



***Senior Golf Association
2024 Handbook***

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**EACH SGA MEMBER IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR SEEING THAT WE PLAY READY GOLF**

We must police ourselves on each team to see that we do those things that will help us reach our goal of **“PLAY EACH TOURNAMENT IN 4 1/2 HOURS”**. Our speed of play is equal to the slowest playing team. The scorekeeper of each team is the team captain for speed of play. To accomplish our goal let's:

PLAY READY GOLF

- 1. Be ready to hit when it is your turn.**
- 2. Tee off when ready—**NO HONORS**.**
- 3. Help each other with spotting of ball locations. Don't spend more than **THREE** minutes looking for lost balls.**
- 4. In the fairway - Hit your ball quickly. Don't wait for the player who is on the far side.**
- 5. Stay within one hole of the group ahead.**
- 6. When carts are restricted to cart paths - carry several clubs to your ball.**
- 7. Be ready to putt when it is your turn.**
- 8. Riders get in your cart after you hit and put your club(s) away when you get to your riding partner's ball.**

THE PRESIDENTS PAGE

Welcome to the 2024 Senior Golf Association's Season. Thanks to all of the prior and new members who will be participating this year. We look forward to the fun and fellowship we hope all of you will experience throughout the season. While there will be friendly competition at our tournaments, our primary objective is for all participants to enjoy the program with old and new friends and have fun along the way. We have scheduled twelve tournaments at some really nice courses in our area. I encourage all the players to participate in as many events as possible through the year. If at any time you have a concern or a question, please feel free to contact me e-mail, sgakc2019pres@gmail.com. I, along with my fellow Board of Directors, will certainly be responsive in any way we can to make corrections or changes that will help the SGA.

POINTS OF EMPHASIS FOR THIS YEAR

- If your playing status for a tournament changes, please follow the instructions on Page 4.
- **Please arrive at the tournament site and check in at least 30 minutes prior to the starting time.**
- Please play **READY GOLF**, and keep your group moving. Our goal is to finish the rounds in a reasonable period of time.
- **HAVE FUN**, and enjoy the fellowship.

Thanks again for your participation and I along with my fellow SGA Officers look forward to seeing you at the tournaments.

Rick Bond, President
Senior Golf Association

SGA OFFICERS

President*	Rick Bond
Vice President*	Rick Mashek
Secretary/Treasurer*	Tom Fogt
Tournament Administrator*	Gene Kalwei
Membership Chairman*	Jim Jenkins
Website Administrator*	Jim Jenkins
Tournament Directors*	Pat Feltman
	Charlie Bain
	Doug Campbell
	Ken Legenza

PAST PRESIDENTS

Glen Schlueter (deceased)	1991
Ron Roepe (deceased)	1992-1993
Lou McCray (deceased)	1994-1995
Walt Gehlbach	1996-1997
Don Bieger (deceased)	1998-1999
Bob Heidenburg	2000-2001
Fred Fox	2002-2003
Dale Ganzman	2004-2005
John Thomas	2006-2007
Pete Henderson	2008-2009
Gary Schultz	2010-2011
Ray Reinhart	2012-2013
Dave Nick (deceased)	2014-2015
Russ Cusano*	2016-2017
Jerry Pater*	2018-2021

*** - Board of Directors**

ATTENDANCE

UNLESS THE TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR IS OTHERWISE NOTIFIED, IT ASSUMED THAT YOU PLAN TO PLAY IN ALL OF OUR SCHEDULED EVENTS. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO INFORM THE TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR ABOUT ANY CHANGES IN YOUR PLAY SCHEDULE. NOTIFICATION IS TO BE MADE AS OUTLINED BELOW.

Making Changes to Your Play Schedule

- A. When you have a change in your tournament play status (either you are scheduled to play and you can't or you are not scheduled to play but now you can) you need to make notification via the Change of Attendance Form* located on our website at www.sgakc.org. The Change of Attendance Form should be submitted **by noon at least two days before the play date**. Since most of the tournaments are scheduled for play on Wednesday, you should send your message **no later than noon on the Monday before**. ***FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATOR OF CHANGES COULD RESULT IN A \$30.00 NO SHOW FEE!***
- B. If there is a last minute (morning of the tournament) **reason for not playing** you can inform the Tournament Administrator **via the Change of Attendance Form* on our website www.sgakc.org**.
- * **On any page of our website (www.sgakc.org) click on Change of Attendance in the menu bar. On the Change of Attendance page click on the event for the attendance change. This will open the Change of Attendance Form for the desired event. Complete and submit the form. This will notify the Tournament Administrator of your changes. In addition an automated confirmation will be sent to your email address.**

TOURNAMENT FORMATS

FOUR MAN BEST ONE, TWO, THREE OR FOUR BALLS: Play your own ball and finish each hole even if score is not used. On the bottom line of scorecard enter the best one or total of best two, three or four scores for each hole. Total all the 'best' scores. Determine the appropriate team handicap for the number of balls being used and subtract from the 'total' best scores to determine the final team score. **When a team consists of three players, 'blind draw' hole scores will be used. Do not enter any 'best' hole scores on the scorecard. Do not make any entries for the missing golfer.** However, total and record the gross scores of the other golfers on the card. The scorekeepers will make the necessary entries and calculations to complete the scorecard.

TEXAS BEST ONE, TWO, THREE OR FOUR BALLS: Score the same as BEST BALL, above. Playing format is different in that the second stroke on each hole is played by all from the location determined to be the best by the team. **You may have to use each player's drive 2 or 3 times during the round which will be announced at the beginning of the round or posted on the scorecard.**

FOUR MAN SCRAMBLE: Foursome will select the best shot on each series of shots, including putts. After shot is selected, all players must hit next shot within on club length of selected position, no closer to the hole, except all putts must be played from the marked spot. Total the hole scores. **Handicaps will not be used.** If there are only three golfers on the team each player will take an extra shot on a rotating basis throughout the round. In other words, on hole one player A hits an extra drive, player B hits an extra second shot, player C hits an extra third shot and player A hits an extra 4th shot. On hole 2 player B will start with an extra drive and so on.. You must use each player's drive 2 times during the round which will be announced at the beginning of the round or posted on the scorecard

BLIND DRAW: Teams composed of only three golfers, in competition with teams composed of four golfers (all formats except 4-man scramble), shall get a 'blind draw' score to complete their scorecard. The 'blind draw' score used will be determined, by the scorekeeper, for each flight and will be drawn from a completed scorecard containing four players in the respective flight.

NOTE: For all tournaments where each player plays his own ball from tee to hole his gross score for the round must be recorded. If missing, a score equal to that golfer's lowest score posted from the past **four** rounds will be used.

DIVISIONS/FLIGHTS

There are two Divisions in this league with golfers playing from the “Regular” tees in one division and golfers playing from the “Senior’s” tees in the other division. The number of flights per Division is predicated by the number of golfers playing per Division. The flight you play in may vary from tournament to tournament due to the total number of golfers playing in any individual tournament.

TEE SELECTION

Golfers must declare which tees they want to play from prior to the season starting and must play from these tees throughout that season. **However, to play from the Regular tees a golfer must have a handicap of 25 or less.** Golfers changing tees will have their handicap adjusted +/- 9% depending on which way they move.

HANDICAP RULES AND PROCEDURES

Actual handicaps are calculated and maintained by the League’s software program as follows:

- 1 to 3 scores - average handicap from all scores.
 - 4 or more rounds - from the last four rounds the highest score will be dropped and the handicap will be calculated from the remaining three scores.
- For handicap purposes only, maximum score per hole is three (3) over par.

Maximum handicap is limited to 36.

For new members your initial handicap will be as stated on the application form. If this not a GHIN index the starting maximum handicap for those playing from the Regular tees will be 20 and the starting maximum for those playing from the Senior’s tees will be 25. For non-GHIN handicap players this initial handicap will be used until the player has completed three handicap calculating rounds after which handicap will be calculated as stated, above.

For returning members, scores from the previous year will be used to calculate handicap as described, above.

Should you have a question regarding your handicap, please submit it via the SGA website.

PRIZES

Event Winners. Gift certificates/cards will be awarded to each member of the **team(s)** with the lowest score in each flight. If there is only one flight with at least 10 teams, then a second-place award will be given to each team member.

Ties. If more than one team posts the lowest score in a flight, then all of the tied team members will receive a gift certificate/card for a 1st or 2nd place.

Other Prizes: Gift certificates/cards will be awarded for the following:

Closest to the Pin (CTP)

Longest Putt (LP)

Hole in One - If the hole in one is achieved on a designated closest to the pin hole for that tournament the player will also be eligible for the CTP prize noted above.

Albatross - Must be an event where the golfer plays his own ball from tee to green.

Additional prizes may be given from time to time as determined by the Board.

Award Values: Gift certificate/card values will be determined by the Board based on available funds.

NOTE: **Only one prize per player** will be awarded in each tournament. The largest prize will be awarded when eligible for more than one. On closest to the pin holes, if you are reasonably close, but not closest, enter your name anyway. The closest player might qualify for a greater prize; thus, you could still be a winner.

Prizes (gift certificates/cards) will be mailed to the winners after each tournament.

INCOMPLETE TOURNAMENTS

If a tournament is not completed due to weather, the following will apply:

- **Everyone has completed at least 9 holes:** Prizes outlined above will be awarded based on the number of holes all teams have played in each flight. For example, if all teams have played 11 holes and some teams have played 12 only the first 11 holes each team has played will count toward the prize scoring. **Hole prizes will not be awarded.**

- **Fewer than 9 holes completed:** No prizes will be awarded.

FALL BANQUET

We will conclude our season with a breakfast or luncheon buffet, at which time we will have a short meeting and give out additional awards and prizes.

RULES OF PLAY

Except as modified below, current USGA Rules of golf will be observed.

1. Mulligans will not be allowed.
2. Ball hit into a lateral penalty area shall be played by dropping anywhere along a line from where the ball was hit and where it entered the penalty area with a One stroke penalty.
3. Ball hit into a crossing penalty area shall be played from the designated drop area. If no drop area is designated, ball shall be dropped on the green side of the penalty area. One stroke penalty.
4. Tee or fairway ball in penalty area. Play another ball on green side of penalty area. One stroke penalty.
5. Play ball up. Whether in fairway or rough, you may move the ball with your club head, six inches or less from original position, but not from behind a tree or nearer to the hole. No penalty.
6. Bunkers. If ball is in a footprint or other 'un-raked' spot in the bunker, lift ball, rake and replace ball in original position. A plugged ball shall not be considered in an 'un-raked' spot. Play as it lies.
7. When playing from a bunker, take rake with you into the bunker and rake immediately after hitting shot. Place rake in accordance with course instructions (either in or out of bunker). If in the bunker, place the rake away from normal line of play. If out of the bunker, place opposite side from green, parallel to normal line of play.
8. Take rake with you into the bunker. After play, rake trap and place rake along outside of bunker aligned with tee and green.
9. Searching for lost balls – 3 MINUTES MAXIMUM!
10. Play ready golf. If you are ready to play, but do not have the honors, you are urged to play out of turn anywhere on the course. No penalty.
11. When a ball comes to rest on dirt, rock, tree roots or gravel, it may be dropped at the nearest point of relief with no penalty no nearer the hole, but not from behind trees.
12. When your ball comes to rest upon dirt, rock, gravel or hardpan, you may seek the nearest point of relief no nearer the hole, but not from behind a tree. No penalty.
13. Park cart or place bags toward next tee side, not in front of green. Clear the green immediately after play. Enter scores at the next tee.
14. Putts that are inside the leather of a regular length putter will be conceded.
15. Scorecards – enter player's actual strokes for each hole, not to exceed three stores over par. Total each player's score. Turn in the signed and attested scorecard immediately upon completion of the round. Don't forget to enter your finish time on the card.
16. Scorecards--enter players actual strokes for each hole, not to exceed three

- strokes over par (triple bogie). Total each player's score. Turn in the signed and attested to scorecards immediately upon completion of your 18 holes. Don't forget to enter start and finish times on the card.
17. Do not play in. We enjoy the privilege of shotgun starts at public courses. We are expected to clear the course after 18 holes.
 18. Should issues of poor sportsmanship arise, they should be reported to the President. After investigation, the President will report the findings to the Board to determine appropriate action, to include expulsion from the SGA.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I- NAME

The name of this League shall be known as the SENIOR GOLF ASSOCIATION. It will be referred to as the SGA herein.

ARTICLE II-OBJECTIVE

The SGA shall conduct golf tournaments for the membership and promote good fellowship and sportsmanship for all members.

ARTICLE III-BOARD OF DIRECTORS

SECTION 1 The Board of Directors shall be composed of The Officers of the SGA per Article IV and the Past Two Presidents.

SECTION 2 The immediate Past Two Presidents of the SGA and Officers shall govern the affairs of SGA, enforce and amend the By-Laws when deemed necessary. They shall have the authority to delegate duties and responsibilities to any officer or committee.

SECTION-3 All members of the Board of Directors shall have one vote.

ARTICLE IV-OFFICERS

SECTION 1 The Officers of the SGA shall consist of:

- A). President
- B). Vice President
- C). Tournament Directors
- D). Secretary/Treasurer
- E). Tournament Administrator
- F). Membership Chairman
- G). Website Administrator

SECTION 2 Each Officer shall be elected for the following year by the current Board of Directors and shall serve a term of at least one year. An officer can hold any office beyond 3 years EXCEPT the President.

SECTION 3 The **President** shall preside at all meetings of the SGA and shall perform all duties incidental to the office. If the President is unable to perform his duties the Vice President will perform the President's duties. The President's name shall appear on the Bank's signature card, so he can issue checks.

SECTION 4 The **Vice President** or his designate shall collect the scorecards at the conclusion of each tournament and determine the winners. Results will be reported to the KC Star newspaper and the SGA membership as soon as possible. The VP will perform other duties as assigned by the President.

SECTION 5 The **Secretary/Treasurer** shall keep minutes of the meetings. He shall present a financial report at the Fall Membership Meeting and perform all duties incidental to the office. All expenses pertaining to SGA operation shall be reimbursed by the SGA Treasurer when receipts are submitted for payment with prior approval of the President and/or the Board of Directors.

BY-LAWS (cont'd)

SECTION 6 The **Tournament Directors** shall be responsible for checking in golfers at each tournament and assist in making pairing changes as needed.

SECTION 7 The **Tournament Administrator** shall be a member of the SGA. Duties include making the pairings for each tournament and maintaining handicap of SGA golfers. He shall receive reimbursement for any repairs necessary to keep computer equipment operable. If repair is not deemed possible or desirable, replacement cost for comparable equipment will be allowed.

SECTION 8 The **Membership Chairman** will solicit new members as necessary to meet the membership goal; will ensure distribution of membership data for new and returning members each season to required Board members (Vice Pres., Administrator, Sec/Treas., Website Administrator).

SECTION 9 The **Website Administrator** shall develop, update and maintain the SGA website as directed by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE V- MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1 Any person who has reached the age of 55 years shall be eligible for membership provided he *meets the handicap parameters stated in the Handicap Rules and Procedures section, page 6.*

SECTION 2 The authority to determine the total number of members and to allocate that membership in any one year shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

SECTION 3 Prospective members will submit completed application forms to the Membership Chairman.

SECTION 4 As vacancies occur the SGA Officers will request the Membership Chairman to submit the appropriate number of applications for consideration. The SGA Officers will have the authority to select a maximum of 20% of existing vacancies and the remaining 80% will be considered on the basis of the earliest submission dates

SECTION 5 The Membership Chairman will inform the applicants of their acceptance and request payment of dues as soon as possible. When dues are received, the Secretary/Treasurer will notify the Membership Chairman and the Tournament Administrator.

ARTICLE VI-MEETINGS

SECTION 1 FULL MEETINGS: There shall be an annual meeting of the entire SGA membership at the conclusion of tournament play in the Fall. A review of the year's activities and recognition of Outstanding achievements during the year may be made at the Fall meeting. Additional meetings may be held at the discretion of the Board.

BY-LAWS (cont'd)

SECTION 2 BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING: The Board of Directors shall have a meeting at least four (4) weeks prior to the Fall Meeting, at which time the nominating committee shall present their slate of nominees for election to the Board. The nominating committee shall consist of the two (2) immediate past Presidents of the SGA with the most recent past President acting as chairman.

ARTICLE VII-MEMBERSHIP DUES

SECTION 1 The dues for membership in the SGA shall be established by the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 Annual dues are payable by December 31st. Members failing to pay their dues by this date may be dropped from the SGA membership.

SECTION 3 If a member drops out after the first tournament for other than medical reasons there will be no refund.

SECTION 4 If a member drops out for medical reasons before the halfway point, he will be refunded one-half the annual dues. After the halfway point there will be no refund.

SECTION 5 Applicants selected during the tournament season will pay full annual dues if seven (7) or more tournaments remain to be played and one-half the annual dues if six (6) or fewer tournaments remain to be played.

ARTICLE VIII-COMMITTEES

The President shall appoint any committee he deems necessary or advisable

ARTICLE IX-TENURE

All Officers shall assume the duties of their office immediately following the Fall Membership Meeting, except for the Treasurer. The Treasurer shall assume their duties upon completion of all current year financial obligations by the incumbent and transfer of the checking account has occurred.

ARTICLE X-BUDGET

The Secretary/Treasurer shall prepare a budget during the month of February and submit same to the President for his approval.

ARTICLE XI-ATTENDANCE

SECTION 1 All SGA members must play at least six (6) regular scheduled tournaments each year or they will be dropped from the membership.

Members unable to do so for medical or other reasons may request exemption by petition to the Board of Directors.

SECTION 2 ATTENDANCE: A member of the SGA **scheduled** to play in a tournament and NOT appearing at the event **at least 15 minutes prior to the scheduled start time** will be considered a NO-SHOW. He **will** be assessed a **\$30 FINE** payable to SGA and **will not be eligible to play until the fine is paid**.