



## **UPCC 9-Hole LGA Standing Rules**

10-17-24

### **1.0 ELIGIBILITY AND DUES**

#### **1A. 9-Hole LGA Eligibility**

Any full member of UPCC is eligible for membership in the 9-Hole LGA.

#### **1B. 9-Hole/18-Hole Dual Membership**

A golfer may be a member of both the 9-Hole LGA and the 18-Hole LGA simultaneously (“Dual Member”). Upon joining, the Dual Member must declare her 9-Hole membership as either Primary or Secondary. If it is Primary, she may chair a committee or event, play in the 9-Hole LGA Championship, and run for the Executive Board. If her 9-Hole LGA membership is Secondary, she may not hold or run for any board position, chair a committee or event, or play in the 9-Hole LGA Championship. Dual Members must pay dues to both organizations. Each organization will maintain its own autonomy. Joining both leagues is strictly optional. (See 18-Hole LGA Standing Rules for 18-Hole eligibility requirements.)

#### **1C. Summer and Trial Member Eligibility**

Any Full Summer or Trial Member of UPCC may participate in the 9-Hole LGA during their abbreviated membership period. However, this is a one-time only courtesy, and she must establish a Full Membership to continue or return to the 9-Hole LGA, fulfilling all the requirements of admission as defined in the 9-Hole LGA Constitution and Bylaws. Trial / Summer members are not eligible to Chair events/committees, sit on the board, or play in the 9-Hole LGA Club Championship.

#### **1D. Tee Box Selection**

Upon application to the 9-Hole LGA, players should select their Tee Box assignment to be used for all events and Game Day play throughout the season. Changes are permitted; however, you must first alert the Head UPCC Golf Professional, allowing time for the change to be reflected in game scorecards and handicap calculations.

#### **1E. Dues and Fees**

Dues for the year are \$60, payable by May 31<sup>st</sup> on your Club account and are non-refundable. Dues for Full Summer or Trial Members will also be \$60 payable at the time of verification of membership and application.

A \$3 fee will be charged to members who participate in that week's competitive event and dispersed among the winners of the day's event.

## 2.0 USGA RULES

USGA Rules govern all play except when modified by local rules, which can be found on the UPCC 9-Hole website. Play the ball as it lies unless otherwise specified. Specific format and scoring for tournaments or special events will be announced.

## 3.0 HANDICAPS

### 3A. Handicap Regulations

All members shall have (or be working to) establish a USGA handicap, by having posted at least three 18-hole scores or six 9-hole scores. The 9-Hole LGA does not limit a member's handicap. Until a new member has established a handicap, a member may play in 9-Hole LGA events, competing only for prizes on gross score, chip-ins and birdies.

Players are required to post all rounds played into the Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) system to ensure accurate handicaps, whether it is a 9-Hole play day or a separate play day on any course. (On Thursdays / event days, the UPCC Pro Shop will post scores for all players.)

### 3B. Adjusted Handicaps / Maximum Strokes per Hole

While players should record the total of actual strokes taken for Thursdays / event play (unless otherwise noted by the day's event rules), the USGA Equitable Stroke Play formula will be used to adjust scorecards. The formula for the maximum number of strokes for each hole is "net double bogey": **Hole par + 2 strokes + the player's handicap strokes for that hole** (aka dots noted per hole on the event scorecard)

For pace-of-play, it may be recommended to "pick up" your ball once your maximum stroke on a given hole has been reached or exceeded (or is inevitable) and the player should then post her maximum stroke in the scorecard with an "x" to notate the ball was "picked up" and the maximum stroke is being used. Note: This may or may not disqualify a player from competing in the day's event. See rules of play on event day for clarity.

## 4.0 WEEKLY PLAY

### 4A. Thursday Play (aka Game Days)

#### *Weekly Game Schedule*

Players can refer to the [upcclga9.com](http://upcclga9.com) website to find a schedule of games being played each week. They are indicated as "I" individual game or "T" team game. A brief descriptor of the game can also be found there.

#### *Sign-up*

A player will receive an e-mail from the Pro Shop by noon of the previous Thursday. Here you will indicate your intention to play and confirm via automated email.

### *Prize Fee*

All members signed-up for a regular Thursday Game Day will be assessed a \$3 prize fee.

### *Scorecards*

On Thursdays, the UPCC Pro Shop will provide each group of four or fewer players with two score cards. The cards will include assigned tees, handicaps, and a format consistent with the game to be played that day. There will also be instructions for the game contest. Players must complete these two scorecards as is appropriate for the game played.

One of these scorecards will serve as the official record of play, while the other will serve to check against and reconcile with official scores. The official scorecard must be signed by the scorekeeper and an attester. It should then be submitted to the Golf Pro Shop.

### *Posting Scores*

The UPCC Pro Shop will post each player's score for Thursday's Game Days. (Exception: if the format of the game is such that an individual true golf score is indiscernible, then no score will be posted for each player for that round.)

### *Proxies*

If a member is a "proxy" on a winning team, she will share in the winnings equally. However, she is only eligible to win once in any event.

### *Chip-In Prizes*

Participants may choose to deposit \$.50 each week to be eligible for a "chip-in" prize. A chip-in is any ball hit from off the green that goes directly into the hole regardless of the club used to hit the ball. The prize money is evenly divided among winners on the same play day. If there are no chip-ins, the money is carried over to the following Thursday. Chip-ins must be recorded on the team scorecards.

## 4B. Tuesday Play (aka Social Play)

### *Sign-up*

A player will receive an e-mail from the Pro Shop and the Tuesday Play Chairman by noon on the previous week's Monday. A response is expected within 24 hours to guarantee a spot.

### *Posting Scores*

Tuesday is considered social play which means no organized competition, but please play by the rules and post your score every week into the Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) system. As always, please be aware of the pace-of-play and keep up with group ahead of you.

## **5.0 CANCELLATIONS**

You must cancel by 7:30 am the day of play by calling or emailing the Pro Shop to avoid any charges. Please let your foursome know of your cancellation. All member emails and phone numbers can be found on the website "roster" tab at [upcclga9.com](http://upcclga9.com).

## **6.0 BIRDIES, EAGLES AND HOLES-IN ONE**

### 6A. Pins

A member may earn an eagle or birdie pin during the year's regular play days and events. Each golfer must record a birdie or eagle on their team scorecard.

### 6B. Holes-in-One

When a member has a hole-in-one while playing at UPCC, each member will be assessed \$2. These monies are intended to be used as insurance against the cost of purchasing drinks and will be credited to the account of the hole-in-one winner.

## **7.0 TOURNAMENT RULES**

### 7A. Member/Guest Event

Member/guest events shall not allow for "member / member" teams to participate unless a guest drops out within one week of the event or a member was unable to find a non-member guest to participate and there is still room for participation within one week of the event.

### 7B. Club Championship

All 9-Hole LGA members may participate in the Club Championship. Exceptions include Trial, Summer and Secondary members as outlined in Section 1 of these Standing Rules. In addition, she must have participated in, and posted a score, at least five times in 9-Hole LGA Thursday "Game Day" play during the current membership year (i.e. for the period starting on the first day of May up to the Thursday preceding the day of the first round of the Club Championship).

The low gross score will be named Club Champion. The field will be flighted, divided as evenly as possible determined by the size of the field and according to players' handicap indices. In addition to the Club Champion, flight winners will be recognized. There may be a regular game play scheduled on this day for players who choose not to participate in the Club Championship.

### 7C. Tournament Cancellation

If a member/participant cancels prior to three days before a home event, her tournament/event fee will be refunded. After that time, her fee will not be returned unless an alternate is available. If a member signed-up for an away event after the fees for the event have been sent to the hosts

club, her tournament/event fee will not be refunded unless an alternate is available. The alternate will send the fee for the tournament/event to the member she is replacing.

## **8.0 CART GUIDELINES**

### 8A. General Guidelines

Players should ride two-per-cart. Please, never park carts in front of the green; they should always be parked on the cart path on the side of the green. Also, please try to use the 90-degree

rule whenever possible and always when the starter or hole signage indicates that the 90-degree rule is in effect. Never drive carts in the waste areas. Please obey “cart path” only days.

#### 8B. Handicap Flag Users

Carts, with designated handicap flags, are to stay 30 feet from all greens and bunkers. They should return to the path when reaching the 30-foot zone around the greens. Carts are to stay on the cart path at all teeing areas. Carts should never pass between a bunker and a green. Please keep carts off of extreme slopes outside the 30-foot zone for safety reasons. With a handicap flag, you are permitted to drive on the fairways of par 3’s. However, during “cart path only” days, handicap flag users will NOT be allowed to leave the cart paths on any hole.

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