. (Become a member by 12/31 and have 5 rounds played)

## Guests

Members may bring guests, however they may not participate in Play of the Day or receive prizes. *Guests pay greens fees and cart fees. Guests may play with the league only 2 times per year.* After that, guests are invited to become regular members of the DRWGA. Guests that sign up and cancel will have that counted as one of their 2 times.

## Team Play

Team play members must be a DRWGA member, have paid full years dues by October 31, and participate in 2 of the previous 4 PoD weekly DRWGA play. Each team consists of eight players which may include the Captain and Co-Captain. Generally, the lowest handicaps available will play. **Factors such as participation and recent handicap trends may be considered.** Team members are required to purchase an approved uniform.

Team play format is Match Play. Maximum handicap is 25. The teams will play at each of the member courses alternately and will compete for total points throughout the season. The winning team will hold the Team Play Travelling Trophy for one year.

## Etiquette & Pace “while we’re young”

### In Plain Sight

Keep the group playing in front of you in plain sight, while keeping them clear of the distance you can hit. If you can't see them, you're playing too slow.

### Location • Location • Location

Place your cart or bag toward the back of the green and on the side that is nearest the next tee box, in order to take the speediest path to the next tee.

### Never

Dawdle at the tee or anywhere else. Slow play is one of the greatest breaches of etiquette, and if you're not ready to hit when it's your turn, you're contributing to it. Know your yardage, have your club selected and be prepared to play.

### Always

Hit a provisional ball if you think there is a chance your ball is lost or out of bounds and not in a penalty area.

### Never

Crowd the player who's hitting or putting. Stand at least two club lengths behind and one club length to either side.

All events are flighted unless otherwise specified. Play of the Day prize money will be paid provided there are three members competing. There must also be at least one other member present for the round to be eligible for a POD prize. The Tournament Chair will determine the pairings for events that are ABCD/Club

Championship/etc. See the attached schedule.

### **Time**

All rounds should be completed within 4 hours and 15 minutes.

### **DRWGA Local Rules**

USGA Rules of Golf shall apply: The fundamental rule of golf is to play the ball where it lies. Do not touch your ball unless expressly permitted to do so by one of the rules.

### **Out of Bounds**

**LOCAL RULE IN EFFECT: YOU MAY STILL PLAY A PROVISIONAL IF YOU'D PREFER. IF NOT, YOU ARE ABLE TO TAKE A TWO STROKE PENALTY AND DROP THE BALL (WHERE IT LAST CROSSED) 2 CLUB LENGTHS FROM THE EDGE OF THE FAIRWAY.**

Defined by white lines or stakes. Also defined by the inside points, at ground level, of perimeter fences and concrete walls. Maintenance area at end of driving range is out of bounds.

*NOTE: The area to the right on holes 11 and 16 along the canal/water is marked as out of bounds. The stakes are placed along the property line of the golf course. The tunnel on 16 leading to 17 is also out of bounds. The left side of cart path on holes 9 and 10 is out of bounds.*

### **Penalty Areas:**

Hole 4 - Water to the right of the fairway and behind green.

Hole 7 - Water left of the fairway.

Hole 8 – Water to the right of the fairway; water behind the green.

Hole 11 - Water in front of and left of tee box and on right side of fairway.

Hole 12 – Water in front of green, behind green, right side of green and left side of fairway.

Hole 13 - Water on the left side of fairway.

Hole 16 – Water along right side of fairway.

Hole 18 – Water in front of tee box and down the left side of the fairway.

**Obstructions:** Paved cart paths, water control boxes, sprinkler heads, drain pipes, water coolers, staked trees, restrooms, and the maintenance building on the left side of #18 fairway are all immovable obstructions. If an obstruction interferes with stance or swing, you get one club length relief, no closer to the hole. Rule 24-2.

**Ground Under Repair:** Usually marked by a white line (Rule 25-1).

## **The Rules of Golf**

The DRWGA plays in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf effective 2023.

If you are in a situation in which you are unsure of how to play your ball, under the rules you may play two balls as outlined in Rule 20.1c.

Two players are on opposite sides of a putting green and happen to hit their pitch shots at the same time. The balls collide. One ball goes into the hole, while the other is deflected into a bunker. rule 19-5b: Each ball must be played from where it came to rest after the deflection. The ball that came to rest in the hole is holed and the other ball must be played from the bunker with no penalty to either player.

### Penalty Areas (red stakes)

If a ball lies in a lateral penalty area (red stakes and/or lines), you may play the ball as it lies, or under penalty of one stroke, you may drop within two club lengths of, and not nearer the hole than:

- the point where the ball last crossed the margin of the penalty area or
- a point on the opposite side of the penalty area equal distance from the hole
- go back as far as you need, keeping a direct line between the pin and where the ball entered the penalty area.

### Ball Unplayable

The player may deem her ball unplayable at any place on the course except when the ball is in a penalty area. The player is the sole judge as to whether her ball is unplayable. If you deem your ball to be unplayable outside a penalty area, you may, under penalty of one stroke:

- replay the shot from the location where the original shot was taken
- drop any distance behind the point where the ball lay (keeping that point directly between the hole and the spot upon which the ball is dropped), or
- drop within two club lengths of where the ball lies, not nearer the hole

If your ball is in a bunker, you may proceed as above, except that, if you are dropping back on a line, or within two club lengths, you **may** drop in the bunker (**one stroke penalty**) if taking relief, **or you may take full relief from the bunker with a two stroke penalty.**

If your ball is resting on a rake in the bunker, and the ball moves when removing the rake, you must replace the ball as close as possible to the spot where it was originally.

### Loose Impediments

Loose impediments are natural objects (such as stones and leaves) not fixed or growing, not solidly embedded and not adhering to the ball.

- **you may move a loose impediment in a bunker**
- if you have moved a loose impediment and this causes your ball to move, the ball must be replaced and you incur a penalty stroke, unless your ball is on the putting surface. (Rule 18-2a).

## Last Thoughts

Always have fun! Always express your appreciation. Following your round, shake hands with your partners and thank them for the game.



# **By-Laws of Dobson Ranch Women's Golf Association**

## **Article 1: Name**

The name of this association shall be Dobson Ranch Women's Golf Association (DRWGA).

## **Article 2: Object**

The object of this association shall be to promote the interest of golf, holding weekly and special tournaments.

## **Article 3: Membership**

The membership of this organization shall be classified as active, honorary or special. Membership is limited to women who are members of the DRWGA.

Section 1: Active members shall pay dues as prescribed herein and shall be entitled to all membership privileges.

Section 2: The title of Honorary Member may be conferred by a majority vote of members present at any regular meeting. The Honorary Member does not pay dues, cannot vote and cannot compete in tournament play.

Section 3: Associate Members are entitled to handicap privileges only.

Section 4: Junior Members must be under 18 years of age. They shall pay the golfing assessment prescribed but cannot vote or compete in tournament play within the organization.

## **Article 4: Dues**

Dues must be paid in advance to be eligible to compete in tournaments or vote. The amount of dues shall be determined by the Executive Committee.

## **Article 5: Officers and Committees**

Section 1: The officers of this association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 2: The Chairpersons of this association shall be Tournament, Rules, Handicap, Publicity, Central District, Special Awards and Membership Chairpersons.

Section 3: These officers shall perform the duties prescribed by these By-Laws and by the parliamentary authority adopted by this association.

Section 4: A nominating committee of three members shall be appointed by the President who shall post a slate of officers 30 days prior to election day. Election to be decided by the Executive Committee (three active members).

Section 5: These officers will take office the first week in June.

## **Article 6: Duties**

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall preside at meetings in the absence of the President and shall be Chairperson of the daily events. She will select a Tournament Chairperson who will be in charge of all tournaments.

Section 3: The Secretary/Special Awards Chairperson shall keep the minutes of the meetings and shall present prizes deemed appropriate for events such as hole-in-one, birdies, breaking 100/90/80, etc.

Section 4: The Treasurer/Membership Chairperson shall keep records of finances, collect dues, accept applications from potential members and keep a membership list. She will forward applications to the Handicap Chair and inform Play of the Day Chair of new members. She will keep records of membership.

Section 5: The Rules Chairperson shall interpret rules and lead discussions on them.

Section 6: The Handicap Chairperson shall post the handicaps of each member and arrange to have them calculated and advise Play of the Day Chairperson of handicaps of new members.

Section 7: The Publicity Chairperson shall be responsible for keeping members and the public informed of events and items of interest.

Section 8: The Central District Chairperson shall attend meetings, collect dues and announce tournaments pertaining to Central District.

## **Article 7: Meetings**

Section 1: Regular meetings of members shall be held when scheduled by the President or Executive Board.

Section 2: Active members present shall constitute a quorum at any meeting of this association.

**Article 8: Executive Board**

Section 1: The officers of the association, plus the Parliamentarian, who shall be appointed by the President and does not vote, shall constitute the Executive Board.

Section 2: The Executive Board shall have general charge of the affairs of the association and none of its acts shall conflict with action taken by the association.

Section 3: The Executive Board shall be an ex-officio member of all committees except the nominating committee.

**Article 9: Committees**

Section 1: The President and Executive Board shall create any other standing or special committees they deem necessary.

Section 2: The President shall appoint an auditor who shall review the Treasurer's books at the close of the fiscal year.

**Article 10: Parliamentary Authority**

The rules contained in Roberts' Rules of Order, newly revised shall govern the association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these By-Laws and any special rules of order the association may adopt.

**Article 11: Amendment of By-Laws**

These By-Laws can be amended at any regular meeting of the association by two-thirds vote, provided that the amendment has been submitted in writing at the previous regular meeting or posted for 30 days without any opposition. These changes will become part of the By-Laws.

**Article 12: Golf Season**

The golf season shall run from September to May.

**Article 13: Rules and Handicaps**

Play shall be governed at all times by USGA Rules, except as amended by the Club and local rules. Handicaps shall be established as stated in the USGA/World Handicap System Manual.

## Notes:

Two-stroke option for lost or out of bounds ball. NOT to be used in penalty areas!

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance.

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3): Two Estimated Reference Points:

a. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have: • Come to rest on the course, or • **Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.**

b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point. For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less. If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between: • A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and • A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line). But with these limits: Limits on Location of Relief Area: • Must be in the general area, and • Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point. Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule: • The original ball that was lost or out of bounds **is no longer in play and must not be played.** • This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b). But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when: • That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or • The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3). A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

**For example, if your ball goes out of bounds into the driving range on number 10, use the point where it crossed into the range, not where you think it rolled up to.**

### Golf Game Descriptions

Game	Description
ABCD Mixer	4 players, one from each handicap flight play as a team. Scramble.
Aces Wild	Subtract all 1 putts from full gross score use full handicap to calculate net
Back nine	Total gross score on back nine less ½ handicap for net score
Beat the Pro	
Best nine	Best nine of 18 less ½ handicap
Blind Nine	Gross score on nine holes selected by the course pro less ½ handicap
Convert 4 worst holes to par	Gross score with 4 worst changed to par less ½ handicap for net score
Criers	Throw out gross score on three worst holes then take gross less 1/2 handicap for net score
Criss Cross	Hole 1 or 10, 2 or 11, etc. less ½ handicap
Easy Nine	Highest nine handicap holes less ½ handicap
Eclectic Tournament	Tournament is spread over two dates. Players record their gross score for each hole in both rounds then record their lowest gross score for each hole over the two rounds to generate the gross score for the tournament. Net is calculated by subtracting full handicap from the final gross score.
Even Holes	Total gross score on even holes less ½ handicap for net score
Front nine	Total gross score on back nine less ½ handicap for net score
Hard nine	Lowest nine handicap holes less ½ handicap
Inside Holes (6-14)	Total gross score on holes 6-14 then subtract ½ handicap for net score
Odd Holes	Total Gross score on odd holes less ½ handicap
Mutt and Jeff	Gross score on par 3's and 5's less ½ handicap
Low Gross	Gross score- no handicap
Low net	Total gross score less full handicap for net score
Low putts	Total all putts less ½ handicap
Outside cut (1-5, 15-18)	Total gross score on holes 1-5 and 15-18 then subtract ½ handicap for net score
O.N.E.S	Holes starting with these letters will count towards the POD less ½ handicap for net score. (1,6,7,8,9,11,16,17,18)
Par 4's	Total gross score on all par 4's less ½ handicap to get net
Solheim Cup	Cactus Wrens vs Snowbirds-match play
T & F holes	Total gross score of all holes starting with T or F less ½ handicap for net score
Tee to green	Gross score less putts (on green) then subtract ½ handicap for net score
Turkey Shoot	Write on your "turkey" the spot on the course where you reached your net score

