

Dobson Ranch Golf Association



Handicap Procedures

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Article 1 The Handicap Committee:

- 1.1 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.**
- 1.2 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.**
- 1.3 Handicaps and records shall be posted on the DRGA website “<http://www.dobsonranch.azgolf.org>” and will be made available upon request of the Board of Directors or the general membership.**

Article 2 Definition of Members:

2.1 Established Members:

2.1.1 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.

2.2 New Members (w/o a previous DRGA Handicap):

2.2.1 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 or other affiliated Clubs or “games” not affiliated with the USGA. Example, the “50 Club” at Dobson Ranch.

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- 2.2.2** *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.*
- 2.2.3** *New member's handicaps will then be calculated per the schedule shown below. Until six (6) qualifying tournament scores are recorded.*
- 2.3** *New Members w/o any "Away" scores or scores in the USGA/GHIN record:*
 - 2.3.1** *New members that do not submit the three "Away" scores or have 3 GHIN scores established shall be assigned a "0" handicap in DRGA events until such time as they submit the required scores.*
 - 2.3.1.1** *Upon submission of scores, the updated "Away" handicap will NOT become effective until after the next subsequent tournament.*
- 2.4** *History & Definition of the "5% Rule"*
 - 2.4.1** *Created more than 30 years ago to protect the membership from new members unverifiable scores.*
 - 2.4.2** *It has proven effective in protecting the field from players that join with inflated handicaps*
 - 2.4.3** *It only applies to "Net" score ONLY.*
 - 2.4.4** *Definition – 5% of 72 (par at Dobson Ranch) is $3.6 - 72 = 68.4$, rounded down that equals 68.0.*
 - 2.4.5** *Therefore, the "5% Rule" is 5% of the course rating of 72 or a low score of 68.*
 - 2.4.6** *The 5% Rule applies for the first 6 rounds in DRGA events where scores count toward establishing a handicap.*

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Article 3 Procedures for Establishing DRGA Handicaps:

3.1 Gross Scores:

3.1.1 For all tournaments supervised by the DRGA, no restrictions will be applied to new members gross scores, however, net scores will be governed by the policy below.

3.2 Net Handicapping Guidelines:

3.2.1 The minimum Net score for the first six (6) DRGA events is 68

3.3 USGA Member - Sanctioned Away Tournaments

3.3.1 Active or Inactive USGA/GHIN membership is acceptable.

3.3.2 Verify 3 or more (max of 12) away tournament scores in the past 12 months:

Article 4 Establishing a Permanent Handicap:

4.1 Initial “Away” Handicap – No DRGA Rounds Recorded

4.1.1 Use the best 1 of 3 lowest “Away” scores to establish “Initial Member Handicap”.

4.1.2 Calculate the “Member Handicap” as per USGA guidelines.

4.1.3 All “Away” scores will have a posting date of 10/1/20XX of the prior season, so the scores are not mixed with current year official DRGA scores.

4.2 1st Round – One (1) DRGA Round Recorded

4.2.1 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 “Member Handicap” using the best 1 of 3 scores.

4.2.2 The new member’s net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule).

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4.3 2nd Round – Two (2) DRGA Rounds Recorded

4.3.1 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.

4.3.2 Calculate “Member Handicap” using the one lowest score of the 3. (Best 1 of 3 scores).

4.3.3 The new member’s net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule)

4.4 3rd Round – Three (3) DRGA Rounds Recorded

4.4.1 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.

4.4.2 Utilizing the 3 DRGA tournament scores and the one remaining “Away Score”, calculate the “Member Handicap” using the two lowest scores of the 4. (Best 2 of 4 scores).

4.4.3 The new member’s net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule).

4.5 4th Round – Four (4) DRGA Rounds Recorded

4.5.1 With 4 DRGA scores and the one remaining “Away Score” posted, calculate “Member Handicap” for the “Best 2 of 5” Scores.

4.5.2 The new member’s net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule).

4.6 5th Round – Five (5) DRGA Rounds Recorded

4.6.1 For the 5 DRGA scores and the one remaining “Away Score” posted, calculate “Handicap Index” and “Member Handicap” for the “Best 3 of 6” scores.

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4.6.2 *The new member's net tournament score cannot be lower than 68 (5% rule).*

4.7 *6th Round – Six (6) DRGA Rounds Recorded*

4.7.1 *With 6 DRGA scores now recorded the members DRGA handicap is now established, and the 5% rule is removed.*

4.7.2 *The last remaining “Away Score” can now be deleted from the member's record.*

4.7.3 *The new members record can now be transferred to the Regular Members Roster.*

Article 5 **New Member Classification:**

5.1 *USGA Member – Casual Rounds Only*

5.1.1 *5% rule applies on net side for the first 6 events.*

5.1.2 *Verify 3 or more (max of 8) away scores in the past 12 months.*

5.1.3 *Initial away “Member Handicap” will be used for 1st DRGA event.*

5.1.4 *Calculate “Handicap Index” and use lowest 3 of last 8 casual rounds to calculate initial member handicap.*

5.1.5 *Utilize the guidelines above for 1st thru 7th rounds above to calculate this “Member Handicap” for each subsequent tournament.*

5.1.6 *Once 6 DRGA scores are established, the member now has an official DRGA handicap, and the 5% rule is removed.*

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

5.2.1 *5% rule applies on net side for the first 6 events.*

5.2.2 *Initial Handicap will be calculated based upon good faith scores provided by the new member. Primarily interested in scores when playing Dobson Ranch*

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- 5.2.3 Calculate “Handicap Index” using as many scores as can be recalled at Dobson Ranch. If 6 scores are available, use all 6.**
- 5.2.4 Failing scores from Dobson, use scores from any courses he/she recalls.**
- 5.2.5 Attempt to get a minimum of 3 scores including course rating and slope – Determine “Handicap” from the lowest one of those scores and utilize the score to determine initial “Member Handicap utilizing “Golf Software”.**
- 5.2.6 Initial “Member Handicap” will be used for the 1st DRGA event.**
- 5.2.7 Utilize the guidelines above for 1st thru 6th rounds above to calculate the “Member Handicap” for each subsequent tournament.**
- 5.2.8 Once 6 DRGA scores are established, the member now has an official DRGA handicap, and the 5% rule is removed.**