



Tournament, Event & Special Event Rules Sheet

The Aldeen Men's Golf Association ("AMGA") - Tournament Committee's mission is to promote the use and enjoyment of the Aldeen Golf Club and conduct tournament golf and events designed to build camaraderie in a competitive environment.

Before a member is allowed to sign-up for a tournament or event and participate they shall have a verified 2024 CDGA handicap card and annual membership fees paid in full.

Tournament, Event & Special Event Definitions:

All play is in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf except where modified within the Supplementary Local Rules Sheet. The World Handicap System™ (Appendix C) for handicap allowances in match, in multi-ball, or in team competitions will apply.

- Tournament means a competition (one, two, three or four – man) where a player's gross score (stroke play) is recorded for each hole requiring that each hole must be played out and all putts holed out. All the scores must be recorded by the player and will be peer reviewed by a designated Handicap Committee member.
- Event means an authorized competition in both match play and stroke play that must be posted for handicap purposes. This includes scores made in match, in multi-ball, or in team competitions including where players may have not completed one or more holes or in which players are requested to pick up when out of contention on a hole.
- There is a clear distinction between two key *Rules of Handicapping* definitions, where both serve specific purposes:
 - A. *Course Handicap* will be used to adjust individual hole scores (Net Double Bogey and Net Par procedures).
 - B. *Playing Handicaps* will be used for net competition purposes after applying allowances, including determining the results and winner(s).

The defined term Playing Handicap will be intuitive and ensure that both terms are applied properly.

Individual and Team Skins:

The USGA does not have a formal recommendation for skins event. The *Tournament Director* in charge of the competition and the *Handicap Committee Chair* have decided to use a full course handicap and let the player take strokes as they fall.

For the 2024 season the format will change to Canadian Skins. If multiple players tie for the lowest score on a hole, but only one of those players did it with their gross score, then that player wins the skin. A winning skin does not have to be a gross skin either. In the case of a net skin tie where Player A gets two strokes on a hole and Player B gets one stroke on the hole, then Player B wins the skin. It tends to balance the inequity between gross skins and handicap skins and reduces the whining.

Where there are multi-player team skin events, team players cannot cut each other and the payouts will be divided equally among all the players (whether they got a skin or not).

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Playing from Different Tees:

The USGA has adopted the World Handicap System™ (WHS), and a new formula for calculating handicaps will eliminate the need for a separate calculation for playing from different tees. When players compete from different tees, a Course Handicap adjustment based on the Course Rating difference will take place to make the game fair. Applying Course Rating minus Par within the Course Handicap calculation will allow players to compete from different tees.

A Course Handicap will represent the number of strokes a player receives in relation to the Par of the tees being played. The formula will include a Course Rating minus Par adjustment:

$$\text{Course Handicap} = \text{Handicap Index} \times (\text{Slope Rating} \div 113) + (\text{Course Rating} - \text{Par})$$

This adjustment is necessary because players competing from different tees are competing with different benchmarks (different Course Ratings). In 2024 the CDGA will calculate your Course Handicap for each set of tees.

When a player signs up to be an AMGA member they must designate what default tee they would like to play and Course Handicaps will be adjusted accordingly. When the player signs up for a tournament or event, and wishes to play from other than their default tee they must designate what tees they wish to play when registering and handicaps will be adjusted accordingly. Upon completion of the tournament or event, the player's handicap will return to their original default selection.

Singles Match Play

Singles Match Play – In singles match play, the match is won by the player who is leading by a number of holes greater than the number of holes remaining to be played. *Handicap Allowance*: The higher-handicapped player receives the full difference in Course Handicap between the two players: the lower-handicapped player plays from scratch. The default tee you designated when signing up as an AMGA member will be the default tee you will play – no exceptions.

Time Frame for Posting a Score:

- A player should post their score as soon as possible on the day of play, after completion of their round, and before midnight (local time).
- A player's CDGA *Handicap Index* will be updated no later than the day after a score was submitted. In a situation when a new round is played before the player's *Handicap Index* has been updated, including when multiple rounds are played on the same day, the player's existing *Handicap Index* will be used.
- The *Tournament Director* in charge of the competition (or the *Handicap Committee Chair*) has the discretion to decide what *Playing Handicap* the player should use (see Rule 7.2).
Example: Thursday's handicap posting for a Tournament played on Saturday.
- When a player starts a hole but does not hole out for a valid reason the player must record their *most likely score* or *net double bogey*, whichever is lower, as appropriate for the situation and depending on the format of play. For example, when:
 - The result of the hole has already been decided,
 - A hole has been conceded in match play,
 - A player's partner has already posted a better score in a Four-Ball format and the player picks up, or
 - A player has already reached their *net double bogey* limit on a specific hole
- When a player has reached their *net double bogey* limit on a specific hole they should pick up subject to provisions set out within the *2024 Handicap Rules of Handicapping Notice and Supplementary Local Rules*. The only exception is Stroke (Medal) play competition where each hole must be played out and all putts holed out.

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