

SADDLEBROOKE HOA 1 MENS NINE HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

RULES AND PROCEDURES

1. Each SaddleBrooke Men's Niners (SBMN) member will receive an Arizona Golf Association (AGA) Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) membership number upon payment of the SBMN annual dues. GHIN numbers carry over for renewing memberships. The AGA establishes and maintains the GHIN Handicap Index for members after submitting a minimum of six 9 hole or three 18-hole scores. Handicaps are utilized to determine net scores for the purpose of distributing event awards. The GHIN Handicaps are updated daily.
2. The USGA Handicap System operates on two fundamental principles. First, each golfer is expected to strive for their best score on each hole of every round, regardless of the course. Secondly, every acceptable round must be posted for peer review. Both the player and the Handicap Committee share responsibility for upholding these principles. Accordingly, each SBMN member should post via GHIN each time they play outside of a SBMN tournament. The SBMN Handicap Committee will periodically compare the HOA1 tee sheet and posted scores for SBMN members and follow up with members who are not posting all acceptable rounds.
3. Event Eligibility: All members who wish to play in an SBMN event and participate in event awards must have an established USGA Handicap Index. For those who have not established a GHIN Handicap Index you may participate in Individual Stroke Play Events only but will not be charged the tournament entry fee. Once a GHIN Handicap Index has been established you will be eligible for all events and will be charged the tournament entry fee when you participate.
4. The SaddleBrooke Homeowners Association #1 (SBHOA1) requires acceptable golf attire while playing golf. Tee shirts, blue denim or cut-offs are not allowed.

5. League play will be scheduled from the first Wednesday of November to the last Wednesday in September if a nine-hole course is available to play.
6. The SBMN publishes an eleven-month calendar of organized golf events of varied formats for play on Wednesdays on the HOA1 courses. The course designated for each tournament is decided by the Pro Shop. Tournaments may also be arranged with other nine-hole organizations on a home-and-home basis as part of the SBMN calendar of events.
7. Weekly tournament sign-ups must be done using the **Golf Genius™ Application**. Sign-ups must be entered prior to 8:00 PM Sunday preceding Wednesday's event. Special events may require a different time table and/or a sign-up on the SBMN bulletin board.
8. Guests of members can be included in SBMN tournaments with the host member under the following conditions.
 - 1) The SBMN event format is individual stroke play.
 - 2) Guests do not qualify for prize money.
 - 3) The member's request to include a guest must be made to the Tournament Chairman at least one week prior to the event.
 - 4) The tee time will not be confirmed until all SBMN have registered and there is still space available.
 - 5) The guest must be a male over 18 years of age.
 - 6) The guest will not be charged the tournament prize fee.
9. To cancel prior to the Sunday cutoff date use **Golf Genius™** to cancel your play. You will not be charged the tournament fee.
10. The SBMN weekly tournament prize fee will be automatically collected from players for each Wednesday of play and charged to members' HOA1 House account.

11. Tournament awards will be funded through the prize fee paid by each participating member. The total prize awards will be determined by the money collected for each tournament. Prize awards will be in the form of credits maintained by the HOA1 Pro Shop and must be used in the calendar year earned.

12. Procedures for the day-of-play:

- Arrive for play, pay green fees, and check in with the course starter no later than 30 minutes before the scheduled tee time. Players will receive final instructions for the day's tournament format, any final foursome adjustments due to no-shows will be made and players will be instructed when to head out for their starting holes if a shotgun start.
- The SBMN members can play from any official tee or combination. They must inform the tournament chairman of their tee selection before tournament set up is finalized.
- The Tournament/Assistant Chairman will generally determine the pairings for the weekly competition.
- Tournament cancellation due to weather or other unforeseen situations will be determined by the Pro Shop or the SBMN Tournament/Assistant Chairman before play begins. If inclement weather occurs during the tournament, each player will make their own decision on whether to continue playing. If at least one-half of the field completes the tournament it will be declared "finished" and the awards will be distributed.
- If the Pro Shop decides "cart path only" on the morning of SBMN tournament the tournament fee will not be collected for cancellations or "no-shows".
- Tournament golf scores will be posted to the GHIN Handicap System by the Niners Tournament/Assistant Chairman. Non SBMN event scores must be posted by the member.

- Cell phones shall be silenced or placed in vibrate mode. Accepting or making phone calls in the tee box or green area is unacceptable.
- See Tournament Rules and Procedures for tournament related information.

13. Pace of Play

“A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace.” USGA Golf Rule 5.6b. That means members should:

- Prepare in advance for each stroke and be ready to play when it is your turn.
 - Move from one place to another between strokes.
 - Do not sit in the cart until it is your turn to hit. Get out of the cart and walk reasonable distances to your ball, carrying a sand bottle and extra clubs so you will not have to return to the cart for either. Also take your putter when you are near the green.
 - If you are ready to hit and no one is in the way, and it will not interfere with the play of others in your group, play “ready golf” and hit away. (Golf Rule 5.6b(2)).
 - Use continuous putting. When reaching the green begin putting without waiting for everyone to arrive. ○ Do not practice putting on a green during a hole. ○ After you finish a hole, proceed to the next tee before you mark your scorecard and return your clubs to your bag.

Expected Pace of Play

The expected pace of play for each hole in SBMN events will be printed on the tournament cards; for 9 holes approximately two hours total.

Members who do not complete our events within the above time limits are needlessly delaying other participants in our events and compromising other golfers' access to the courses.

Groups Out of Position

Out of Position shall mean not keeping up with the group in front or exceeding the posted times to complete play on each hole. Players will be expected to keep up with the group in front of them and not exceed the posted times on the cards. All Players must be within the Pace of Play.

Procedure When a Group is Out of Position and exceeding posted time limits.

- If a marshal sees that a group is out of position, the marshal shall notify the group that it is out of position, that it must close the gap with the group ahead, and that its pace of play may be timed.
- A group that is out of position must play their next holes within the time specified on the tournament card for those holes and must make every reasonable effort to close the gap with the group ahead.
- Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.
- If the marshal decides that the group has not played the subsequent holes within the time allotted for those holes on the score card, the marshal shall advise the group that it will be penalized as set out below, subject to any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g., lost ball, unplayable ball, lengthy discussion over a rule, etc.
- Any penalty assessed under this rule may be appealed to the head pro (or the assistant pro in their absence), and the Tournament Chair or Assistant Tournament Chair.

Penalty for Breach:

- Penalty for first breach: Warning from marshal.
- Penalty for second breach: Players will be required to skip the next hole and take the maximum score (par 3- 6 strokes, par 4- 8 strokes, par 5- 10 strokes.)
- Refusing to follow the ranger's instructions, and or showing disrespect to the ranger will result in thirty-day suspension from all SBMNs events.

Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round

If a group is *out of position* more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion.

Remedial Action

The SBMN Board may require any member who is repeatedly out of position or does not play at an acceptable pace of play to participate in a Pace of Play class conducted by the Golf Professionals as a condition for participation in future SBMN events.

14. If another player is not complying with the USGA Golf Rules or if there is a question regarding a player not declaring the correct number of strokes, bring the issue to the attention of the player before the next hole is played. If the issue can be quickly resolved, enter the correct score, and continue the game. If the issue cannot be resolved quickly, finish the nine holes, return to the Pro Shop and refer to the USGA Rule Book and the Pro Shop staff for a final resolution. Do not turn a scorecard in with unresolved issues.
15. To maintain an appropriate handicap, post all non SBMN rounds played into the GHIN system.
16. Visit the SBMN website for additional information including Tournament Results and special event information. The website is located at <https://saddlebrookem9.azgolf.org/> . League information is also available in the Member Portal inside the Golf app.