

# ***Santa Ana Women's Golf Association***

## ***FYI, Please and Thank You, Things to Know***

***(revised for 2023)***

We are glad you have chosen to join the Santa Ana Women's Golf Association and happy so many of you are participating in our Weekday and Saturday tournaments. Please take the time to read the information below, you will make our events run more smoothly for you and your fellow competitors.

### **TOURNAMENTS**

**Entries:** Get your entries in ASAP! Entry forms are emailed 2-3 weeks in advance of the tournament day. We often have a limited number of tee times for our tournaments, so entering early will insure you will be able to play. Mail or use Red Box for entries with a CHECK. **Do not use cash.** It makes it more difficult to track payments. Entries must be received by the cut-off date. This is done in fairness to all players. Day of tournament entries will not be accepted unless exceptional circumstances apply.

Pairings will be emailed in advance of the tournament day. **Please take the time to read any instructions that accompany them.**

#### **On Tournament Day:**

- Check in with the Pro Shop to pay your green fee and cart fee (optional).
- See the SAWGA representative to pick up your scorecard and rules. If these are going to be distributed by the Pro Shop, that will be indicated in the email with pairings.
- Check in with the starter after you have checked in with Pro Shop and SAWGA. Starter will need to know if you're walking or riding (cart #) and can advise if tee times are early, on-time or late. (If you CHOOSE to be a single rider in a cart you will be charged a single rider rate by the pro shop. If a single cart is beyond your control (threesome, other players walking) you will be charged for ½ cart).
- If you choose, range balls are included with your green fee for tournaments. They are available on the driving range.

#### **\*\*NEW\*\*CONDITIONS OF COMPETITION\*\*NEW\*\***

#### **Starting Tee Time**

A player's round starts when the player makes a stroke to start their first hole (see Rule 6.1a).

The player must start at (and not before) their starting time:

- This means that the player must be ready to play at the starting time and starting point set by the Committee.
- A starting time set by the Committee is treated as an exact time (for example, 9 am means 9:00:00 am, not any time until 9:01 am).

If the starting time is delayed for any reason (such as weather, slow play of other groups or the need for a ruling by a referee), there is no breach of this Rule if the player is present and ready to play when the player's group is able to start.

**Penalty for Breach of Rule 5.3a: Disqualification**, except in these three cases:

- Exception 1 – Player Arrives at Starting Point, Ready to Play, No More Than Five Minutes Late: The player gets the general penalty applied to their first hole.
- Exception 2 – Player Starts No More Than Five Minutes Early: The player gets the general penalty applied to their first hole.
- Exception 3 – Committee Decides that Exceptional Circumstances Prevented Player from Starting on Time: There is no breach of this Rule and no penalty.

If one (or more) players in your group are not at the tee per this Rule, you will also be in violation if you wait for them. You should tee off at your assigned time.

### **Course Conditions**

If a situation that appears “abnormal” is not marked as Ground Under Repair by white lines, there is no relief, play the ball as it lies. To protect the field, individuals or groups may NOT determine what is GUR. In stroke play you have the option of playing two balls and referring this situation to the Rules committee.

### **Landscape Rocks**

SAWGA has deemed the Red Rock adjacent to the on-course restrooms and surrounding area as a movable obstruction. However, because it is virtually impossible to determine how much rock would need to be removed to find the ground underneath, we are deeming it an **Immovable Obstruction**, allowing the nearest free relief from these areas, utilizing Rule 16. However, it is important to remember that NEAREST RELIEF may be to the side of the Obstruction on dirt or near a bush. Your free relief is only from the rocks and does not guarantee that your relief may not be on bare dirt or near a bush, which are normal course conditions. If this happens and you choose to declare an unplayable lie you must assess yourself the one stroke penalty.

If the NEAREST RELIEF takes you to a surrounding cart path, then Rule 16.1 comes into play, resulting in a second form of relief.

### **Tee Markers**

Play all tee markers as you find them. If a gold tee marker is not in its usual place, you must play it from the teeing ground where it is located.

### **Cart Paths**

Relief is from PAVED cart paths only. Gravel paths do not qualify for free relief.

### **PACE OF PLAY**

It is always recommended that an 18-hole round be completed in 4 hours and 15 minutes. It is very important that we maintain this pace of play. It is the golfer’s responsibility to understand what your own pace of play is and work to maintain that. Stay up with the group in front of you. If you can’t see them, you’re out of position.

### **Ways to Maintain Pace of Play:**

- "Ready golf" refers to a method for golfers to speed up play. "Ready golf" means that each golfer within a group hits when ready, rather than strictly adhering to the principle that the farthest from the hole plays first. This also applies on the greens. Continuous putting is recommended.
- Limit practice swings and getting caught up in conversations.
- If you have putted out, help everyone out by proceeding to the next tee.
- If there are members of our organization who are “repeat offenders”, then the tournament chairs will speak with them individually to see what can be done to rectify the slow play.
- KNOW THE RULES: This will also help with pace of play.

- Your time to search for a lost ball is only 3 minutes. Someone in your group should be a timekeeper for the search. When 3 minutes is up, the search should stop.
- Rule E5: SAWGA, has elected to invoke Rule E5 at all our events. This option can only be utilized for a lost ball or ball out of bounds. However, if you elect to hit a provisional ball, Rule E5 cannot be invoked.

## SCORING

Turn your completed scorecard, with two signatures, to the scoring area BEFORE taking your clubs to your car. **Everyone who plays must turn in a scorecard.** If you choose to withdraw from a tournament either during or after a round, you must turn in your scorecard to the scoring area, so the tournament chair knows when all cards have been turned in. Please write **WD** on the card indicating your withdrawal.

All scores for tournaments will be posted by the Tournament Chair or an appointed Board Member.

Remember, we are glad you are a part of our group. We hope you will participate in at least some of our events. We are here to better the game for all women golfers and provide tournament opportunities for all skill levels. Following these simple procedures and recommendations will serve to make your golfing experience better.

All questions can be emailed to [ladysawga@gmail.com](mailto:ladysawga@gmail.com). A SAWGA board member will respond. You can also go to [mynewmexicogolf.com](http://mynewmexicogolf.com), click on Santa Ana, click on Associations and information will be there as well.

Thank you from the SAWGA Board of Directors