

RedHawk Ridge Men's Club Member Handbook

This handbook is being designed to help address many of the common issues that come up during the season and to improve the experience of every member of the club. This handbook is not intended to address every issue that could come up, but is really a resource for every member to use.

1. Scoring. Each tournament will have a scorecard and generally will use a live scoring app (GolfGenius). It is the player's responsibility to ensure that the scorecard matches the scores in the live scoring app. In case of disputes, the scorecard will take priority. Each scorecard should have two signatures to confirm scores. Failure to turn in a scorecard can and may result in disqualification with all members of that group only receiving participation points.
2. Tournament Handicap System. Beginning in the 2020 season, the club will be utilizing a tournament handicap system (THS). This system will use only qualifying RedHawk Men's Club tournament scores. As a general rule, all tournaments will be used in the THS except the following: the opening tourney; the member-guest; and the member 6-6-6. The basic concept is that anytime a member is playing from their normal tees, the score will be used in the calculation. A member's handicap will be based on the best 7 of the last 10 scores rounded to the nearest whole number. We will use scores back to two years and have a rolling forward system. In the case a member does not have 10 qualifying scores, the system will calculate a tournament handicap if the player has at least 5 tournament scores. In the cases of less than 10 scores, the handicap will be based on the following: 4 out of 5; 4 out of 6; 5 out of 7; 6 out of 8; 6 out of 9. The handicap will be calculated taking an average of the best scores and subtracting from par (72). For example, if a player's best 7 scores average 80.1, then that player's handicap will be an 8. For new members who have less than 5 tournament scores, we will use their World Handicap System number to establish a playing handicap. The Board of Directors and the Handicap Chairman will monitor the effectiveness of the system and may make adjustments to the system to promote fairness and proper flight placement. This includes an adjustment to any player's handicap in cases that are deemed necessary.
3. Flights. Beginning in the 2020 season, flights will be based on handicap ranges. Currently, there are 5 flights utilized, however, more may be added based on total membership and competitive interests. Flights will likely be separated as follows: A flight 0 -7; B flight 8 - 11; C flight 12-15; D flight 16-19; E flight 20 and over. These flights will play from the following tees: A flight - black tees; B flight - black gold combo tees; C flight - gold tees; D flight - gold tees; E flight - blue tees. This means that during the season a player may get promoted to a different flight if their handicap lowers and may receive a performance reassignment if their handicap increases.
4. Payouts. Since the flights are based on handicaps, it is very likely flights will be unbalanced. Meaning that C flight may have more players than other flights. The general rule is that payouts will be paid to a third of the field. Therefore, larger flights will

have more payouts. Payouts will be given to Gross and Net scores but no player will receive a payout for both. For example, if a player “wins” the gross and the net in their flight, they will be awarded 1st place gross and first place net will be awarded to the next player in the net standings. In case of ties, a scorecard playoff will be used which is back 9, the last 6, and then last 3. Payout money will come from membership dues at the beginning of the year, and it is the goal to have payouts consistent throughout the year.

5. RedHawk Cup. The RedHawk Cup is an end of the season tourney modeled after the Ryder Cup split into two teams and will consist of five matches to determine a team winner. A year-long points system will be used to determine qualifying players. To be eligible, members will need to pay a modest fee at the beginning of the year. Those fees will be used for the Ryder Cup tourney and will help offset the costs of gifts, trophies, food and beverage. Qualifying players will still need to pay green fees. Beginning in the 2020 season, the qualifying players will be based on the top 12 players in the gross scoring; the top 15 players in the net scoring, and the winners of the 5 Match Play tourneys. Participation points will be given for each tourney played to encourage more participation. In addition, points will be awarded based on the number of players each player beats in a qualifying tourney. For example, the player with the lowest overall score will receive 100 points, second place will receive 99 points and so on. This score will be added to the participation points. Participation points will be 10 points. Standings will be based on the top 4 scores of the 7 qualifying tourneys. In case a qualifying player is unable to play, the spot will be offered to the next eligible player in the standings. The Board of Directors may make changes to the system if circumstances warrant a change.
6. Match Play. Members can pay a fee and play in the year-long match play event. Historically, the field has been limited to the first 64 players, but it is anticipated that the increased membership will necessitate an expansion to 80 players (5 flights). The field will be split evenly based on total number of entries. This means that a player may end up playing in a flight and tees that are not considered their normal tees. All players in a flight should play from the same tees. Payouts in each flight will be 75% of the pool to the winner and 25% to the runner-up. The winner of the flight will automatically qualify for the Ryder Cup. If that player declines the invitation, the Board of Directors will determine the priority for that spot. It is the responsibility of the players to play matches in a timely fashion. If players do not play a match in timely fashion, the Match Play Chairman (most likely the VP) will make a determination of the declared winner. This determination may be as simple as a coin flip.
7. Ringer Rounds. This is a separate contest all members can participate in and the entry fee will be used for payouts. For both the gross and net score, the lowest score on all 18 individual holes will be recorded for a cumulative ringer round. Only qualifying tournaments will be used and will generally be the same qualifying tournaments as are used in the Tournament Handicap System. Members can participate in either or both.
8. Member Guest Tournament. Beginning in the 2020 season, priority will be given to those members who bring a guest. Since it is anticipated that the tournament will be sold out, any member who signs up without a guest will be considered on the waitlist.

Once the deadline has passed, the Tournament Committee Director will then review the list of interested members who signed up without a guest and will make random pairings.

9. Pairings/Tee Assignments. The Tournament Director shall be in charge of setting the pairings and hole assignments for each tourney. The list of pairings and assignments shall normally be completed two days prior to the event.
10. Tournament Registration. A tournament schedule is posted prior to start of the season and tournament invites shall be sent out approximately two weeks prior to the event. Registration and payment deadline shall be Monday at 10:00 am the week of the event. Members who have not registered or paid shall be considered on the waitlist only.
11. Skins/CTPs. Most tournaments will have gross and net flight skins and a Closet to Pin contest. The cost is \$10 for gross, \$10 for net, \$5 for closet. The payout will be dependent on the number of players entered.