

CLUB RULES FOR WEDNESDAY COMPETITION AND TOURNAMENTS

- You must complete an application for membership and submit it with a check (made payable to the "DT Men's Golf Club") to the membership chairman.
- You must have a current USGA handicap or complete 5 rounds of golf before you can compete for prize money in the weekly sweeps.
- You must familiarize yourself with the USGA Rules of Golf and rules for Desert Trails Golf Course.
- New members will be contacted by membership chairman when their information has been entered into the handicap system.
- Those who reserve a tee time through the monitor and then habitually do not appear for play may be temporarily suspended from play on Wednesday.
- Check-in time is at least 15 minutes before tee time.
- Handicaps for a given Wednesday competition will be those posted on the bulletin board. This is particularly important for play on the 1st or 15th of the month when new handicaps may be available but have not yet been posted.
- In addition to the regular green fees, a \$2.00 sweeps fee is collected each week for prize money at the time you check-in.
- The results of Wednesday competition are posted on the bulletin board and website, usually within two days of the competition.
- The monitor will rotate the scheduled players or groups to different tee times as necessary. Late signups will be fit into the schedule as vacancies occur.
- You are responsible for fixing ball marks on the greens and for carrying sand to fix divots on the tees and fairways.
- Please observe the 90 degree rule when entering the fairways from the cart path. Do not go on the driving range to retrieve your ball.
- You are allowed 3 minutes to look for a lost ball. If the ball cannot be found, the player must return to the original spot and put another ball into play. The penalty for a lost ball is a stroke and distance. (It is recommended that you hit a provisional ball before looking for the lost one.)
- The team captain, or whoever is listed in the left hand column of the starter sheet, is responsible for collecting \$2.00 from each (including those not in the actual prize competition for the week) player and delivering it to the Monitor.

Desert Trails Men's Golf Club Local Rules

Wall & Fences	No free drop. Exception: Ball behind power or cable boxes that protrude into the course - free drop if your ball is behind the box (in line to the hole) and the ball is in-bounds
Out-Of-Bounds* (See illustration and definition below)	The perimeter of the course is the boundary, usually marked with white stakes which also mark the boundaries of the driving range. The ball cannot be played from out of bounds. You may stand out of bounds to play a ball which is in bounds. If you are in doubt as to whether a shot has gone out of bounds, play a provisional ball with stroke and distance penalty until the status of the first ball is determined. Alternatively, the DTMGC has chosen to adopt the new Local Out-Of-Bounds Rule in the USGA's 2019 Rule Book - 2 stroke penalty.
Lost Ball* (See illustration and definition below)	If you are in doubt as to whether a ball is lost, play a provisional ball with stroke and distance penalty until the status of the first ball is determined. Alternatively, the DTMGC has chosen to adopt the new Local Lost Ball Rule in the USGA's 2019 Rule Book - 2 stroke penalty.
Tree Wells	No free drop. Drop penalty - 1 stroke. Exception: staked or red banded trees.
Bunkers/Sand Traps	Stones/rocks in bunkers are considered to be movable obstructions and can be removed with no penalty.
Putting	Ball must be holed - NO EXCEPTIONS! PENALTY - DISQUALIFICATION.
Teeing Ball	The teeing area is a rectangle bounded by the tee markers on the front and extending two club-lengths behind the markers. Penalty for teeing outside the teeing area - 2 strokes and re-tee from within the teeing area
Standing Water/Wet Lie	You may take a free drop in the <u>nearest</u> dry area, no closer to the hole. (You may, in fact, end up farther from the hole.)
Drop	Ball shall be dropped from knee height. Placing the ball with your club or your hand is unacceptable.
Water Hazards	All lakes shall be played as lateral water hazards - See USGA Rule 26. Ground Under Repair, dry wells, drainage ditches, grassless areas, or casual water are governed by USGA Rule 25-1.
Aids	Distance measuring devices, such as GPS and laser range finders, may be used in DTMGC competitions.

USGA'S NEW RULES of 2019 are to cover all questions during your round of golf

Local Rule on Ball Out-of-Bounds and Lost Ball:

BALL OUT OF BOUNDS

LOST BALL

If the Local Rule is in effect, you can still take stroke-and-distance relief, but you now have the following additional option that comes with a penalty of two strokes:

A DETERMINE SPOT where your ball went out of bounds (left diagram) or is likely to be lost (right diagram).

B FIND NEAREST FAIRWAY EDGE no closer to the hole.

C DROP YOUR BALL IN SHADED AREA as defined on one side by a line from the hole through point A and on the other side by a line from the hole through point B, and not nearer the hole. The relief area is extended on both sides by two club-lengths.

This Local Rule is not intended for higher levels of play, such as professional or elite amateur level competitions.

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Two Estimated Reference Points:

a. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the *course*, or
- Last crossed the edge of the *course* boundary to go *out of bounds*.

b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the *hole* being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, **but** is not nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the *general area* that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the *hole* through the ball reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the *hole* through the fairway reference point (and within two *club-lengths* to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the *general area*, and
- Must not be nearer the *hole* than the ball reference point.

GOLF COURSE ETIQUETTE

- Players in the lead golf cart should tee off first and be ready to go as soon as the last person has teed off.
- Go to the ball with the appropriate club(s) in hand. Play ready golf; limit practice swings.
- Save time by recording scores and cleaning and re-bagging clubs at the next tee box.
- Keep up with the group in front and tee off as soon as the group ahead is safely out of harm's way.
- Rake bunkers after hitting out of them and always repair divots and ball marks.
- Silence is golden when a group member is swinging or putting.
- Golf carts must be kept off the tee boxes and **at least 25 feet** from the green.
- Players should be pleasant, live with their shots and not "moan and groan" to their fellow golfers.
- Please park unused golf cars in the parking lot - not by the putting green or by the driving range
- Consult the USGA Rule Book when in doubt.