

EPWGC - STANDING RULES

1. Weekly Play Day games will be held each Thursday unless changed due to weather conditions and are also designated as a Play Day. Rescheduled Play Days will be conducted and supervised by the Tournament Chair. On Pub Links Association Days, if there are 8 or more players at El Prado it will be designated a regular Play Day. With 7 or fewer players it will be designated a "Fun Day." No monies will be collected, but chip-ins, birdies, and hole-in-ones will be counted towards any awards. The Ringer will still count on Fun Days if master scorecards are signed and attested by the groups.
2. Annual membership dues are due and payable on the third Thursday in October. Membership dues are \$80-\$100 (\$44 club dues, \$36 mandatory SCGA dues, and optional \$20 WPLGASC dues). The General Membership may establish new membership fees should circumstances deem it necessary. If a prospective new member joins EPWGC from June to Sept 30th, their membership dues are prorated. They will pay half of the EPWGC membership dues and all the SCGA dues that are required to get their handicap. New members joining the club from Oct 1st to Dec 31st, will pay the EPWGC membership dues for the upcoming year, but will play as a quest (paying green fees) but not entering the club weekly play day events until the new year In January. The new member (Oct-Dec) will also pay for any club events she attends before the end of year, like the Turkey luncheon and the Christmas luncheon.
3. Picking up on a hole during the round will automatically disqualify you from the Play Day's game unless the specific game allows it. Chip-in's, Birdies, Closest-to-the-Pin, and Ringer scores will still be counted only on El Prado Play Days. Picking up during a round will automatically disqualify you from the weekly putts game. You must also post your score using the World Handicap System Double Bogey Plus Rule.

Double Bogey Plus = Par + 2 + any handicap strokes you are entitled to on the hole.

When posting your score, if you are **unsure** how to adjust your score, **select the hole-by-hole option**. The USGA program will adjust your score automatically on each hole using the Double Bogey Plus rule.

4. Any complaints, suggestions or criticism provided by members must be given to a Board member to be discussed by the Board of Directors. Subsequent complaints must be submitted in writing and given to a Board member to be considered or acted upon by the Board. All verbal and written complaints, suggestions or criticisms will be kept on record.
5. Weekly Play Day winnings will not be handed out each month. With the new tournament program, each player starts with \$20.00 in their bank. Weekly Play Day is \$5.00 plus \$1.00 if you want to be in the low putts weekly game. This amount will be deducted from your bank weekly, and your winnings will be added weekly. You can keep track of your balance from the weekly results sheet sent out by the Tournament Director. This way you can add to your balance when it is low. You can request your earnings once a month from the tournament director.
6. A gift to the outgoing Presidents and Tournament Directors is not to exceed fifty dollars (\$50.00) each.
7. The club will use both golf courses on an alternating basis whenever possible.
8. A Hole-In-One Prize will be presented to any member of the club, when one is made at the *El Prado Golf Course* during a weekly Play Day or during a Major Tournament. This includes any course that is played in place of the Club's Thursday Play Day. When a Hole-In-One is scored, the member will receive the amount approved by the last approved budget of the club.
9. Annual Awards will be presented for the following achievements based on a minimum of (20) games played at El Prado during Dec 1 (current year) - Nov 30 (following year). Eligible members must have been a member for one year with an established handicap. Games counted are all weekly Play Day Games and all Major Tournament games (President's Cup & Club Championship). The Annual awards are for:
 - a. Most Improved for the year
 - b. Low Gross over-the-field on each course

- c. Low Net over-the-field on each course
- d. Low Putts over-the-field on each course
- e. Most Chip-Ins: combined total of both courses
- f. Most Birdies: combined total of both courses

10. Any rule disputes must be brought to the Tournament Chair before the official scorecard is signed. This matter should be discussed with the Rules Chair. If no decision can be made it will be presented to the Board of Directors for final decision.
11. Local rules for **Lost Balls** and **Out-of-Bounds**.
The following option is a local rule only. Always check with the Course or committee before your round.

2 Options

1) Replay the ball from the original shot location. You lose the distance and incur a **1-stroke penalty**.

OR

2) Locate point where the ball is OB or Lost outside of the penalty area.

Locate nearest fairway edge equal distance from the hole, and measure 2 club lengths into the fairway.

Drop ball on or behind 2 club lengths, no nearer to the hole for a **2-stroke penalty**.

If provisional ball is played, you may not use option 2.

12. Players may move the balls off of hardpan, placing it no closer to the hole, and incur no penalty.
13. Six-Inch Rule: You can lift and place the ball up to 6-inches anywhere no closer to the pin, but not if in a bunker, penalty area or on the green.
14. Players may move balls off hard pan, placing it no closer to the hole, and incur no penalty.
15. Play Day **time changes** will be:
- May 1st to Oct 31st, tee time 7:30 a.m.
 - Nov 1st to Apr 30th tee time 8:30 a.m.
16. **Winter Rules:** October through April. Get relief from, **standing water, and mud**. Winter Rules only apply to the Club.
- You can mark, lift, clean, and place the ball within one club length, no closer to the hole with no penalty. It does not mean that you can lift, clean, and place your ball on every shot. You cannot move the ball from behind a tree or obstruction to clear the path in front of the ball. However, you may take an unplayable lie for a 1-stroke penalty.
 - Winter Rules do not allow you to move the ball out of the rough on to the fairway to improve your lie. When in the rough, if there is a hole, a pile of dirt or branches, you may take relief (the loose impediments rule may apply).

17. **Play Day Payments**

Play Day Weekly Tournament \$5 Total

- \$2 for Weekly Game
- \$1 for Club Fund
- \$1 for Closest to the Pin
- \$1 for 50/50

Putting Tournament \$1 per week (optional)

Ringer Tournament \$6 per quarter or \$24 per year (optional)

