

Diablo Creek Seniors Golf Club Policies

Revised 07/23/26

The following are the Policies adopted by the Diablo Creek Seniors Golf Club (DCSGC) as of the Revision date above. These are items or subjects that are not covered by the Bylaws of the Diablo Creek Seniors Golf Club. These Policies are related specifically to the operation of the Golf Club activity as it relates to the game of Golf, although Members are additionally subject to the Rules of Conduct and Etiquette required by the Diablo Creek Golf Course.

1 - Enforcing the DCSGC "Code of Conduct" Suspension

Any player that violates the Diablo Creek Golf Course code of conduct or standard golf etiquette Rules can result in an *immediate* suspension and removal of a Member from the golf course during play, This is primarily because the instruments used in Golf (such as clubs, balls, carts, etc...) can very easily inflict great bodily harm and endanger other Members. The process as defined in the DCSGC ByLaws Article III Section 8 will be followed (report, witness statements, etc...)

2 - The Diablo Creek Seniors Golf Club Leadership Committee

The Leadership Committee of the DCSGC will be composed of the following volunteer positions:

- **President:** represents the Club in all issues and roles as related to the DCSGC, meets with prospective new members, interacts and assists with Members for all variety of reasons, guides recruitment efforts
- **Handicap Chairman:** Responsible for Handicapping and score posting per NCGA & USGA guidelines and rules. Also responsible for all tournament scoring and reporting the outcome to membership by email after each Monday event and all tournaments.
- **Weekly Play Scheduler:** Responsible for sending out weekly invitations to play and arranging the Tee Times and Pairings for typical Monday events. This role is currently utilizing the TeeTimeHelper application. Can assist with Tournament pairings too.
- **Tournament Director:** Schedules and manages the 5 -7 Club tournaments each year. Tournaments can be added, changed or canceled at the discretion of the Tournament Director. Typical tourneys are held in the following months:
 - *April
 - *May
 - *June
 - *July
 - *August – Club Championship (Previously called the President's Cup)
- **Rules Committee:** assists players with Rules questions and provides arbitration
- **NCGA Representative:** Club contact person registered with the NCGA, and is responsible for all communications from NCGA to members and, keep on-line personal and club information up to date.

3 - 6" Bump and Root Relief

While the Club adheres to the "Rules of Golf" as adopted by the USGA and R&A, Club event play will allow a 6" bump (or placement) of the ball within the same cut of grass through the green. In addition players will be allowed to move their ball when it is near a tree root to the nearest point of relief, to avoid potential injury. Unlike normal golf play, neither action will result in USGA typical penalty strokes.

4 - Expenses from the Club Fund

When joining the DCSGC Club and at annual renewal there will be a \$35 charge that will be deposited in the Club Fund, managed by the Club Treasurer. Expenses from this fund can include the annual Luncheon and Club Champion awards or trophies, box lunches for specific tournaments. These and all other expenses must be approved not only by the Club Leadership but also the DCSGC Board of Directors. It is also the intention of the Club Leadership that the DCSGC Membership should be informed regarding the balance and expenses of the Fund for transparency considerations. It is the intention of the DCSGC Leadership to do this at bi-monthly Member Meetings.

5 - Golf Experience prior to joining the Diablo Creek Seniors Golf Club

Golf is a complicated game, with many Rules, nuances and etiquette procedures. DCSGC Membership does not have any experience training or teaching the game of Golf, so primarily Seniors with Golf experience should be accepted into the Diablo Creek Seniors Golf Club. Candidates should be interviewed, evaluated and approved by DCSGC Leadership prior to the acceptance of NCGA charges, which are not refundable. This is first to determine what the candidates expectations are, and also to ensure that the candidate has a full understanding of the game and can play from previous experience, have fun doing so and will not hamper the play of established Members. A primary tool for this is to invite the potential member to join Monday play as a Guest so members can evaluate how the new player represents themselves as a playing partner.

6 - NCGA and Other Tournament Fees

The DCSGC plans to enter and play in NCGA Senior Tournament events. This process not only may include a Club qualifying event to determine who will represent the Club, but subsequent qualifying tournaments to get to the NCGA Championship venue. There are entry fees associated with these NCGA events. The DCSGC Leadership Committee would like to present the Membership with an option to use Club Funds to cover these fees, either in part or in total, pending a 60% or higher approval vote by the members that respond. Otherwise all expenses will be on the participating Member players.

7 – Membership Policies:

The fees to join the Diablo Creek Golf Club for 2026 are \$85. This includes \$48 towards membership in the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA) and the balance to the Club “General Fund”. The Fund covers portions of the Annual Club Championship Luncheon and Awards, TeeTimeHelper fees and other expenses as deemed appropriate by the Board.

These amounts are subject to change in the future.

7A - Age Requirements and Considerations

Minimum age requirement to join the DCSGC is 60 years old for Women and Men to match the same criteria as the Diablo Creek Golf Course.

By joining the new player is entitled to many of the rights and privileges offered by the DCSCC; this means that they are invited to play during typical Monday events, assuming they have not violated the Concord Senior Center or Diablo Creek Golf Course Code of Conduct provisions.

However, they are not entitled to immediately qualify for all of the various activities and contests specifically offered by the Golf Club, and related to the playing of Golf. These restrictions, per activity or contest are as follows:

7B - 3 Buck Chuck:

Brand new members are allowed to immediately join in the weekly 3 Buck Chuck Contest if they have an existing valid GHIN number and Handicap Index. The winners are based on Net scores, so a valid HI is required. Those without valid HI can play in order to post scores to build towards a Handicap Index, but are not able to compete in Net scoring.

7C - Typical Tournaments:

Brand new members are allowed to immediately join in and competitively play in DCSGC typical monthly tournaments if they have an existing valid GHIN number and Handicap Index. The winners are based on Net scores, so a valid HI is required. If a player does not have a valid HI then they can play in order to post scores to build towards a Handicap Index, but is not able to compete in Net scoring. All brand new members (regardless of HI possession) may join in tournament related additional contests, such as Closies, Straightest Drive and Fewest Putts, unless specifically excluded on an individual tournament basis. This will be determined by the Tournament Director.

7D - Annual Club Championship:

In order to qualify to win the DCSGC Club Championship tournament held late Summer, the Net and/or Gross winner must have played in a minimum of eight Monday events and one DCSGC Club sanctioned Tournament. This allows for a majority of the DCSGC Club members to have met and played with the newer Member. As expected, the winners are based on Net scores, so a valid HI is required. If a player does not have a valid HI then they can play in order to post scores to build towards a Handicap Index, but is not able to compete in Net scoring. Returning members require 4 Monday events and/or one tournament played as a reactivated member.

7E - Hole in One Kitty:

Members of the DCSGC have the option to contribute to the "Hole-In-One contest. Typically, it is a one-time \$10.00 payment which enters the player into the contest. The first person to execute a Hole-in-one will receive the monies collected (Total monies will depend on how many players enter the contest) and player must have contributed to the Hole-In-One contest. The Hole-in One must occur during a Club sanctioned event (Monday play or a Club Tournament) and be witnessed by at least one other Club member. The President or Treasurer of the Club will be responsible for the management and possession of the cash award. Once the Hole-In-One contest has been won, collection for a new contest will begin immediately. New members have the opportunity to submit their \$10 and join the contest after joining the Club. ~~they have played in at least 8 Monday events after joining the Club. This interim period no longer applies if someone should get a hole in one and a new Kitty begins. This grace period is 3 months. Returning members require 4 Monday events played as a reactivated member.~~ Changed 07/23/26

Note: Should more than one member get a hole in one on the same day during the same event the current Pot will be split between them.

8 – Guests

Members are allowed to invite Guests to all golf related CSGC events. However Guests are not permitted to compete in any contest, tournament or game regardless if they have a valid GHIN and Handicap Index. This includes 3 Buck Chuck, the Hole in One Kitty and typical or the Club Championship tournaments. The one exception would be secondary contests like Closies or

Straightest Drive as part of a Tournament, but this is at the discretion of the Tournament Director for each individual tournament. Guests are typically allowed to accompany Members for up to 4 rounds, after which they will lose the non-resident reduced rate. It is intended that by the 4th round the Guest will opt to join the Diablo Creek Seniors Golf Club.

Another Guest play option is once a month with a total of 12 Guest play dates per year.

Exception: from October through December Guests **that have decided to join** can continue to play as a Guest until the New Year. This is due to the NCGA annual dues restriction, and it can be financially difficult to pay full dues near the end of the year only to have to renew for another full payment in January.

Edits and Changes:

07/23/26: Edited to remove delayed entry in Hole In One Fund for new and renewing members.

Approved by the Board