

# **PALO VERDE MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (PVMGA) STANDING RULES**

## **ARTICLE ONE: GENERAL RULES**

### A. Overview:

1. The PVMGA Constitution and By-Laws shall take precedence in all conflicts with the Standing Rules.
2. The Standing Rules shall take precedence in all conflicts with other announcements, notices, and publications.
3. Standing Rules are those governing the general weekly operations of the PVMGA.
4. These rules are adopted formally by the Executive Board and put into writing to provide uniformity and continuity for the benefit of the membership.
5. Standing Rules differ from the By-Laws in that Standing Rules may be changed or repealed by a majority vote of the PVMGA Executive Board.

### B. Communications To Membership:

1. A current copy of the Standing Rules shall be posted on the PVMGA bulletin board located in the men's locker room at the Palo Verde Country Club and on the PVMGA website.
2. All approved changes to the Standing Rules shall be announced at the next regularly scheduled monthly membership meeting.

### C. Control:

1. The Standing Rules shall be under version control.
2. The Secretary of the Executive Board shall maintain current and previous versions in a "Microsoft Word" file and have hard copies available in his records.
3. The President of the PVMGA shall be responsible for the posting of the current version on the PVMGA bulletin board.

## **ARTICLE TWO: MEMBERSHIP**

### A. Application For Membership:

1. New and returning members can sign up online via the Arizona Golf Association (AGA) website.
2. The PVMGA Treasurer will coordinate the appropriate membership rates with the AGA.

### **ARTICLE THREE: REGULAR SATURDAY PLAY**

#### **A. Schedule:**

1. Regular men's day play shall be every Saturday except for Christmas and periods of course closure. There shall be no official afternoon play starting June 1st through the end of annual over seeding.
2. Approval of the President of the PVMGA is required prior to any deviation from the schedule published in the current Cottonwood & Palo Verde Golfing Information calendar.
3. If a change is approved, a notice of the approved game change will be e-mailed to members in advance of the scheduled event.

#### **B. Sign-Up Procedures:**

1. Use the Chelsea system up to ten (10) days in advance of the event.
2. The PV Pro Shop shall post the initial list of members who called in on Chelsea. The list shall be posted in the locker room by Friday morning.

#### **C. Late Sign-Up:**

1. Members who fail to use Chelsea may call the PV Pro Shop for late sign-up if openings are available.

#### **D. Cancellations:**

1. Members entered in a Saturday event may cancel by calling the PV Pro Shop (480) 895-0300.

#### **E. No Shows:**

1. Members entered in a Saturday event and who fail to cancel or do not show-up for Saturday play may be charged a \$5.00 no-show fee to be collected prior to their next participation in a PVMGA event.
2. In tournaments where a pre-tournament fee is collected, for example, Home and Home Tournaments with other clubs, a no show without a prior two (2) day

notification will forfeit the entry fee. If a player no shows on day one or day two of a Home and Home Tournament, the full entry fee still applies even though the player only plays one of the days.

3. The Tournament chairman shall be authorized to waive the no-show fee in consideration of special circumstances.

F. Size Of Field:

1. Tournaments shall be limited to 120 players in the morning and 120 players in the afternoon.

G. Alternates:

1. Sign-ups more than the field limit shall be placed on an alternate list and will be called if selected to replace a player who cancelled.
2. Priority on the alternate list for special events (such as Home and Home Tournaments) shall be those members who have signed up and have a check in the Treasurer's box.

H. Parings:

1. The initial list of players shall be posted by Friday morning proceeding the event.
2. Final pairings shall be posted by 1:00 p.m. on Friday.

I. Check-In Procedures:

1. Players will check-in with the Pro Shop.
2. A \$3.00 entry fee shall be collected at the Pro Shop for regular events.
3. An appropriate entry fee shall be collected at the Pro Shop for events that include a business meeting/luncheon. Members who are entered in an event that includes a luncheon meeting shall be required to pay the full entry fee regardless of whether they will attend the luncheon.

J. Competition And Prizes:

1. All PVMGA members currently in good standing shall be eligible for participation in PVMGA events. To be eligible to participate in the PVMGA's two premier golf tournaments, the President's Cup and the Club Championship, you must have played a minimum of five (5) PVMGA postable rounds within 12 months of the start of the tournament. To play in the Member-Guest

- Tournament, you must have played five (5) rounds of PVMGA events since the previous Member-Guest Tournament, prior to the posted sign-up date for the event. Adherence to these requirements will be verified.
2. Morning and afternoon events shall be separate competitions.
  3. There may be times when a threesome will be required to play in a four-player non-scramble event. Prior to the determination of winners, the Pro Shop shall conduct a "Blind Draw" to calculate a four-player team score.
  4. A threesome required to play in a four-player scramble event shall use 1/3 of the three-player total handicap.
  5. 90% of the entry fee collected shall be awarded as prizes. The remaining 10% of the entry fee shall be deposited to the PVMGA operating fund.
  6. 33% of the field shall receive prizes.
  7. The targeted minimum individual player prize shall be \$3 but may be less in the case of ties for the final winning position.
  8. A listing of winners for events shall be posted in the locker room in a timely manner following the event.

K. Deuce Pots:

1. There shall be two (2) deuce pots available each Saturday if the tournament being played that day, is an Individual Scored event.
2. The deuce pot will be established based on tee box assignment.
3. The PV Pro Shop will collect the money and provide the payouts to the winners based on the number of players in each pot.
4. This rule may be waived or modified by the PVMGA President or the Head Golf Pro if there is an unusual tournament being played on a particular Saturday (i.e., Home and Home Tournaments, Men and Ladies Challenges, etc.).

## **ARTICLE FOUR: SPECIAL EVENTS ON MEN'S DAY**

A. President's Cup:

1. This is a two (2) round low NET event flighted by handicap. The two (2) rounds shall be scheduled on consecutive Saturdays, unless modified at the direction of the PVMGA Executive Board.

2. The first round shall be scheduled for the morning and the final round shall be scheduled for the afternoon unless modified at the direction of the PVMGA Executive Board.
3. Separate events shall be scheduled for those players not competing in the President's Cup.
4. The winner of the President's Cup and the runner-up can come from any flight. The winner shall have shot the best two (2) round total NET scores.
5. In the event of a tie for 1st and 2nd place, a sudden death winner playoff will take place.
6. All other ties for 1st and 2nd place will be determined by a scorecard playoff in accordance with USGA guidelines.
7. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the Champion and the Runner-Up.
8. The low NET player in each flight will be awarded a prize. A player cannot be awarded more than one (1) prize.
9. The balance of the prize fund will be awarded, by flight, on a low NET basis.
10. No player will be awarded more than one (1) prize.
11. Sign-up for this event will be as described earlier in these Standing Rules. Only one (1) sign-up is required to enter both days of competition.

B. Club Championship:

1. This is a two (2) round event flighted by handicap. The two (2) rounds will be scheduled on consecutive Saturdays unless modified at the discretion of the PVMGA Executive Board.
2. The rounds will be scheduled for the morning play unless modified at the discretion of the PVMGA Executive Board.
3. Separate events shall be scheduled for those players not competing in the Club Championship.
4. The Club Champion, the Master Champion, who must be 80 years or older by the first day of competition, and the Club Champion Runner-Up can come from any flight and will have shot the two (2) best total GROSS scores.
5. In case of a tie for the Club Champion, the Master Champion, or the Club Champion Runner-Up a sudden death winner playoff will take place.

6. Trophies or prizes and chit money will be awarded to the Club Champion in a greater proportion than those of the Master Champion and the Club Champion Runner-Up whose awards would be of equal value.
7. If a player qualifies for more than one of these titles, the player would be declared the winner in the following order: Club Champion, Master Champion, and then Club Champion Runner-Up.
8. A player cannot be awarded more than once for a trophy or prize, and chit money.
9. The low GROSS player for each flight will be awarded a trophy as well as chit money. In case of a tie for a flight winner, the winner will be determined by a score card playoff in accordance with USGA guidelines.
10. The balance of the chit fund money will be awarded by flights on a low GROSS basis.
11. Sign-up for this event will be as described earlier in these Standing Rules. Only one sign-up is required to enter both days of competition.

C. Ace Of Aces:

1. Qualifying rounds for the Ace of Aces Final shall be scheduled in the morning and afternoon throughout the year as indicated in the Cottonwood & Palo Verde Golf Information calendar.
2. The qualifying rounds shall be flighted events based upon the player's current handicap.
3. A \$10.00 entry fee shall be collected when the Final Round of the Ace of Aces championship is played.
4. The two (2) low GROSS and two low NET players (including ties) in each flight shall automatically qualify for the Ace of Aces Final.
5. If a player who has already qualified shoots the low score in a subsequent qualifying round, the next low score (plus ties) shall qualify.
6. The final round of the Ace of Aces competition shall be scheduled to be played at the end of the season on a Saturday morning that does not include a business meeting or luncheon.

7. The Ace of Aces final round will be flighted by the player's current handicap. The number of flights shall be determined by the Palo Verde Pro.
8. The overall GROSS and NET winners may come from any flight. In the event of a tie, a scorecard playoff will determine the winner.
9. The prize fund will be awarded, by flight, on a low GROSS/low NET basis. First place awards shall go to the low GROSS and low NET players from each flight. The awards for overall GROSS score winner and NET score winner will also state the flight those winners won in the tournament.
10. The Ace of Aces qualifying will occur while participating in a four-man game played on a given Saturday each month as scheduled in the Cottonwood and Palo Verde Golf Information calendar.

D. Other Special Events:

1. During the year, special events may be scheduled with the Palo Verde Ladies Association and other Golf Clubs.
2. Sign-up sheets for these events shall be posted in the locker room three (3) weeks prior to the event.
3. Assignment of players to special events will be based on first player signed up and having placed a check for the necessary fee in the Treasurer's box.
4. Alternates list will be based on first player signed up and having placed a check for the necessary amount in the Treasurer's box.

E. Open Play On Men's Day:

1. The Pro Shop shall decide if any holes are available for open play on Men's Day. That decision shall be made by Friday noon preceding Men's Day.

F. Hole In One Fund (if applicable):

1. All members of the PVMGA may participate in the Hole in One Fund by placing a check for \$10.00 in the Treasurer's box in the men's locker room. This fund was created to assist financially if the member decides to purchase drinks for the participating players at that event.
2. As the Hole in One Fund is depleted the members will be asked to place another check for \$10.00 in the Treasurer's box to remain in the fund.

3. Members of the PVMGA Hole in One Fund will be awarded \$125.00 for a Hole in One, if it occurs on any PVMGA event day, at any course played.