

# EL Prado Seniors Golf Association

## Policies, Procedures, and Current Practices

Revised: May 1, 2016 to reflect current policies, procedures, and practices

### I. Club Organization/Administration

- A) The El Prado Seniors Golf Association (the "Club") Board of Directors (the Board) is composed of three members:

President  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Tournament Director

- 1) The President and the Tournament Director are elected to two-year terms on even number years. The Secretary/Treasurer is elected to a two-year term on the odd numbered years.
- 2) A General Membership meeting is scheduled to be held the second Tuesday of each month. Members are encouraged to attend and bring up items of concern at these meetings.
- 3) Elections of Officers are held at the August General Membership meeting. Election winners assume office as of September 1.
- 4) As an incentive for members to run for office, the golf course pays half of the green fees and carts for officers and the Club pays the other half, except for away tournaments.
- 5) The Board meets the first Tuesday of each month.

### B. Membership

- 1) Club membership is available to male golfers age 50 and older.
- 2) New members to the Club are welcome any time.
- 3) Membership fees - as of October 1, 2013:
  - a – All membership fees include \$33 for SCGA membership (even if already an SCGA member) with the balance of the membership fee going to the Club treasury for Club expenses.
  - b – Renewable fees for existing members are \$80 due between October 1 and December 31.
  - c - New members fees, which include a free round of golf valued at \$34, starting in the month noted for the balance of the current year are as follows:

Jan ... \$80	Jun ... \$60
Feb ... \$80	Jul ... \$60
Mar ... \$75	Aug .. \$60
Apr ... \$70	Sep ... \$60
May .. \$65	Oct thru Jan of the following year ... \$80
  - d – Prior Club Members will be treated as new members if they have not been an active dues paying member for two or more membership years. (A membership year is defined as October 1 of year “N” through December 31 of year “N+1”)
- 4) Members joining the club after October 1 of year "N" are automatically enrolled for the remainder of year "N" and the entirety of year "N+1".
- 5) The Club’s annual renewal for existing members begins in August of each year.
- 6) Members are encouraged to report any change of address or primary phone number to the Secretary/Treasurer.

## II. Weekly Play

### A. Tuesdays and Thursdays

- 1) A shotgun start, organized and supervised by the Tournament Director, is conducted every Tuesday and Thursday. The shotgun starts at 7:34 with a 7:00 check-in. During the hot months of summer we often start at 7:00 on Thursday's only.
- 2) A pot game is conducted with a voluntary entry fee of \$5.00. Prizes monies are awarded for one or more individual low nets for each flight. Players must have an established handicap to participate.
- 3) The number of flights is determined by participation:
  - a. One flight ..... 24 or fewer players
  - b. Two flights .... 25 to 47 players
  - c. Three flights ... 48 to 63 players
  - d. Four flights.... 64 + players (hasn't happen yet)
- 4) Players are allowed to make up their own foursomes. Five-somes are allowed but discouraged, as they slow up play. Five-somes must take responsibility to insure that they keep up with the pace of play.

### B. Tuesdays Only

- 1) The pot game noted above includes \$10 prize money for one or two "Closest to the Pin" and one or two "Longest Putts" on designated holes. The number of each is usually dependent upon the number of participants in the pot game.
  - a. Less than 24 players - no closest or longest prize money awarded.
  - b. 25 to 32 players - one "Closest" and one "Longest"
  - c. 33- 47 players - one "Closest" and two "Longest"
  - d. More than 48 players - two "Closest" and two "Longest"
- 2) Optional Gross and Net skins games are offered for \$5.00 entry fee for each game. Handicaps for the Net Skins game is based on 75% of player's index with a limit of two "pops" per hole. Skins are calculated off-site and winners are paid at player's next appearance (Tuesday or Thursday).

### C. Thursday Only

A Net skins game is offered for \$5.00 entry fee. Handicaps are based on 100% of player's index. Skins are calculated off-site as above.

### III. Tournaments

#### A. Away Tournaments

- 1) Monthly away tournaments, when scheduled, are played at different courses in the area, usually the last Tuesday of the month. The Tournament Director schedules the tournaments and publishes an Announcement on the Club's Web site. The cost for the away tournaments includes green fees and an additional \$10.00 for prize monies. Sign up should be paid in advance in order to pay the deposit required by the course.
- 2) Players signing up for the away tournament are liable for playing the tournament. If unable to play, they must notify the Tournament Director NLT Monday prior to the tournament. Failure to do so could result in loss of the green fee payment if the course charges the Club (has never happened yet). No-shows will not be compensated for their prize money contribution to tournament fees.
- 3) The away tournaments always include both team and individual play.
- 4) The away tournaments alternate between "pick your own group" and "randomly picked foursomes"
  - a. Pick your own group
    - i. The bulk of the prize money is allotted to individual play.
    - ii. You may sign up as individuals, twosomes, threesomes, foursomes or five-somes (only if the course allows five-somes). If you sign up as less than a foursome, the Tournament Director will round out your foursome.
    - iii. If you sign up as a five-some your group must decide prior to start of play which four members will participate in the foursome competition. The fifth member will be refunded \$2.00 - \$4.00 unless he is used in as a Blind Draw (He will be used as a Blind Draw if at least one other group requires same and he will share in any of that group's winnings).
    - iv. A Blind Draw player, if required, is picked randomly from the entire field but will not share the groups winnings expect as noted in iii above.
  - b. Randomly picked foursomes
    - i. The bulk of the prize money is allotted to foursome play.
    - ii. The participants are divided into four groups of equal size (may vary by no more than one): those with the lowest index in group A, next lowest in group B, etc. Using a random process a group A player is matched with group B, C, and D players.
    - iii. A Blind Draw player, if required, is picked randomly from the entire field but will not share the group's winnings.
- 5) Tournament play will be from the regular tees (usually white).
- 6) The Tournament Director may book away courses that do not allow shotgun starts. Early sign up will get preferred tee times.
- 6) The Tournament Director will conduct an optional skins competition for the away tournament, both gross and net scores. Net Skins employ 75% of the individual's index with a maximum of two "pops" per hole.

#### B. Exotic Golf

During 2012 the Club voted to no longer have Exotic golf tournaments.

#### C. Match Play Championship

- 1) Match Play Championship, if held, is held only once a year, usually beginning in March.
- 2) The number of flights is dependent on the number of participants.
- 3) The sign-up fee is \$10.00.
- 4) The lowest of the prior three month's indexes will be used for tournament handicaps. Handicaps will be updated based on the lowest index between start and end of each participants play.

Note: Lately there has been insufficient interest to conduct a Match Play Tournament.

### III. Tournaments (cont.)

#### D. Club Championship

- 1) The Club Championship Tournament is played during the fall at the Tournament Directors discretion.
- 2) It includes one round on each course. Both courses are played from White Tees.
- 3) Cash prizes are awarded for the combined low net scores.
- 4) Players play to their lowest index of the prior three months.
- 5) Players must have participated in at least 10 Club sanctioned rounds during the year to be eligible to participate .
- 6) The sign-up fee is \$10.00 per player and the prize money may be supplemented with a nominal amount of treasury funds.

#### E. Christmas Bash Tournament

- 1) The Christmas Bash Tournament is a two day event conducted on Tuesdays only. It usually starts during the first week of December.
- 2) It includes one round on each course. Both courses are played from White Tees.
- 3) Cash prizes are awarded for the combined low net scores.
- 4) Players play to their lowest index of the prior three months.
- 5) Players must have participated in at least 10 Club sanctioned rounds during the year to be eligible to participate.
- 7) The sign-up fee is \$10.00 per player and the prize money may be supplemented with a nominal amount of treasury funds.

#### F. Eclectic Tournament

- 1) Our Eclectic Tournament is a two day event played on the last two Tuesdays of the month on the same course. It is scheduled only during those months when an Away Tournament is not scheduled.
- 2) It includes one round on each course. Both courses are played from White Tees.
- 3) Cash prizes are awarded for the combined low net scores.
- 4) Players play to their lowest index of the prior three months.
- 5) Players must have participated in at least 10 Club sanctioned rounds during the year to be eligible to participate.
- 6) The sign-up fee is \$10.00 per player and the prize money may be supplemented with a nominal amount of treasury funds.

#### IV. Playing Rules

The Club is governed by USGA rules except as follows:

- 1) "Special Provisional Ball Rule":  
Allows a player to hit a provisional ball if it is uncertain it has been hit out of bounds, it has cleared a hazard, or may be lost (as in a Palm Tree). The provisional ball may be played as a provisional ball until the original ball has been determined lost or out of bounds. This special rule is designed to speed up play.
- 2) Winter Rules: When authorized allows the ball to be lifted, cleaned, and placed up to a club length away from its original position (no closer to the hole) to the nearest grass. If the ball was in the rough, it must remain in the rough. If the ball was in the fairway it must remain in the fairway.
- 3) A ball sitting in water in a sand trap may be lifted, cleaned, and dropped from shoulder height onto sand no closer to the hole. Should the ball roll back into the water after two attempts it may be placed in the sand trap.
- 4) Slow Play Rule #1: Provides a penalty of two strokes per player in any group submitting their scorecards more than one hour after the first Foursome completing play enters the clubhouse. However, the penalty will be waived for any group that turns in their scorecard within 20 minutes of the group ahead of them. This should solve the problem of unfairness to groups held up by slow play.
- 4) Slow Play Rule #2: If a group of players falls two holes behind the group in front of them, they must allow the group behind them to play through.

#### V. Hole-in-One and Eagle Pools

- 1) A single "Hole-in-One" pool has been established for all home and away games (voluntary \$5.00 entry fee).
- 2) A single "Eagle" pool has been established for all home and away games (voluntary \$5.00 entry fee). For this pool a "Hole-in-One" is not considered an "Eagle".

#### VI. Posting Scores

- 1) Currently the Tournament Director posts all adjusted scores for Membership play on all sanctioned Club outings.
- 2) For the purpose of posting all Away games, the Match Play tournament, the Club Championship, and the Christmas Bash are treated as "Tournament" play. All other are treated as "Home" games.

## VII. Other Information

- 1) The Pro-Shop gives Club members a ten percent discount on most items unless they are on sale. Members should ask for the discount on their purchases.
- 2) Member complaints should be directed to the Board and not to course management.
- 3) The Board has the right to lower a member's handicap if it feels that he has an improper handicap.
- 4) Guests are always welcome on our play dates. They are allowed to participate in daily pot games if they have an SCGA verifiable handicap, are over 50 years of age, and play to the same rules as our members.
- 7) Guests are allowed to participate in our away tournaments if they have a verifiable handicap, are over 50 years of age, and play to the same rules as our members providing there is room after member sign-ups.
- 8) In fairness to our Members who pay dues and to our Board Members who process the data, Guests are limited to participating in a maximum of six pot games in a given year.
- 9) The Board, at their discretion, may schedule other social activities, such as hamburger fries, if the Club's treasury can support it.