

# **Trilogy at La Quinta Men's Golf Club**

## **STANDING RULES**

**As amended March 14, 2016**

**ALL MEMBERS OF THE TRILOGY LA QUINTA MEN'S GOLF CLUB PLEASE READ AND FAMILIARIZE YOUR SELVES WITH THE FOLLOWING STANDING RULES.**

These Standing Rules can be modified at the Board of Directors discretion for the benefit of the membership.

### **MEMBERSHIP**

Annual TLQMC fees will be due in November. Dues are payable December 1, and delinquent December 20. The annual fee will be set by the Board of Directors. The TLQMC will also bill for the annual SCGA Membership fee at that time.

### **MEN'S DAY**

#### **Tee Box Options**

Trilogy La Quinta Men's Club events will be divided into two flights: The Hogan Flight for those players choosing to play from the Blue and Blue/Gold Combo tees and the Palmer Flight for those choosing to play from the Gold and Gold/White Combo tees. Details are as follows:

#### **Tee Box Selection**

- Current members will choose their tee box by April 11, 2016. This is one week prior to the implementation of this policy in the Monday game on April 18, 2016.
- New members will choose their tee box upon joining TLQMC by advising the Monday Play Coordinator prior to their first event.
- Players can request a change of tee box on a quarterly basis, subject to review by the Board, by contacting the Handicap Chairman.
- The Board will review all member handicap indexes quarterly and has the option of changing a player's tees to insure the protection of the field in all TLQMC events. The player has the right to appeal this decision.

**EXCEPTION:** The Member/Guest Tournament and the Dry Heat Tournament will be played exclusively from the Gold tees.

## Stroke Adjustments

- In individual events such as Low Gross and Net, players will compete only against those players in the same flight.
- Within the Hogan Flight Blue players will have (1) stroke added per USGA Handicap Manual Rule 3-5 (*Competing from different tees-Blue & Blue/Gold*).
- Within the Palmer Flight Gold players will have (1) stroke added per USGA Handicap Manual Rule 3-5 (*Competing from different tees-Gold & Gold/White*).
- Pick Your Partner events must be flighted. A Palmer Flight player can move up to the next lowest rated tees in the Hogan Flight and the appropriate strokes will be given per USGA Rule 3.5. Hogan Flight players shall not move to the Palmer Flight tees.
- In non-postable events such as scrambles, shambles, step asides etc., with Hogan and Palmer players on the same team, each player will play from his selected tee without any stroke differential adjustments.

**“NO GAME” OPTION:** When a Monday event is not filled with players who want to participate in the posted game, the remaining openings may be filled by members who do not want to participate in that week’s game.

- To participate in this option
  - Use the “Event Sign-up” tab on the website and in the “Comments” box enter “No Game”
- Priority will be given to members signing up for that week’s game.
- “No Game” participants may:
  - Play from any tees they desire.
  - Play, or not play, any games they desire.
  - Take advantage of green fee rate enjoyed by TLQMC.
- TLQMC will not
  - Collect any fees from the “No Game” players.
  - Coordinate games for the “No Game” players.

Member responsibilities:

- Advise the Monday Play Coordinator of your tee box decision as soon as possible. If a member does not contact the Monday Play Coordinator, the default selection will be the Blue tees.

- Tee selection criteria should include; ability to reach greens in regulation and playing ability.
- The Handicap Committee will monitor scores and play, and make recommendations to the Board of Directors when a player should be reassigned tees.
  - A player that has been reassigned tees by the Board of Directors has the right to appeal.

In the event a member wishes to change tee boxes, an appeal must be made to the Handicap Committee. Upon the recommendation of the Handicap Committee, The Board, in its sole and unfettered discretion, will rule on the appeal.

For Monday play, a sign up sheet will be posted **on the TLQMC website (<http://tlqmc.net/>)**. Sign-ups will close at **5 PM Friday** for Monday play.

Handicaps for Men's Day play will be based on the current semi-monthly Handicap Index and the type of game being played Monday. Per SCGA/USGA Rules, Medal play (i.e. total strokes per round) games use full handicaps, and Match play (i.e. hole by hole competition) is played off the lower handicap player (i.e. your handicap for that match is the difference between your handicap, and the lowest handicap player in your Match play competition).

The Monday Game, with Rules, Pairings, and tee times will be sent out before Monday's play. Each player will be responsible to pay the appropriate fees for Monday's play, to the event coordinator, prior to the start of the event.

Each foursome will be assigned a Captain and they will be responsible for the submitting an appropriate scorecard:

- An appropriate scorecard is:
- Completed per the guidelines listed in the paragraph under "**Handicap procedures/Scorecards**"
- A scorecard that is totaled with the salient data for that Monday Play (e.g. If the format is "Two low net balls" per hole, then the card will have a separate row with the total of the two low net balls per hole).
- A scorecard that has dots on the appropriate holes where handicap strokes are allowed. This "dotting" should be completed before the round is started, when setting up the card. This facilitates improved scorekeeping accuracy, and speed of tabulating after play to determine winners.

## **TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS**

Entry fees will be established by the Board of Directors for all tournaments and Guest Days.

## **MAJOR TOURNAMENTS**

There shall be Eight (8) Major Tournaments per season. These Tournaments must be posted as "Tournament" scores.

- Welcome Back/Memorial Tournament
- Couples Club Championship
- Holiday Tournament
- Member-Guest Tournament
- President's Cup
- Partner Better Ball Tournament (SCGA QUALIFIER)
- Men's Club Championship
- Dry Heat Tournament

To be eligible for the Major Tournaments, a member must have a current GHIN Handicap Index and be a member in good standing with TLQMC. Eligibility for the Couples Club Championship is limited to current members of TLQMC and TLQWGC and their spouses or life partners who are also current members of TLQMC and/or TLQWGC.

All participants are required to pay for the tournament luncheons as menus are preordered. If you find it necessary and must cancel your reservation for the luncheon, you must cancel within 48 hours of the scheduled event or you will be charged. If you find it necessary to cancel your reservation for the luncheon, you must cancel prior to one week (7 days) of the scheduled event or you will be charged. If you find it necessary to cancel your participation in a tournament after the one week deadline, you must find a replacement that meets the eligibility requirements of the event, or you will forfeit your entry fee.

A player may win only one Tournament prize (does not include Raffles, Closest to Pin, etc.). Daily prizes for multi day events are an exception. A player, who defaults, forfeits claim to any prize. If raffle prizes are given out for a tournament, the player must be present to win.

In the event of ties, the following procedures shall be used and stated in advance of each tournament or event:

### **MATCH PLAY**

A match, which ends up all square, will be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole. The playoff competition will commence on the hole where they started that day's competition.

### **MEDAL PLAY**

To determine an "**over-all**" winner a hole-by-hole play-off, played that day, starting on the 18th hole, and going backwards, will be used until a winner is determined (handicaps will be applied as appropriate). The same method will be used to break "**other**" ties.

### **TOURNAMENT PRIZES**

All medal play tournaments will pay equal gross and net amounts.

### **TLQMC TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

The Tournament Committee consists of the Tournament Chairman, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee, the Assistant Tournament Chairman, Handicap Chairman, and Rules

Committee (if applicable). It is the duty of the Committee to recommend policy and procedures for all golfing events of TLQMC, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors. It shall sit in judgment and make final decisions on any matters of dispute or protests which may arise during or after the competition. The Committee shall assist the Tournament Chairman in pairings, scoring, and checking eligibility of participants for special events.

## **HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB**

### **Hole-in-one Insurance Policy –**

There will be a \$5.00 fee to join (optional)

When a member in good standing of the TLQMC, with hole-in-one insurance, has a hole-in-one during any sanctioned TLQMC event, every member who played in the same event, may have one “hole-in-one” drink. The member who has made the hole-in-one will pay for the drinks, submit the bill to the Treasurer and will be reimbursed by TLQMC from the hole-in-one policy.

After each hole-in-one the balance of the fund will be adjusted to pay for the hole-in-one drinks. If the balance of the hole-in-one insurance fund runs low, the TLQMC Board of Directors will make a determination if additional funding may be required by the members. If so, each member that wants to continue as a member of the hole-in-one insurance must pay the additional money.

A roster of members participating in the hole-in-one insurance policy will be posted on the bulletin board and the TLQMC website.

## **HANDICAP**

An established verifiable GHIN Handicap Index is required of all members, and their guests, to participate in TLQMC events.

Additionally, all TLQMC members that also belong to other Golf Club(s), must have their Handicap Indexes *“linked”* to participate in TLQMC events. SCGA has cooperative agreements with most other USGA organizations. These agreements allow scores from multiple Clubs to be compiled, and then produce one Handicap Index. This one Handicap Index is then used at all clubs. To link your scores and Handicap Indexes, members need to submit their Name, SCGA Number, Name of the other Club, and GHIN number to the Handicap Chairman.

An established handicap is based on the lowest ten (10) gross differentials of the last 20 rounds played. A score must be recorded each time a player completes a 9 or 18 hole round. If he plays 7 of 9 or 13 of 18 holes, he must post net par for the remaining holes.

For every round played a score must be posted on the computer system, whether at home or away.

For a round played at a club handicapped by GHIN, post at that club on their computer. Or you may post on line at [www.scga.org](http://www.scga.org).

Acceptable rounds include Member courses of the affiliated Associations of USGA throughout

the United States.

## **HANDICAP PROCEDURES**

### **TO ESTABLISH**

For new golfers who have no handicap from other organizations, it's necessary to turn in 5 scorecards, and post those 5 scores. No adjustments to your score are required. To expedite receiving a Handicap Index, you may also turn in those scores to the handicap Committee. They will give you a "temporary Handicap Index". This will be your Handicap Index until the SCGA systems are able to post your new Handicap Index (Note: This can sometimes take over two months because of New Member Application processing, and posting cycles, etc.)

For golfers with existing handicaps at other Non SCGA Clubs, you will use a similar process, except you are expected to adjust per USGA Equitable Stroke Control rules. In addition, if you elect to get a temporary Handicap Index form the TLQMC Handicap Committee, your scores will be melded with your scores from your other, or previous, Club to arrive at a "temporary Handicap Index".

### **POSTING**

Upon completion of play, whether for 9 or 18 holes, a score must be posted on the handicap computer. If seven (7) of nine (9), or thirteen (13) of eighteen (18) holes are played, the player must post net par for the remaining holes. Net par is par plus any handicap strokes received on each such hole. If a player starts but does not complete a hole, he shall record the score that most likely would have been made if the hole had been completed, but should not exceed the limit of the Equitable Stroke Control. (ESC)

### **SCORECARDS**

Scorecards must be turned in for all rounds played. All players are responsible for the accuracy of their own scores, even if they are not the scorekeeper. Keeping two scorecards per round is always recommended. These scorecards shall have at least the following information:

- All Players last name, and first initial
- Tees played
- Scores – showing adjustments. For adjustments, per SCGA's Equitable Stroke Control (ESC), put a slash mark through the score for that hole, and write the adjusted score immediately next to that slashed out score, but in the same box.
- Handicaps
- Scorekeeper signature
- Attester signature
- Date

### **ADJUSTING SCORE**

For handicap purposes, the member is required to adjust your hole scores when they are higher

than the maximum number you can post. There is no limit on the number of holes on which you can adjust your score. Use the ESC (Equitable Stroke Control) chart below to calculate your maximum.

### **EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL - ESC**

<b><u>18 Hole Handicap</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Score</u></b>
9 or less	double bogey
10 thru 19	7
20 thru 29	8
30 thru 39	9
40 and above	10

**Example:** You have an 18-hole handicap of 26. On a par 5 hole you shoot a 9. You adjust your score of 9 to an 8 which is the maximum you can take on any one hole according to the ESC chart above.

### **LOCAL RULES**

- **Embedded Ball:** Ball embedded through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay, no closer to the hole. No penalty. Appendix I, Part b (4) (a) Rule 25-2.

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids interference and (c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green.

- **Stones in bunkers:** Stones in bunkers may be considered movable obstructions and may be removed. Appendix I Part B(5) rule 24-1
- **Fixed Sprinkler Heads or any other Obstructions:** Player may take line of play relief from intervention by fixed sprinkler heads or other obstructions on or within two club lengths of the putting green when the ball lies within two club lengths of the sprinkler head or obstruction. Appendix I Part B (6) Rule 24-2

Exception: A player may not take relief under this local rule if interference by anything other than the immovable obstruction makes the stroke clearly impracticable.

#### 4. Aeration Holes

Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

#### **PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

Match play – Loss of hole; Stroke play – Two strokes.”

## **GOLF ETIQUETTE**

- Arrive at the first tee early and be ready to play.
- No Shows are unacceptable. They cause considerable more work for the organizers and impact your team. Penalties for no shows are:
  - First No Show – Verbal Notice
  - Second No Show – Written Notice
  - Third No Show - \$25 fine
  - Fourth No Show – One month suspension from the Men’s Club play.
- Proper golf attire shall be worn at all times when playing a round of golf, putting or using the driving range. This is a reflection on the Men's Club and should be adhered to at all times.
- Players should always show consideration for other players on the course, and try not to disturb their play by moving, talking, or making any unnecessary noise.
- Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball, when a player is about to play.
- Properly repair all ball marks on the green. Cover fairway divots with sand mix.
- Always rake sand bunkers and leave rake inside the bunker, horizontal to the edge of the bunker.
- Park carts, on cart path at the back of the green. This allows players behind to hit sooner when you are departing the green. Carts should never be closer than 45 yards from the green.
- Speed of Play - suggestions
  - Play ready golf from tee to green. Ready golf means a lot of things such as:
    - Be ready when it is your turn.
    - If the Player with the honors on the tee, or the player “Away” on the fairway or green, is not ready, simply ask if you may hit because you are ready.
    - As the other player hits, you should have completed all you pre shot routine, and be ready to “Hit” the ball immediately.
    - Don’t wait for your cart partner to finish their shot before going to your ball, and going through your pre shot routine. Take your clubs, and/or cart (yours or theirs), and move to your ball as soon as your cart partner has taken their clubs. Go through your pre-shot routine, and hit as soon as you’re “away”.
  - If not in a tournament, or not disallowed by the rules of the competition, pick up your ball when the maximum strokes allotted by your handicap are reached.
  - Be prepared to leave the green immediately, after holing out.
  - Mark your scorecard and clean your clubs at the next tee.



- Maintain the proper interval (i.e., keep up with the group in front of you). If you are keeping up with the group in front of you, you don't worry about the group behind you, because you have nowhere to go.
- Always hit a provisional ball if your first ball has any chance of being lost or Out of Bounds
- Be conscious of the five minute rule when looking for a lost ball or retrieving one from a water hazard. If you are behind, and/or it's not a serious loss, or if the ball is so deep, the possibility of finding is slim, 1-2 minutes should be enough. Please use common sense to keep up with a 4 hour round.