

# **DAVIS SENIOR MEN'S GOLF CLUB**

## **By-Laws and Club Policies**

**Article I – Name:** The name of the club shall be Davis Senior Men's Golf Club.

**Article II – Purpose and Membership:** The Davis Senior Men's Golf Club formed to promote golf and to provide friendly competitions for men age fifty (50) and older. The Club hosts tournaments every Thursday morning and on the second Tuesday of every month throughout the year.

**Article III – Board of Directors:** The powers and management of the Club, except as otherwise provided in these by-laws, shall be vested in a Board of Directors consisting of three (3) members who shall be members of the Club for at least 10 months. The Board shall govern for the benefit of the membership.

**Article IV – Election of Directors:** Directors are elected for two-year terms; two in odd years, and one in even years.

1. **Election of Directors** will be held the first two weeks of October by written ballot.
2. A notice will be posted by September 15 on the Senior Club Bulletin Board that nominations for the Board of Directors will be accepted until October 1. A Senior Member may self-nominate.
3. Nominees will be placed on the ballot.
4. Members must be nominated and placed on the official ballot to be elected to the Board of Directors. Write-in votes are not allowed in Board elections.
5. In elections where the number of nominees is fewer than the number of Board vacancies, the elected Board will select members to serve on the Board to fill the vacant positions if the Club has fewer than three elected board members.
6. Election results will be announced at the Annual Meeting held the last Thursday in October.
7. New board members will take office on November 1.

#### **Article V – Duties of Board Members:**

1. President – Preside at all meetings of the Senior Club and the Board, and exercise general supervision over the business of the Club. Score tournaments and post results.
2. Vice President/Handicap Director – Assume duties of President when absent or otherwise unable to perform those duties. Maintain Club handicap records and apply the Club's handicap policies.
3. Treasurer/Secretary – Account and maintain records for all financial matters of the Club. Take minutes of Board and Club meetings, post monthly tournament schedules, periodically provide members with rules sheets, and serve as backup for scoring tournaments.

#### **Article VI – Meetings of the Club and Board:**

1. The Club annual meeting is held on the last Thursday in October. The annual meeting will include reports from the President and provide a forum for the membership to be heard on Club matters.
2. The Board of Directors will meet monthly or as needed. The President may schedule special meetings, as needed.

#### **Article VII – Fees and Dues:**

Section 1: Annual Dues are \$5.00.

Section 2: The membership year is January 1 through December 31.

Section 3. A Dues increase requires a majority vote of the members voting: (1) by written ballot in an election or (2) during a duly-noticed general membership meeting.

Section 4: A player is only eligible for tournament play with current annual dues paid.

Section 5: All members pay tournament fees. Tournament fees are \$3.00 per event, and \$8.00 for majors.

#### **Article VIII – Handicaps:** See handicap information in the Policy section.

**Article IX – Financial/Compensation:** All financial transactions must be approved by the Board. Club Funds will not be used to pay Club members a salary or stipend.

**Article X – Tournament Payouts:** The Club Board determines tournament payouts.

**Article XI – Amendments to the By-Laws:** Amendments to the By-Law must be approved by a majority vote of the members voting: (1) by written ballot in an election or (2) during a duly-noticed general membership meeting. Proposed amendments may be submitted by the Board or by a petition signed by fifteen (15) current members. By-Laws shall never be set aside by the Board.

### **Senior Club Policies**

1. **Senior Club Policies** are enacted by the Club Board of Directors.
2. **Senior Club tournaments will be scored** using the USGA Handicap Guidelines.
3. **Tournament payouts** will usually be based on NET Scores.
4. **Winter and Summer Rules** - The senior club plays summer rules approximately April through October. A scorecard length is allowed during summer. Winter rules apply approximately November through March. A club length is allowed during winter. The specific dates will be announced by the Board. A senior bump is not allowed in any penalty area.
5. **A senior club member may elect to play from either the White** or the Blue Tees, irrespective of age or handicap. Member handicaps will be calculated based on the tees played. See separate White vs. Blue Tee Procedures for more information.
6. **Free Drop Bushes** - To provide access to a free stance and swing, players may take relief without penalty from the 100- and 150-yard marker bushes.
7. **Lost Ball/Out-of-Bounds Local Rule per USGA.** When a provisional ball **has not** been played, issues with pace of play can result for a player needing to walk back to the spot required to take stroke-and-distance relief for a ball that is out of bounds or cannot be found. Therefore, the player **may** proceed as follows: For **two penalty strokes**, the player may take relief by *dropping* a ball in a fairway area that is nearest 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*.
8. **Penalty Areas (formerly known as “Water Hazards”)** The USGA Rules state that a penalty area is: “An area from which relief with one stroke penalty is allowed if the

player's ball comes to rest there." The Davis Golf Course usually marks the penalty areas with red lines. Those red lines often fade and disappear and leave the penalty areas unmarked. The following penalty area definitions apply when the red lines are not visible.

- **Per the USGA:** "If the color of a Penalty area has not been marked or indicated by the Committee, it is treated as a red penalty area."

"When the edge of a body of water is not defined by the Committee, the edge of that penalty area is defined by its natural boundaries (that is, where the ground slopes down to form the depression that can hold the water)."

The USGA definition is consistent with the penalty area boundaries that are used when the golf course applies the red line.

9. **Hole #7 Penalty Area. The Davis Senior Golf Club plays Hole 7 as a "Red Penalty Area"** which allows four options for relief, each with one penalty stroke.

They are:

- a. Play from the Drop Area on tee-side of lake.
- b. Play stroke and distance. For example, if you hit the ball into the penalty area from the tee, you may re-tee and play your third stroke from the tee.
- c. Take lateral relief by taking two club lengths from the point where the ball last crossed the edge of the penalty area, no nearer the hole. This option is available even when your ball bounces into the water on the green side of the penalty area.
- d. Take back-on-the-line relief as described in Rule 17.2.a.(2). Note: if you choose this option, please make certain you understand the procedure for relief by taking the time to read the USGA rule.

10. **Hole #7 Local Rule on Provisional Ball:** If a player is uncertain whether his ball is in the water hazard on Hole #7, he may play a provisional ball from the drop area to speed up play.

11. **The area between Holes 13 and 15** will only be a penalty area when it is marked by a red line or that area has standing water. In the absence of a red line, the penalty area boundary will be the edge of the water.

## **12. Relief from Fence between Hole #12 Green and #13 Tee Area**

**While playing Hole #12**, a player may take free relief when his ball lies on the Hole #13 side of the fence and the fence obstructs line of sight access to the green. Free relief allows the player to lift and place the ball on Hole #12 side of the fence at the **nearest point of relief**, even if that point is closer to the Hole #12 green.

**While playing Hole #13**, a player may take free relief when his ball lies within two club lengths of the fence on Hole #12 side of the fence. Free relief allows the player to lift and place the ball on Hole #13 side of the fence within two club lengths of the fence, but no closer to Hole #13 green.

**13. Senior Club players must play the tournament that is scheduled** on the tournament schedule. Members who choose not to play the scheduled tournament should not pay the \$3.00 entry fee. Exceptions to this policy apply as follows:

- a. Players without a 4-man team for 4-man events have the option of playing the team event with three players or playing Individual Medal.
- b. A player without a partner in a 2-Man Scramble/Shamble event has the option of playing Individual Medal. A group with three players must pair two of the players and play the scramble/shamble format and the third player will play Individual Medal.
- c. Blind draws are not made for 4-Man tournaments and 2-Man Scramble/Shamble tournaments.
- d. Blind draws are made for singles in 2-man Better Ball and 2-man Total Net tournaments. Therefore, players do not have the option of playing individual medal when these tournaments are scheduled. A group with three players must pair two of the players and play the 2-Man format and the third player will receive a Blind Draw.

**14. Slow Play** - Senior Club Groups are expected to keep up with the group in front of them. Groups finishing two holes or more behind are subject to penalty. The first slow play infraction will result in a two-stroke penalty. The second infraction will result in the foursome receiving a **later tee time**.

**15. Annual Dues Collection** – The Senior Golf Club Board will begin collecting Annual Dues on November 1st for the next calendar year. Dues will be delinquent on January 1<sup>st</sup>. Seniors not renewing by paying their dues will be removed from the

member rolls and will not be eligible for Senior Tournament play. New members who pay their dues on or after November 1 will be paid up through the next calendar year.

16. Except for local rules and Senior Club policies, USGA Rules apply.

## **Handicap Policy**

The Senior Club handicap policy aligns with guidelines prescribed in the NCGA Handicap Manual as follows:

- Current members: the lowest 3 of the last ten scores will be used to calculate current handicap. Handicaps will be updated on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> of each month.
- New members with an established NCGA handicap will play the first 3 rounds at 90% of the NCGA handicap. New members without an NCGA handicap will play their first 3 tournaments as a 0 handicap.
- The following table will be used to create a Senior Golf Club handicap for seniors with and without an NCGA handicap.

Number of Acceptable Scores	Lowest Differentials to Be Used
3 to 6	1
7 or 8	2
9 or 10	3

- Only members with an established handicap (10 or more scores) are eligible to play in major tournaments.

The Board reserves the right to take further action on handicap adjustments.

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