



## **POLICY and PROCEDURES**

The rules of the United States Golf Association (USGA) will govern all play except when modified by local rules. The club will also abide by the World Handicap System (WHS) and the USGA Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) in regard to posting tournament results. For Club events the Handicap Chairman will submit scores for each member.

### Membership

A member of the Stonecreek Men's Club must have paid his annual dues and have an accredited handicap from the USGA through the Arizona Golf Association or other accredited state organization. New and renewing members should use the Arizona Golf Association system for new member payments and the renewal of memberships. Members must abide by the Club's Constitution and By-Laws. The Board of Director's reserves the right to reject any applicant for membership. Our group expects its members to exhibit behavior in a gentlemen like fashion as in tradition with the game of golf. In accordance with Club Bylaws, a member may be suspended or expelled from the Club at any time with "cause". Cause can be, but is not limited to: bad behavior, unsafe behavior, offensive behavior, or an unreasonable number of complaints from other members. Throwing of clubs in anger will not be tolerated. An "expelled" member may appeal such expulsion from the Club to the Board; however, the Board's decision is the final authority.

### Health & Safety

#### SMC Health & Safety Policy/Procedure

The SMC is largely comprised of older individuals. The health and safety of our members is important. Therefore SMC has adopted an infectious disease and illness policy.

The Covid-19 virus and the Flu can create serious health risks for our members. The following procedure has been adopted for our members/guests who have contracted these contagious illnesses or other illnesses that may occur.

“The infected member/guest shall not play or participate in the next 2 SMC events after the onset of the illness. “ If you have tested positive for been diagnosed for Covid-19 or another contagious disease it is required that you inform a SMC board member.

It is our expectation that sick members will be respectful of fellow members and accept individual responsibility of not participating in SMC events as appropriate to safeguard the health and wellness of all.

### Handicaps

Stonecreek Men's Club complies with the World Handicap System (WHS) to enable access to golf handicap indexes maintained by the USGA GHIN system. Your golf course handicap is calculated for the set of tees you choose to play based on your GHIN Index. A Handicap Index is updated by the USGA the day after your golf score is posted to the GHIN system. The individual golfer is required to post all eligible scores per WHS guidelines unless they are posted by the Tournament Coordinator is done for all individual rounds and eligible team score rounds played in Stonecreek Men's Club competitions.

Currently golfers in all Stonecreek Men's events are given Course Handicaps based on a valid USGA GHIN Index unless modified by the Stonecreek Men's Club Handicap Chairman. Until a member establishes a published USGA GHIN index (three posted 18 hole score minimum), he plays scratch unless the Men's Club Handicap Chairman can provide an estimated Index. The Stonecreek Handicap Committee reserves the right to review and modify handicap indexes (up or down) based on unusual circumstances either identified by a board member or called for review by any Men's Club Member.

All Stonecreek Men's Club Tournaments are competed weekly on a Wednesday and the participant's handicaps are based on:

- (1). The preceding Monday morning GHIN Index,
- (2). The set of tee's selected by the golfer, Black (forward), Yellow (middle), Green (back). Silver Tees may be approved for exigent circumstances as determined by the Handicap Committee.
- (3) Any Index modification identified by Handicap Committee and/or Chairman.

### Tournaments

All tournament play is on Wednesday unless stated otherwise. Various tournament formats will be played as determined by the Tournament Chairman. In addition to these weekly tournaments, the club will hold the following major events:

- *President's Cup* – This is match play, single elimination competition held in the first quarter over 4 Wednesdays. Play may start as early as November based on Board decisions regarding this schedule. Members will compete in flights based on handicap. Green Jacket Leaderboard points will be increased as assigned by the Board of Directors.
- *Club Championship* – This is a thirty-six-hole event played on two Wednesdays currently in April. The Board will assign cash prizes and Green Jacket Leaderboard points. Points will be assigned, but as cash prize validation players must have played in three Men's Club events prior to the Club Championship and play in at least 10 events throughout the season.

### Flights

In weekly individual tournament play events, when the field is 30 players or more the roster will be split into three flights (A – B – C), when 40 or more players four flights (A-B-C-D) and when 50 or more players 5 flights (A-B-C-D-E). , and when there are 66 or more players 6 flights ( A-B-C-D-E-F). Unless otherwise stated, players in each flight will compete within their flight for cash prizes (for details, see below section “Cash Prizes”). Unless pre-assigned for special tournaments (such as the Club Championship), each player shall select his preferred tee box, either middle (Gold) or forward (Black-default) when registering. The World Handicap System handicap calculation algorithms automatically apply the correct Handicap differentials for golfers competing from different Tees.

### Ten Stroke Rule

This rule will be applied for team tournament formats, such as two-man scramble. Playing partners cannot have handicaps that are greater than a ten-stroke difference. If the handicaps have a difference greater than ten strokes, the player with the higher handicap will have his handicap reduced to reflect a ten-stroke difference from his playing partner.

### Luck of the Draw

Once a month, preferably on the last Wednesday of the month, barring scheduling of special events, pairings are selected by using an A-B-C-D pairing assignment based on handicap index. The hole assignments for the SHOTGUN start are then randomly assigned to the selected pairings. The purpose for this is to allow members to play with other members they normally do not play with. An A-B-C-D pairing adjustment is periodically done to foster a side team competition for the competitive enjoyment of our members. This event requires an additional \$2 fee.

### Slow Play

Slow play will not be tolerated. We expect to complete each round in 4 1/2 hours or less. We play “ready golf”. Those violating this policy may be assessed a two stroke penalty at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

### Green & Tournament Fees

Green fees are variable based on the season and are payable to Stonecreek Golf Course.

Normally, group lunch, cart and range balls are included with the green fee.

A tournament fee of \$15 will be assessed to each member for each event. This fee is payable to the Stonecreek Men’s Club. Ten dollars (\$10) of this fee will be used to pay for weekly cash prizes as well as annual cash prizes. The additional \$5 will be used to pay out Net Skins within each flight. These fees may change for tournaments like the Club Championship. All fees will be paid prior to play.

### Tournament Sign-Up

Members can sign-up for a tournament via the web site. Sign-ups must be done by 9:00 pm MST, the Saturday prior to the tournament. Late sign-ups will be accommodated by e-mail, phone or direct contact with the tournament director(s). Later signups may be done at the discretion of the tournament director.

### Check-In

The day of play all members must be checked in no later than fifteen minutes prior to play. Check-in includes paying green fee, \$15 tournament fee if not paid in advance, and acquiring tournament scorecards for each pairing. Those violating this policy may be removed from the day's roster.

### Cancellations

We realize that there will be times when a member may need to cancel from a tournament. To cancel, a member must do so two days before (Monday) each tournament. Cancellations can be done via the web site or by contacting the Tournament Chairman after the cancellation deadline via e-mail or phone call or text. Failure to do so ("no show") will result in reducing the member's Green Jacket Leaderboard points by five points and forfeiture of tournament fees.

### Cash Prizes

Cash prizes will be awarded for all tournaments and are determined by the Board of Directors. Cash prizes will be awarded as a minimum, to the first and second place (Net Score) finishers in each flight. A full schedule of anticipated payouts (which change based on the number of players registered) can be found in our document called "Weekly Payout" found on the website under the "Club Information" section of the Filing Cabinet.

\$10 cash prizes will be awarded for closest-to-the-pin on par threes (Hole #3, #5 and #12). The par three, hole #15 is designated as the "Carry Over Hole". This means the player must be closest-to-the-pin and score a gross birdie to win the \$10 prize (or more if carry over pot). If there is no winner on this hole the prize money will be carried over to the next tournament.

All cash prizes may be adjusted depending on the financial ability of the Club.

### Green Jacket Leaderboard

The Green Jacket Leaderboard is to encourage participation. It is also used to distribute cash prizes at the end of the season. At the end of the season, the top fifteen on the Green Jacket Leaderboard will be guaranteed a cash prize. Based on the discretion of the Board, Green Jacket Leaderboard payouts will be assigned to the top 45 players or greater number at the discretion of the Board.

Each time a member plays, he receives at least one participation point. Below are ways to earn points for single day tournaments:

First Place	5 points
Second Place	4 points
Third Place	3 points
Fourth Place	2 points
Fifth Place	1 points
Participation	1 point
Closet-To-Pin	1 point
Fail to Show/Cancel	-5 points

In the event that a tournament starts and then gets cancelled (rain out or other reason) one (1) participation point will be awarded to each participant.

The placement points available for the Club Championship are double those above since it is a 2 day tournament, and 2 participation points per round. Also points are awarded to both gross and net results for this tournament only.

The points available for the Presidents Cup Placements are shown below which include the participation points:

Rounds 1,2,3 winner	4 points
Rounds 1,2,3 loser	3 points
Round 4 winner	6 points
Round 4 loser	4 points

### Skins Game

Net skins game by flight is included in the \$15 tournament fee (Individual/ Luck of the Draw). This includes 2 and 4 person team events. An optional non-flighted Gross Skins game is available for \$5 prior to play. Let the Tournament Director know if you are interested.

### Guests of Members

Members are welcome to invite guests. Guests pay green fees at the same rate as the member. They do not pay the tournament fee as they are not included in the tournament. They play to enjoy the round of golf and to experience the Club. Note: Members must register all guests in advance by notifying the Tournament Director, consistent with the sign-up requirements stated above. Our group expects its members and guests to exhibit behavior in a gentlemen like fashion as in tradition with the game of golf.

### Hole-In-One Club

Each member making a hole-in-one during a club tournament will enter the Hole-In-One Club. Club members will receive a Hole-In-One certificate issued by the Arizona Golf Association. A Hole-In-One fund of \$500 is established for members achieving a hole-in-one in any season. The money in this fund will be distributed equally to those making a hole-in-one in the season and typically awarded at the Club's annual November end of year celebration event.