

Trilogy at La Quinta Men's Golf Club

STANDING RULES

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ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRILOGY LA QUINTA MEN'S GOLF CLUB PLEASE READ AND FAMILIARIZE YOUR SELVES WITH THE FOLLOWING STANDING RULES.

These Standing Rules can be modified at the Board of Directors discretion for the benefit of the membership.

MEMBERSHIP

Annual TLQMC fees will be due in November. Dues are payable December 1, and delinquent December 20. The annual fee will be set by the Board of Directors. The TLQMC will also bill for the annual SCGA Membership fee at that time.

MEN'S DAY

Effective January 1, 2017 Trilogy La Quinta Men's Club (TLQMC) events will be divided into two flights; The Hogan Flight for those players choosing to play from the Blue and Blue/Gold Combo tees and the Palmer Flight those choosing to play from the Gold and White tees. Details are as follows:

Tee Box Selection

- Current members will choose their tee box by January 1st of each calendar year. If no new choice is made the member will play from his previously assigned tee box.
- New members will choose their tee box upon joining TLQMC by advising the Monday Play Coordinator prior to their first event.
- Players can request a change of tee box on a quarterly basis, subject to review by the Board, by contacting the Handicap Chairman.
- The board will review all member handicap indexes quarterly and has the option of changing a player's tees to insure the protection of the field in all TLQMC events. The player has the right to appeal this decision.

EXCEPTION: The Member/Guest Tournament and the Dry Heat Tournament will be played from tees designated by Tournament Committee.

Stroke Adjustments

- In individual events such as Low Gross and Net, players will compete only against those players in the same flight
- **Within each flight each player will receive the handicap strokes determined by their index for the tee set being played.**

- Pick Your Partner events must be flighted. A Palmer Flight player can move up to the next lowest rated tees in the Hogan Flight **and the appropriate strokes will be given for that tee being played**. Hogan Flight players shall not move to the Palmer Flight tees.

In non-post able events such as scrambles, shambles, step-asides, etc., with Hogan and Palmer players on the same team, each player will play from his selected tee without any stroke differential adjustments.

- **"NO GAME" OPTION:** When a Monday event is not filled with players who want to participate in the posted game, the remaining openings may be filled by members who do not want to participate in that week's game.
- To participate in this option
- Use the "Event Sign-up" tab on the website and in the "Comments" box enter "No Game"
- Priority will be given to members signing up for that week's game.
- "No Game" participants may:
 - Play from any tees they desire.
 - Play, or not play, any games they desire.
 - Take advantage of green fee rate enjoyed by TLQMC.
- TLQMC will not
 - Collect any fees from the "No Game" players.
 - Coordinate games for the "No Game" players.

Member responsibilities:

- * **The Monday Play Coordinator will schedule you on the tee listed on the "Member Tee Selection" tab of the website.**
- * Tee selection criteria should include; ability to reach greens in regulation and playing ability.
- The Handicap Committee will monitor scores and play, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors when a player should be reassigned tees.
 - A player that has been reassigned tees by the Board of Directors has the right to appeal.

In the event a member wishes to change tee boxes, an appeal must be made to the Handicap Committee. Upon the recommendation of the Handicap Committee, The Board, in its sole and unfettered discretion, will rule on the appeal.

For Monday play, a sign-up sheet will be posted **on the TLQMC website (<http://tlqmc.net>)**. Sign-ups will close at **5 PM Friday** for Monday play.

Handicaps for Men's Day play will be based on **the previous Friday's Handicap Index Report** and the type of game being played Monday. Per SCGA/USGA Rules, Medal play (i.e. total strokes per round) games use full handicaps, and Match play (i.e. hole by hole competition) is played off the lower handicap player (i.e. your handicap for that match is the difference between your handicap, and the lowest handicap player in your Match play competition).

The Monday Game, with Rules, Pairings, and tee times will be sent out before Monday's play. Each player will be responsible to pay the appropriate fees for Monday's play, to the event coordinator, prior to the start of the event.

Each foursome will be assigned a Captain and they will be responsible for submitting an appropriate scorecard:

- An appropriate scorecard is:
 - Completed per the guidelines listed in the paragraph under "**Handicap procedures/Scorecards**"
 - A scorecard that is totaled with the salient data for that Monday Play (e.g. If the format is "Two low net balls" per hole, then the card will have a separate row with the total of the two low net balls per hole).
 - A scorecard that has dots on the appropriate holes where handicap strokes are allowed. This "dotting" should be completed before the round is started, when setting up the card. This facilitates improved scorekeeping accuracy, and speed of tabulating after play to determine winners.

TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

Entry fees will be established by the Board of Directors for all tournaments and Guest Days.

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS

There shall be Eight (8) Major Tournaments per season. These Tournaments must be posted as "Tournament" scores.

- Welcome Back/Memorial Tournament
- Couples Club Championship
- Holiday Tournament
- Member-Guest Tournament
- President's Cup
- Partner Better Ball Tournament
- Men's Club Championship
- Dry Heat Tournament

To be eligible for the Major Tournaments, a member must have a current GHIN Handicap Index and be a member in good standing with TLQMC. Eligibility for the Couples Club Championship is limited to current members of TLQMC and TLQWCG and their spouses or life partners who are also current members of TLQMC and/or TLQWGC.

All participants are required to pay for the tournament luncheons as menus are preordered. If you find it necessary to cancel your reservation for the luncheon, you must cancel prior to one week (7 days) of the scheduled event or you will be charged. If you find it necessary to cancel your participation in a tournament after the one week deadline, you must find a replacement that meets the eligibility requirements of the event, or you will forfeit your entry fee.

A player may win only one Tournament prize (does not include Raffles, Closest to Pin, etc.). Daily prizes for multi-day events are an exception. A player, who defaults, forfeits claim to any prize. If raffle prizes are given out for a tournament, the player must be present to win.

In the event of ties, the following procedures shall be used and stated in advance of each tournament or event:

MATCH PLAY

A match, which ends up all square, will be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole. The playoff competition will commence on the hole where they started that day's competition.

MEDAL PLAY

Monday Play – Cardoffs will no longer be used to break ties for Monday Play. Tie scores will remain ties for determining order of finish for Monday Play.

Tournament Play – Cardoffs will be used to break ties for Tournament Play where applicable.

Cardoff Rules – When two players or teams are tied after 18 holes, then a Cardoff will be used. First - the two tied players or teams will compare their scores for holes 10 through 18 to determine a winner. If still tied, then compare holes 13 through 18 to determine a winner. If still tied, then compare holes 16 through 18 to determine a winner. If still tied, then compare hole 18 to determine a winner.

TOURNAMENT PRIZES

All medal play tournaments will pay equal gross and net amounts.

TLQMC TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

The Tournament Committee consists of the Tournament Chairman, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee, the Assistant Tournament Chairman, Handicap Chairman, and Rules Committee (if applicable). It is the duty of the Committee to recommend policy and procedures for all golfing events of TLQMC, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. It shall sit in judgment and make final decisions on any matters of dispute or protests which may arise during or after the competition. The Committee shall assist the Tournament Chairman in pairings, scoring, and checking eligibility of participants for special events.

HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB

Hole-in-one Insurance Policy –

There will be a \$5.00 fee to join.

When a member in good standing of the TLQMC, with hole-in-one insurance, has a hole-in-one during any sanctioned TLQMC event, every member who played in the same event, may have one "hole-in-one" drink. The member who has made the hole-in-one will pay for the drinks, submit the bill to the Treasurer and will be reimbursed by TLQMC from the hole-in-one policy.

After each hole-in-one the balance of the fund will be adjusted to pay for the hole-in-one drinks. If the balance of the hole-in-one insurance fund runs low, the TLQMC Board of Directors will make a determination if additional funding may be required by the members. If so, each

member that wants to continue as a member of the hole-in-one insurance must pay the additional money.

A roster of members participating in the hole-in-one insurance policy will be posted on the bulletin board and the TLQMC website.

HANDICAP

An established verifiable GHIN Handicap Index is required of all members, and their guests, to participate in TLQMC events.

Additionally, all TLQMC members that also belong to other Golf Clubs, **will have only one Handicap Index. This index will be their "Home" index determined by the member based on their most frequently played club.**

An established handicap is based on the lowest **eight (8)** gross differentials of the last 20 rounds played. A score must be recorded each time a player completes a 9- or 18-hole round. If he plays 7 of 9 or **14** of 18 holes, he must post net par for the remaining holes.

For every round played a score must be posted on the computer system, whether at home or away.

For a round played at a club handicapped by GHIN, post at that club on their computer. Or you may post on line at www.scga.org.

Acceptable rounds include Member courses of the affiliated Associations of USGA throughout the United States.

HANDICAP PROCEDURES

TO ESTABLISH

For new golfers who have no handicap from other organizations, it's necessary to turn in 5 scorecards, and post those 5 scores. No adjustments to your score are required. To expedite receiving a Handicap Index, you may also turn in those scores to the handicap Committee. They will give you a "temporary Handicap Index". This will be your Handicap Index until the SCGA systems are able to post your new Handicap Index **which will be based on 20 scores being submitted.**

POSTING

Upon completion of play, whether for 9 or 18 holes, a score must be posted on the handicap computer. If seven (7) of nine (9), or **fourteen (14)** of eighteen (18) holes are played, the player must post net par for the remaining holes. Net par is par plus any handicap strokes received on each such hole. If a player starts but does not complete a hole, he shall record the score that most likely would have been made if the hole had been completed, but should not exceed the limit **of Net Double Bogey.**

SCORECARDS

Scorecards must be turned in for all rounds played. All players are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores, even if they are not the scorekeeper. Keeping two scorecards per round is always recommended. These scorecards shall have at least the following information:

- All Players last name, and first initial
- Tees played
- Scores – showing adjustments. For adjustments, **per WHS Net Double Bogey rule**, put a slash mark through the score for that hole, and write the adjusted score immediately next to that slashed out score, but in the same box.
- Handicaps
- Scorekeeper signature
- Attester signature
- Date

ADJUSTING SCORE

For handicap purposes, the member is required to adjust your hole scores when they are higher than the maximum number you can post. There is no limit on the number of holes on which you can adjust your score. **Use the WHS Net Double Bogey rule.**

Example: You have an 18-hole handicap of 26. On a par 5 hole where you receive one stroke you shoot a 10. You adjust your score of 10 to an 8 which is the maximum you can take for the hole according to the WHS Net Double Bogey rule.

LOCAL RULES

- Embedded Ball: Ball embedded through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay, no closer to the hole. No penalty. Appendix I, Part b (4) (a) Rule 25-2.

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids interference and (c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green.

- Stones in bunkers: Stones in bunkers may be considered movable obstructions and may be removed. Appendix I Part B(5) rule 24-1
- Fixed Sprinkler Heads or any other Obstructions: Player may take line of play relief from intervention by fixed sprinkler heads or other obstructions on or within two club lengths of the putting green when the ball lies within two club lengths of the sprinkler head or obstruction. Appendix I Part B (6) Rule 24-2

Exception: A player may not take relief under this local rule if interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

- Aeration Holes

Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

- ***Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green***

"Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

- ***Goose Dung***

At the player's option, dung from geese may be treated either as:

- a.) A loose impediment that may be removed under Rule 15.1, or
- b.) Ground under repair from which relief is allowed under Rule 16.1.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.”

PENALTY AREA/NO PLAY ZONE

The perimeter landscape area will be played as a
“Penalty Area/No Play Zone.”

This area will be marked with red lines and red stakes with black tops.

If your ball comes to rest in this penalty area, you **MUST** use one of the three (3) options listed below.

- 1) **Stroke and distance.** (re-hit from the original spot)
- 2) **Straight back on the line.** (Keeping the spot where the ball last crossed into the penalty area and on a straight line to the pin, you may drop as far back as you choose).
- 3) **Lateral relief.** (Drop within two (2) club lengths of where the ball last crossed into the penalty area, no nearer the hole).

ALL THREE (3) OPTIONS CARRY A ONE (1) STROKE PENALTY

For a ball hit into the No-Play Zone to the right of Hole #17 a 4th option is available. Hit from the designated drop zone with a 1 stroke penalty.

If your ball comes to rest outside the penalty area/no play zone, but your stance or swing is affected by this area, you **MUST** find your nearest point of relief, plus one club length, no nearer the hole and take free relief (No Penalty).

You may retrieve your ball from the penalty area but at no time will you be allowed to play from or stand in the penalty area/no play zone to play your ball.

Local Golf Standards

GOLF ETIQUETTE

- Arrive at the first tee early and be ready to play.
- No Shows are unacceptable. They cause considerable more work for the organizers and impact your team. Penalties for no shows are:
 - First No Show – Verbal Notice
 - Second No Show – Written Notice
 - Third No Show - \$25 fine
 - Fourth No Show – One month suspension from the Men’s Club play.
- Proper golf attire shall be worn at all times when playing a round of golf, putting or using the driving range. This is a reflection on the Men's Club and should be adhered to at all times.
- Players should always show consideration for other players on the course, and try not to disturb their play by moving, talking, or making any unnecessary noise.
- Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, when a player is about to play.
- Properly repair all ball marks on the green. Cover fairway divots with sand mix.
- Always rake sand bunkers and leave rake inside the bunker, horizontal to the edge of the bunker.
- Park carts, on cart path at the back of the green. This allows players behind to hit sooner when you are departing the green. Carts should never be closer than 45 yards from the green.
- Speed of Play - suggestions
 - Play ready golf from tee to green. Ready golf means a lot of things such as:
 - Be ready when it is your turn.
 - If the Player with the honors on the tee, or the player “Away” on the fairway or green, is not ready, simply ask if you may hit because you are ready.
 - As the other player hits, you should have completed all you pre shot routine, and be ready to “Hit” the ball immediately.
 - Don’t wait for your cart partner to finish their shot before going to your ball, and going through your pre shot routine. Take your clubs, and/or cart (yours or theirs),

and move to your ball as soon as your cart partner has taken their clubs. Go through your pre-shot routine, and hit as soon as you're "away".

- If not in a tournament, or not disallowed by the rules of the competition, pick up your ball when the maximum strokes allotted by your handicap are reached.
- Be prepared to leave the green immediately, after holing out.
- Mark your scorecard and clean your clubs at the next tee.
- Maintain the proper interval (i.e., keep up with the group in front of you). If you are keeping up with the group in front of you, you don't worry about the group behind you, because you have nowhere to go.
- Always hit a provisional ball if your first ball has any chance of being lost or Out of Bounds
- Be conscious of the five minute rule when looking for a lost ball or retrieving one from a water hazard. If you are behind, and/or it's not a serious loss, or if the ball is so deep, the possibility of finding is slim, 1-2 minutes should be enough. Please use common sense to keep up with a 4 hour round.

SPORTSMANSHIP POLICY

Definition: Sportsmanship is an aspiration or ethos that a sport or activity will be enjoyed for its own sake, with proper consideration for fairness, ethics, respect and sense of fellowship with one's partners and competitors.

Determination: The Board of Directors will investigate and review reports of any conduct that is alleged to be in violation, using the above definition as a guide. Any conduct found to be in violation of these principles is unacceptable.

Penalties for this conduct are:

First Offense - Verbal Notice

Second Offense - Written Notice

Third Offense - One month suspension of Men's Club play

Fourth Offense - Expulsion from TLQMC

TERMS OF COMPETITION

TEAM COMPETITIONS – When engaged in team competitions, all team scores that count must be holed out (no "gimme's").

PACE OF PLAY – All participants are responsible for pace of play. If a group is more than one hole behind the group in front of them, the TLQMC Tournament Director may assess the general penalty (2 strokes) to all members of the group.

CODE OF CONDUCT – By submitting an entry or participating in any TLQMC administered competition, the player understands that their participation is at the sole discretion of the TLQMC Tournament Chairman (TC) and Executive Committee (EC). A player may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the TLQMC TC or EC for violation of this Code of Conduct.

Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the TLQMC or the “Spirit of the Game” are grounds for such removal and suspension from future TLQMC-administered competitions. These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- • Willful damage of the golf course or golf course property
- • Repetitive or dangerous club throwing or club tossing
- • Repetitive offensive or unbecoming language

- Unwarranted public criticism of the golf course
- * Verbal abuse of staff, TLQMC officials, other TLQMC members
- Potential endangerment of others
 - • Any conduct deemed unbecoming by the TLQMC TC or EC
 - • Willful violations of the Rules of Golf
 - • Failure to post scores for handicapping purposes
 - • Manipulation of scores posted for handicapping purposes

PENALTIES FOR BREACH OF CODE OF CONDUCT WITHIN ROUND:

First Offense – Warning and General Penalty (2 strokes)

Second Offense – Immediate Disqualification

The TLQMC TC or EC reserve the right to disqualify any player at any time for serious violations of the Code of Conduct.