

CENTRAL TEXAS GOLF ASSOCIATION

BY-LAWS 2010

1. MEMBERSHIP

The Central Texas Golf Association (CTGA) is a non-profit, member-supported organization open to all male and female amateur golf enthusiasts in the greater Austin, Texas area.

2. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES

As with any golf league, all CTGA members pay annual dues when joining. Our 2010 Membership Dues are \$55.00. Annual dues are prorated to \$35.00 for members joining after May 31st. Dues are payable at the Members' first tournament after the annual CTGA Classic, unless special arrangements are made with the CTGA Finance Director. Although a small portion of each member's dues is used for administrative costs, most of it remains in our General Fund to help supplement our annual Fall Classic.

3. TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

The CTGA fiscal year Tournament Schedule begins with the first event after the 2009 annual CTGA Classic and ends with the 2010 2-day Classic. The time, course, fees and prizes for all tournaments shall be the responsibility of the CTGA Directors. CTGA Directors will provide tournament schedules and league information to all Members. If the course limits the number of players allowed for that event, participation will be determined based on date and time request to play is received.

4. CTGA CLASSIC

The annual CTGA Classic is open to all CTGA Members and invited Guests. To compete in the Classic with full CTGA handicaps, members must play in a specified number of tournaments determined by the first 2010 event played. Refer to our [Classic Handicap Adjustment Table](#) for specific requirements. This applies to the Classic Medal Play and 2-Player Team competitions. Our 2009 Classic participation counts toward the 2010 tournaments played.

A general meeting will be held at the conclusion of Saturday's Classic round to discuss and vote on policy and procedure improvements and to elect next year Board of Directors.

5. HANDICAPS

CTGA handicaps will be established and maintained for each Member by the CTGA Tournament/Handicap Director, using [GolfSoftware.com](#) Handicap System, which conforms to the [USGA Handicap System](#).

1. CTGA Tournament scores only will be used to calculate member handicaps;
2. All Active members and/or member handicaps will be carried over to the following year;
3. All new members and active or inactive members who have not played in a CTGA tournament within the past 10 months must establish a new CTGA handicap;

6. ESTABLISHING HANDICAPS

A. USGA/GHIN Handicap: New Member submits a current, established USGA/GHIN handicap or other verifiable handicap from a golf association or club. This handicap, after approval by CTGA Handicap Director, will allow the new Member to compete, with no restrictions, in all CTGA tournament competition player pools (including Individual and Team formats), FedEx Cup competition and Trash competitions (Close-To-Pin, Skins, and Deuces) beginning with his/her first CTGA tournament.

Submitting Current, Establish USGA/GHIN handicaps:

1. Seven (7) scores equal to the new Member's approved USGA/GHIN handicap index are entered into the CTGA [Handicap Manager \(HM\) System](#), using Roy Kizer Blue (for men) and Roy Kizer Red (for ladies) course rating as our Home Course, to calculate a provisional starting handicap for CTGA;
2. These scores and the New Member's initial CTGA tournament rounds will be used to determine the calculation of up-to-date CTGA handicaps as follows:
 - a. Combination of the 1st CTGA tournament scores and 6 provisional scores (1 provisional score (PS) will be dropped prior to recalculating new handicap;
 - b. Combination of the first 2 CTGA tournament scores and 5 provisional scores (2nd PS is dropped);
 - c. Combination of the first 3 CTGA tournament scores and 4 provisional scores (3rd PS is dropped);
 - d. Procedure continues until the new member completes his/her seventh (7th) CTGA tournament. From this point, the member's CTGA handicap will be determined using CTGA tournament scores only.

- B. Self-Identifying Handicap:** New Members who do not have established USGA/GHIN handicaps will self-declare a provisional handicap, based on their average 18 hole scores, using the [“Self-Handicapping Chart”](#) provided in our CTGA Website and submit that handicap to the CTGA Tournament Director. This handicap, after approval by CTGA Handicap Director, will allow the New Member to compete in all CTGA tournament player pools, Close-To- Pin, and our optional Skins and Deuces competitions and eligible for all Player Pool payout beginning with their first CTGA tournament, as defined below:
1. In all Individual Format tournaments, Player Pool payout will be limited to 50% of the stated payout for each Place within each Flight until three (3) CTGA event scores have been entered in our Handicap database;
 2. In all Team Format tournaments, Player Pool payout will be the same as for all current CTGA Members.

Establishing the new member’s handicap:

1. Seven (7) scores equal to the New Member’s approved “Self-Declared” handicap index are entered into the CTGA [Handicap Manager \(HM\) System](#), using Roy Kizer Blue (for men) and Roy Kizer Red (for ladies) course rating as our Home Course, to calculate the new Member’s provisional handicap to establish a provisional handicap for CTGA;
2. These scores the New Member’s initial CTGA tournament rounds will be used to determine the calculation of up-to-date CTGA handicaps in the same manner as Rule 6-A-2 above.

Inactive CTGA Members or past Members returning to CTGA who have not participated in CTGA tournaments within the past 10 months must re-establish new CTGA handicaps using either of the two methods above.

Note: If a new or returning Member has a current, established USGA/GHIN handicap, this handicap takes precedence and must be submitted to establish a CTGA provisional handicap.

7. TEE TIMES AND PAIRINGS

The CTGA Tournament Director or the Director in charge of that specific tournament will determine pairings and tee times for all tournaments, with the requests of individual Members being considered and satisfied when and where possible.

8. STARTING TIME AND ENTRY FEE PAYMENT

All CTGA Members and Guests are required to be at the course and ready to play at least 30 minutes prior to their start time. Starting times and changing of individual player 4-somes on tournament day may be made with CTGA Director approval only.

Payment of all entry fees will be made to the CTGA Finance Director or designee at the course on tournament day. Prepay of tournament fees are not required in CTGA events.

1. At the discretion of the Finance Director or collector designate, tournament fees will be collected up to 25 minutes prior to the collector's tee time and/or after completion of play;
2. It is each Member’s responsibility to ensure his/her fees and accompanying Guest (if applicable) fees are paid on tournament day;
3. Entry fee for all CTGA tournaments are listed on the approved 2010 CTGA tournament schedule. If a tournament fee adjustment is required based on changes by the golf course, it will be announced by the Tournament Director prior to that event.
4. If a tournament is cancelled due to inclement weather, paid fees will be refunded at the course or applied to Members' personal account;
5. Fees for the optional Skins and Deuces competitions will be charged to Members and Guests unless they verbally “opt out” of these competitions prior start of play;

9. CANCELLATIONS and NO-SHOWS

CTGA understands and accepts player cancellations resulting from family emergencies and/or work commitments.

1. Players who sign up to play but must cancel, may do so up to 24 hours before the event without course fee penalty providing the course does not charge CTGA;
2. If the course charges CTGA a fee for that cancelled spot because of the number of players committed to by CTGA, the player will be obligated to pay the charged course fees;
3. Players who find a replacement for their spot in the tournament will not be charged;
4. **Players who cancel within 24 hours of tee time may be charged Tournament Fee unless a replacement player fills that spot;**
5. “No Shows” will be obligated to pay all tournament fees for that event;
6. Members who No-Show 2 times within a 12 month period may be asked to pre-pay tournament fees;

7. Members will be responsible for invited Guest(s) as they apply to either cancellations or No-Shows;
8. Waiver of any of the above fees may be made at the discretion and agreement of two CTGA Directors.

10. GUESTS

CTGA welcomes invited Guests to play in any CTGA scheduled tournament. All Guests shall understand and accept the competition eligibility, limitation, Rules of Play, event guidelines and Player Pool/Trash tournament fees as specified within these CTGA By-Laws, including:

1. All applicable tournament fees;
2. A \$5.00 competition guest fee;
3. Guest(s) must provide handicap (USGA/GHIN or self-declared) when they sign up;
4. Guests may compete in all CTGA Player Pool and Trash competitions a maximum of 2 events within a calendar year. Further participation within that calendar year will be as a non-participating Guest only.
5. Guests are eligible to compete in Individual Format Competition but winnings are limited to 50% of the stated amounts for each Place within each competition Flight. Three Guests may play in the same 4-some in an Individual tournament as long as accompanied by an active CTGA member;
6. Guests are eligible to compete in Team Format Competition and winnings will be the same stated amounts as for CTGA Team members. However, Two Guests may not compete as a Team in a CTGA 2-Player Team tournament. Two Guests may play in the same 4-some in a 2-Player Team tournament as long as each teams with an active CTGA member. Three Guests may play as part of a 4-Player Team when accompanied by an active CTGA member;
7. Guests are eligible for all CTGA Trash competitions, including Close-To-Pin, Skins and Deuces, at 100% of the winner share;
8. Guests may play in our Annual CTGA Classic but competition is limited to Trash competition only.
9. Guests are not eligible to compete in our FedEx Cup competition.

11. CTGA RULES of PLAY

1. All CTGA tournaments will be played in accordance with [USGA Rules of Play](#), Local Course Rules, and specific CTGA Rules of Play. Refer to the [CTGA Rules of Play](#) in the [Rules & Regulations](#) section in our CTGA Website. Unless otherwise announced, all USGA and CTGA Specific Rules of Play shall be in effect at all tournaments;
2. Special playing rules pertaining to inclement weather, course conditions, local course rules, etc., will be announced prior to the start of that event by CTGA Directors and/or Course Professional;
3. Golf etiquette shall be observed at all times by CTGA Members and Guests;
4. It is the responsibility of all CTGA Members to know and understand all CTGA tournament Rules of Play, and ensure his/her Guest player(s) comply with these rules.
5. Personal GPS/Course Rangefinders are permissible in all CTGA tournament play.

12. RULES of PLAY CLARIFICATION, PROTESTS AND DISPUTES

1. CTGA Directors and/or golf course Professional shall reconcile all concerns regarding Rules of Play.
2. If a player is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls in accordance with [Rule 3-3](#).
3. CTGA Directors will reconcile disputes and protests concerning scoring or eligibility. Protest of a handicap shall be reconciled prior to the Member(s) start of play on tournament day. The Directors' decision shall be final.

13. PACE OF PLAY

CTGA Directors will establish a Pace of Play guideline for each course to help prevent slow play, in accordance with a variation of [USGA Note 2 to Rule 6-7](#).

14. COMPLETING SCORECARDS IN CTGA TOURNAMENTS (USGA Rule 6-6) (Modify and simplify)

A. Individual and 2-Player Team Format Competition

1. Players/Teams must exchange scorecards;
2. If single scorecard is used for both Teams, a Marker is designated to record all scores.

B. 4-Player Team Competition

1. A Marker is designated to record all scores;

C. All Formats

1. Each Player is responsible for accuracy of his hole-by-hole scores;
 - a. A score recorded for any hole lower than actually taken will result in disqualified;
 - b. A score recorded for any hole higher than actually taken shall stand;
 - c. Incorrect hole-by-hole scores as stated above will likewise apply to Skins and Deuces.

2. Once signed and turned in, that score becomes the score of record and is not subject to change;
3. Failure to turn in a scorecard before leaving the event will result in disqualification;
4. Only tournament gross scores are to be entered on official tournament scorecard;
5. It is strongly recommended that all Players keep a separate, personal scorecard during the round to verify correctness of the "official" scorecard.

Although the Tournament Director or designee is responsible for the addition of final Individual and Team Gross and Net scores recorded on the scorecard for all competitors, it is requested that competitors complete the addition and include the final Gross and Net scores on their scorecards.

No penalty will be applied for failure to complete or record incorrect Gross and/or Net scores on scorecards.

15. TOURNAMENT FORMATS

All CTGA tournament play will be Individual Formats or Team Formats. All tournament formats will be determined and posted on our 2010 Tournament Schedule. Explanations of formats are available in the CTGA Website under **Tournament Formats** in **Rules & Regulations**.

16. TOURNAMENT FLIGHTS

The CTGA Tournament Director will determine the number of competition flights to be played in all events.

Individual format tournaments: The number of Flights per Individual Format events will be determined by the number of players in the field and handicap breakdown.

2-Player and 4-Player Team tournaments will have one or two Player Pool Flight, depending on the number of teams, and determined by Team handicaps.

Trash Flights will always have 2 Flights, determined by player handicaps. Exception will be the CTGA Classic where Trash Flights will be determined by the number of players entered.

17. TOURNAMENT TEES

The CTGA Tournament Director will determine the Tees to be played in all events.

Individual Format Tournaments

Courses with maximum yardage of 6100 or less:

1. All men other than specified Seniors will play the Back Tees;
2. CTGA Seniors with specified minimum handicaps will play adjusted intermediate tees;
3. All Ladies will play Red or designated Ladies Tees.

Courses with multiple tees of more than 6300 yards:

1. 1st Flight men will play Back Tees up to but not to exceed 6,800 yards;
2. 2nd and 3rd Flight men will play Middle Tees up to but not to exceed 6500 yards;
3. CTGA Seniors with specified minimum handicaps will play adjusted intermediate tees ;
4. All Ladies will play Red or designated Ladies Tees.

2-Player and 4-Player Team Format Tournaments

Courses with maximum yardage of 6100 or less:

1. All men, including Senior members will play the Back Tees;
2. All ladies will play Red or designated Ladies Tees.

All competitors will play from the Tee Box assigned for that tournament as determined and announced by the Tournament Director or the Director in charge of the event. Play from any Tee Box other than that specified by the Director in charge will result in disqualification from that tournament player pools and competitions.

18. PLAYERS COMPETING FROM DIFFERENT TEES

Different tees have different USGA Course Ratings. Because Course Ratings reflect the probable scores of scratch golfers, the higher-rated course is more difficult, and the player playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating receives additional strokes equal to the difference between the Course Ratings, with 0.5 or greater rounded upward. The additional strokes are added to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the higher-rated set of tees.

19. PLAYER POOL DISTRIBUTION

1. Flight Payout: CTGA procedure is to pay 30% of the field in each Flight;
2. Player Pool payout for each Flight will be determined by the number of Flights divided by the total number of competing players and the amount of the total prize money available;
3. 1st Place payout is guaranteed in each Player Pool Flight;
4. Corresponding places in each Flight will receive equal payout as long as the number of players in that Flight meets the 30% payout guideline.
5. Guest Player Pool payout will be as follows:

- a. 50% of the designated payout at Individual format tournaments;
- b. 100% of the designated payout at Team format tournaments.

20. PLAYER POOL COMPETITION TIES

First place ties in tournament player pools shall be settled by scorecard play-off. The winner will be determined as follows:

1. Results of the last 9 holes, using 50% of the players' handicaps;
2. If still tied, results of the last 6 holes, using 33% of the players' handicaps;
3. If still tied, results of the last 3 holes, using 16% of the players' handicaps;
4. If still tied, results of the 18th hole using #18 handicap hole;
5. If still tied, results beginning with the #1 handicap hole until a winner is determined;
6. Ties for all other places in each Player Pool Flight will be split equally;
7. 1st Place ties in our CTGA Classic will be determined by a sudden death playoff if the course and time permits. Otherwise, a scorecard playoff will determine the winner(s).

21. PLAYER PERSONAL FUND ACCOUNT

1. The CTGA Finance Director will maintain a Personal Fund Account for each active Member;
2. All prized won, including all Trash Prizes, will be credited to that Member's Account upon release of official tournament results;
3. At Member's request, the CTGA Finance Director will release funds for any moneys within that Member's Account;
4. All Guest prize payout will be credited to the applicable CTGA Member's Account.
5. Any inactive Member who has not played in a CTGA tournament within the past 12 months and has paid no Annual Dues within that time, shall forfeit any credit within his/her account after attempts to contact said Member fail. Any forfeited funds shall be put into the CTGA General Players' Fund.
6. Members are responsible for invited guest fees.

22. TRASH COMPETITIONS

Three Trash competitions will be played at all CTGA tournaments, including Close-To-Pin, Skins and Deuces (see CTGA Website for Trash competition procedures). Close-To-Pin fee is included in the player's Tournament Fee. Skins and Deuces are optional competitions with \$5.00 entry fee each.

Two Trash Flights will be determined based on participating player handicaps with as close to a 50% balance as possible.

1. Close-To-Pin Competition: Each Trash Flight will compete for Close-To-Pin prizes on two (2) designated Par 3 holes. Player with closest 1st tee shot on each hole wins that hole. Close-To-Pin prize per hole is \$10.00. If no player hits the green, the prize money designated for that hole goes into the CTGA General Fund. Close-To-Pin entry fee is included in the tournament entry fee.
NOTE: Failure to measure Close-To-Pin distance prior to abandoning exact position on the green will result in disqualification for Close-To-Pin on that hole.
2. Skins Competition: A Skins hole is won by the player whose gross score is the single lowest gross score on that hole within that Skins Flight. If two (2) or more players within the Flight tie with the same low gross score, no Skin is awarded. Skin prize amount will be determined by the number of players entered into Skins divided by the number of Skins won.
3. Deuces Competition: All players who record a gross 2 on their scorecards will share in that Trash Flight's Deuce Pot. The Deuce Pot is divided equally amongst the total number of gross Deuces recorded.
4. No Skins and/or Deuces won within a Trash Flight will result in a Carry-Over to the next tournament.
5. Fee for competing in Skins and Deuces in 2-Day tournaments is \$10.00 each (5.00 for each day).

23. HOLE-IN-ONE PRIZE FUND

CTGA General Fund will reserve a \$200.00 balance for a Hole-In-One prize. Member prize for a Hole-In-One will be \$200.00. Guest prize will be \$100.00. When a Hole-In-One prize is awarded, each Member will be assessed an equal dollar amount, based on the number of active CTGA members, at his/her next tournament to re-establish our \$200.00 Hole-In-One prize fund.

24. FEDEX CUP COMPETITION

Guidelines for our 2010 FedEx Cup competition can be found in our CTGA Website under [Rules & Regulations](#).

25. CTGA BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- a. CTGA Board of Directors shall consist of 4 elected positions. 2010 Board of Directors include:
 - Eddie Nunez - Tournament/Handicap Director
 - Sean Nunez - Finance Director
 - Mike Sigman - At Large Director
 - Chris Wadle - At Large Director
- b. The CTGA Board of Directors will govern all logistics of the CTGA organization in accordance with its 2009 Member approved By-Laws;
- c. CTGA Board of Directors do not have the power to amend or change established CTGA By-Laws without member approval;
- d. CTGA Board of Directors will oversee all tournaments and make general decisions on specific issues and processes at their discretion;
- e. CTGA Board of Directors shall have a minimum of 4 Quarterly meetings to discuss organization issues, concerns, strategies, and new process implementation. BOD meetings dates will be announced and members are welcome to attend;
- f. CTGA Board of Directors will preside in office for the fiscal tournament year (Classic to Classic);
- g. CTGA Board of Directors will represent CTGA at all City of Austin Golf Advisory Board meetings;
- h. CTGA Board of Directors may be reelected to serve multiple years.

26. PLAYERS NOT ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN CTGA PLAYER POOLS

Professional golfers, school age boys and girls who currently and/or will be part of an Intercollegiate, High School or Junior High School, and/or any Junior Golf competition program, etc., may play as Guests of CTGA Members but are not eligible to compete in any CTGA Player Pool competitions. This includes Individual and Team Player Pools, Close-To-Pin, Skins, and Deuces competition. Fees for these Guests will be course fees only (green fees, cart fee, etc.)

27. RESULTS & STATISTICS

Tournament results, statistics, handicap calculations and other member information will be posted on the CTGA Website at the conclusion of each tournament and will be available via email to all Members at their request.

(Approved by Members October 15, 2009)