



Tournament Policies

General Rules

USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all tournament play.

In order to be eligible to use a USGA handicap in ADOGA tournaments, participants must have an active GHIN and a minimum of 5 scores posted within the past 12 months.

For two-man tournaments, no more than 8 strokes between partners, over 8 strokes, the higher handicap will be adjusted to lower handicap plus 8 strokes.

The Board of Directors is responsible for the set-up of the golf course prior to tournament play. The Tournament Chairman or his designee is responsible for the set-up of the tournament including printing rules sheets and scorecards.

The Deadline for entry into ADOGA tournaments will be 5:00pm the Monday before the event. The deadline for withdrawal from an event to receive a refund will be 5:00pm the Wednesday before the event.

The ADOGA Rules Committee has the final decision on all rules questions and infractions that occur during tournament play.

The ADOGA Rules Committee has the power, for 48 hours following a tournament, to rescind any prize money awarded to a participant(s) who knowingly violated a rule or unknowingly violated a rule and did not inquire with the rules committee for a correct ruling.

All prize money will be awarded in the form of gift certificates to Arroyo Del Oso golf course pro shop. Tournament gift certificates expire December 31st of the year they are awarded.

In the event of a player's disqualification or withdrawal during a tournament, they immediately become ineligible to receive any prizes including closest to the pin awards and skins.

Local Rules

The Board of Directors has the power to enact local rules to govern tournament play if by a majority vote of the Board; if it is deemed necessary for the betterment of the competition.

Payouts

The Association shall pay out at least 30% of the field's participants.

With the exception of the Member-Guest tournament, 100% of all tournament entry fees shall be paid out as gift certificates to the winning participants.

The ADOGA will offer one gross flight and multiple net flights for each tournament (ABCD and Member/Guest formats excluded).

For individual tournaments, if there are at least 4 gross participants, there will be a gross only flight with payouts based on flight size and in accordance with the approved tournament payout chart. If there are 3 or fewer gross only participants, then those gross only players will be moved into the first net flight and there will be no gross payout. In the event that there is no gross only flight, all participants who signed up for the gross only flight will be notified by the tournament chairman that they will be moved to the first net flight and what the handicap spread is in that flight. Those participants will be given twenty-four (24) hours to withdraw and received a full refund. The Board of Directors will attempt to keep the handicap spread in each flight to no more than 5 strokes and have at least 4 participants in each flight. The Board of Directors may change these limits if they deem necessary.

For partner tournaments, if there are at least 4 gross only teams, there will be a gross only flight with payouts based on flight size and in accordance with the approved tournament payout chart. If there are 3 or fewer gross only teams, then those gross only players will be moved into the first net flight and there will be no gross payout. In the event that there is no gross only flight, all teams who signed up for the gross only flight will be notified by the tournament chairman that they will be moved to the first net flight and what the handicap spread is in that flight. Those teams will be given twenty-four (24) hours to withdraw and received a full refund. The Board of Directors will attempt to keep the handicap spread in each flight to no more than 8 strokes (combined handicap of partners) and have at least 4 teams in each flight. The Board of Directors may change these limits if they deem necessary.

Exceptional Score Policy

All net scores will be posted; scores will not be adjusted up to a 66. Exceptional net scores below a 66 will be double posted, once as a tournament score and once as a regular score. The board reserves the right to adjust a player's handicap for subsequent tournaments (second day of a two day tournament or any future ADOGA tournaments) following an exceptional score to reflect the player's actual scoring potential under Rule 8-4/b of the USGA Handicap System.

Tie Breaking

To break all ties, a comparison of scores starting with the hardest handicap hole and working the way down, hole #3, hole #14, hole #2, hole #17, hole #5, hole #13 hole #8, hole #18, hole #1, hole #15, hole #9, hole #11, hole #4, hole #12, hole #7, hole #10, hole #6 and hole #16. Net scores used on net flights/gross scores used on gross flights.

The tie break winner will be the first player to win a hole outright.

ADOGA Major Championships

ADOGA will have 10 annual Tournaments of which one (1) will be the Member/Guest and two (2) will be two-day “Major Championships”.

The two major championships will be the Club Championship (Gross and Net) and the Best Ball Championship (Gross and Net)

The Club Championship will crown both a gross and a net champion. The Gross Champion will be the player with the lowest gross score over two days of competition. The Net Champion will be the player with the lowest net total.

In order to be eligible to play in the Major Championships, participants must have **played in at least one (1) prior stroke play event in that calendar year.**

The Two-Man Gross Best Ball Champions will be the team with the lowest best ball Gross score total of two days of competition. The Two-Man Net Best Ball Champions shall be the team with the lowest net total.

In the event there are not enough participants to fill a “gross only” flight in a Gross Championship (Club Championship/Best Ball Championship), the Champion Flight will play Net. The Player/Team with the lowest gross total will still be crowned Gross Champion and the Tournament Committee will ensure their payout is equal to the Net Champion in that flight. The Gross Champion can only receive one payout, either the Gross Champion or regular flight net payout, not both.