

Arroyo Del Oso Golf Association

Season Finale – December 6, 2025

8:30am Shotgun Start

TOURNAMENT FORMAT– Individual Stroke Play

TEE BOXES - All players will play from the **White Tee Boxes**, unless you requested playing from the yellow tees. If you play from the Yellow Tees, your handicap will be reduced accordingly.

HANDICAP INFORMATION - Current revisions on the date of competition for each competitor. Handicaps used for this tournament were derived on 12/04/2025.

POSTING OF SCORES - Tournament scores will be posted by the association.

CLOSEST TO THE PIN- OPEN to All Players

SKINS –A gross pool is available for each flight and is part of a player's entry fee.

COMPETITION RULES

All tournament play is to be by USGA rules except where governed by local rules.

Record **GROSS SCORES ONLY** on the scorecard.

If you are unsure as to how to proceed under a rule, play a second ball under USGA rule 3-3, make sure to declare which ball you wish to score with if the rules allow, and bring it up for a ruling with the tournament committee immediately following the round (this is required). The committee's decision is final.

E-5 Alternative to Stroke and Distance for lost ball or ball out of bounds is in effect. Please see

<https://arroyodelosogolf.com/policies> for a pdf explanation. The pdf can be found at the bottom of said page and listed as "Alternative to S&D Model Local Rule." Remember this is a 2 stroke penalty when evoked.

LOCAL RULES

LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE IN YOUR OWN FAIRWAY ONLY. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within one club-length of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provision of any other rule applies. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Relief from Embedded Ball– Most of your shots during a round will be made from the fairway or rough, which are part of an area of the golf course called the "general area." This area includes everywhere on the course except bunkers, penalty areas, and the teeing area and putting green of the hole you are playing. In the general area, you will normally play your ball as it lies, but you get free relief for an embedded ball or interference by an abnormal course condition (including immovable obstructions like a cart path, temporary water, and ground under repair).

Distance Measuring Devices- Rule 4.3a allows the use of distance-measuring devices so long as the player does not access any information that is prohibited under this Rule such as elevation, wind-speed, club selection, etc. The first breach of this Rule means the player gets a loss of hole penalty in match play or a two-stroke penalty in stroke play, a second breach of rule 4.3 during the same round results in disqualification.

https://www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/pdf/2019/rules/2019_UPDATE_USGA_DMD_FINAL.pdf

Stones in Bunkers- For safety reasons dime sized or larger stones in bunkers are deemed to be movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

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. In the case a ball placed on the green rolls back into an aeration hole it may be replaced no penalty.

Out of Bounds - Out of bounds is defined by the inside edge of the specified pole or stake at ground level.

Whole Course: chain-link course boundary fence poles or block walls.

Hole #9- wooden fence behind hole separating cart return area.

Hole #10- White stakes down the right side & fence surrounding maintenance building.

Hole #14- White stakes down the left side.

Changes to Out of Bounds Specified Areas - **Holes #17 & #18**- White stakes down the right side will be played as RED stakes (lateral water hazard)

Ground Under Repair - Defined by connected white lines. Also, all French drains which are exposed trenches filled with stones. Players may take relief in accordance to Rule 25-1b

Arroyos - The concrete arroyo to the right of #11 and short of the #12 green is played as a lateral water hazard. The arroyo on # 8 is played as ground under repair. You must find your ball to take relief otherwise it is considered lost.

Exceptional Score Policy - In accordance with association policy.

Tie Breaking Procedures - In accordance with association policy.

New Pace of Play Score Card Turn in Guidelines are in Effect- Turn in your scorecard no later than 20 minutes behind the group in front of you. Use the time and date stamp machine to mark all scorecards at the scores table located in café immediately after completing your round

Example: players on hole 18 turn in scorecard at 1:02 PM. Group on 17 must turn in scorecards by 1:22 pm. No foul. Players on hole 16 turn in scorecards at 1:43. Penalty.

Penalties are as follows:

20-24 minutes behind, 1 stroke added to score.

25-29 minutes behind, 2 strokes added to score

30-35 minutes behind, 3 strokes added to score

36+ minutes behind, DQ

If it is a team tournament same rules, penalty added to team score.

ROUNDS IN 4 ½

HOURS OR LESS!

