

# RED RIVER VALLEY SENIOR MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION RULES AND GUIDELINES As of 9/15/2025

## USE YOUR PLAYER NUMBER IN ALL TRANSACTIONS

**MINIMUM PLAY PER YEAR:** You must play at least 5 times per year to retain membership. The scrambles and the Maddens trip **do** count towards the 5 rounds. If you signed up for an event and it is not played for whatever reason it **does not** count as a round played. There is one exception to the minimum play rule: (1) **If you start to play in an event but are unable to complete or the event is canceled it counts for an event played.** Remember we are not a group organized to play minimums only. **If you have a medical reason for not playing your 5-round minimum, please contact the Membership Manager or one of your officers as soon as possible no later than 8-15 of each year.** (See Medical Exemptions below)

**ACTIVE MEMBERSHIPS:** Annual dues (Presently \$40) become payable at any time during the current year for the following year. All members must pay their next year dues prior to September 15, if paid after that date dues will be \$50 and if not paid by the last regularly scheduled event which is posted on our schedule members will be automatically dropped if dues are not received in time. **Statements or reminders are not sent.**

To wait until the last moment adds additional time to our administration of the tour. **Remember, if you should give up your membership prior to the first event of the playing year, your membership fee is refunded.** So, don't wait, pay when you are asked to pay.

**MEDICAL EXEMPTIONS:** If you have a medical problem that will prevent you from playing the minimum required number of rounds you can get a medical exemption for the year. You will be put on the medically exempt wait list for the balance of the year. It is your responsibility to pay the next year's dues, due and payable by the end of our season, and to inform the Membership Manager if you want to be returned to active status. If you wish to return to active status during the playing year you will be given the next available player number. No medical exemptions will be granted after September 15 of a playing year. Medical exempt members must be returned to active status before they can sign up to play.

**"THE 500/600 CLUB":** As a reward for being a member in good standing for ten continuous years, you are eligible to become an associate member. Associate members are entitled to all the

rights and privileges of regular members but are not required to play the minimum number of rounds each year. They are distinguished by having a "500 - 699" player number. Membership in "The 500/600 Club" may be requested at any time by contacting the Membership Manager.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Check your personal information - address, phone number, email etc. and inform the Database Manager of any updates. This should be done in writing (e-mails are great) and it should be done whenever you make a change.

**WAIT LIST:** To put a person on our wait list we need certain information; name, address, home phone and/or cell phone number, e-mail address, and date of birth along with a one-time non-refundable \$10.00 fee. You will find an application on our web site by clicking the 'WAITINGLIST INFORMATION' tab on the home page. Give this information to your friends. A man who reaches the top of the list at the end of a season and declines to join the tour still has the option to stay on the list without having to pay any fee. If you are asked to join the active list after the beginning of the golf year and before the end of the golf year, and decline, you can stay in your position until the end of the golf year.

**REGISTERING TO PLAY:** Pre-registration is a must. With over 400 members we are limited on each course. Sign up books are available for the next 10 to 12 outings on our web site. Members without access to the internet should have a buddy sign them up or as a last resort call the course rep and he will sign you up. Presently the fees to play are \$15-\$20 for all courses. (See riding carts below) Members can have the option of being automatically signed up for every event by contacting the event manager. The member is responsible for canceling events he isn't going to play, editing the event for things like, Members of the course, requesting playing with another Member, and having your own cart.

**PRIZE MONEY:** No player may win more than \$12 in flight prizes for a single event. Prizes are paid to about one-fourth of the players. Generally, the top 3 places are paid in each flight. Prize money not picked up within 30 days of the played event is forfeited. Note if we can finish at least nine holes (On nine hole courses only) before an event is called off for whatever reason, we will double the scores and use for flight and prize winners but not for handicap purposes. Each event has four flag games, two closest to the pins and two longest putts. The winners are paid \$5.00. There is one exception to the limit on prize money. Prizes at scrambles and other non-traditional events may exceed the \$12 limit.

**HOLES-IN-ONE:** We pay at the end of the golf year, the lesser of \$250 or \$800 divided by the number of holes-in-one made for the year.

**GUESTS:** A member can bring one male guest to an event. Guests must be at least 21 years of age and he must play with the member who brought him. Guests are allowed at each event at the discretion of the course rep. If guests are not allowed, then that option will not be available on the regular signup books. Total fees for a guest is \$2 more than a tour member and he is not eligible for any cash or merchandise prizes.

**REQUESTS TO PLAY WITH ANOTHER PLAYER:** You are allowed to sign up to play with one other player. The player with whom you want to play with must also request to play with you or your request will not be honored. Requests to play in a foursome can only be requested to a course rep and it is up to the discretion of the course reps to honor such a request. These requests need to be made several days prior to the time the event is removed from the website.

**RIDING CARTS:** Cart riders must not leave the clubhouse without a riding partner. If you do and your partner does not show, it will cost you the price of a full cart (unless the course rep has previously approved it).

**CANCELLATIONS/NO SHOWS:**

To cancel from an event on the web site without penalty it must be done:

For Monday events by 9:00 AM the previous Friday.

For Tuesday events by 9:00 AM the previous Saturday.

For Wednesday events by 9:00 AM the previous Sunday.

For Thursday events by 9:00 AM the previous Monday. If a

member cancels himself from an event from 9:00 AM three

days prior to an event until the start of the event he will be

fined \$10.00. To cancel after the event has been removed from

the web site members must call the Course Rep.

An event is considered started the morning of the event when the

Course Reps close the check-in desk, at about 8:45.

If you arrive after the check-in desk is closed, you may find your

spot has been assigned to another player, you may not be

allowed to play and could be considered a no-show. No-Shows

who fail to cancel will be fined \$15.00.

**Failure to pay a cancelation/no-show fine within thirty (30) days of the first notice being sent can result in a members Association membership being terminated or will be issued a new player number that will not allow you to signup on an event until paid.**

**RAIN OUTS OR OTHER CANCELLATIONS:** Cancellations are at the discretion of the course reps and golf course management.

Decisions to cancel are made as early as possible. There are times a late decision cannot be avoided. We will not call you if an event is cancelled. We will post cancellations on the web site and e-mail and text those for whom we have email and/or text information that are signed up for that event.

**RULES OF GOLF:** We are out playing golf for a good time and fellowship. Let's not abuse this by forgetting rules. In addition to the normal U.S.G.A. rules, the unnumbered rule is to be gentlemen and use good judgment. Let's set an example and clean up our language on the golf course. Please count all your strokes. **(EVEN THE CARELESS TAP IN MISSES)**

Winter rules involve lifting, cleaning and placing the ball within one club length no nearer the hole in the fairway only. If course conditions on the day of the event dictate that winter rules should apply, the course rep will make that announcement prior to the start of play.

**WE ALSO USE A SENIOR TOUR RULE CALLED ROLLING THE BALL:**

**(Rolling the ball with your club) apply to all areas of the Golf Course except hazards and sand traps.**

**Rolling the ball is limited to six inches and not allowed when you're behind a tree or other obstacle that would otherwise have you take a drop or chip out.**

**On August 4, 2022 we made an exception to the USGA RULE on OB AND LOST BALL effective 8/8/22. Our rule is that instead of a 2 shot penalty for the OB OR LOST BALL, it is a 1 shot penalty and you can drop the ball anywhere from the OB OR LOST BALL AREA to not further than two club links into the fairway, no closer to the hole.**

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**Local course rules apply to all events. Ask the scorekeeper for any rulings.**

**We do not have mulligans or gimmies, so you must count all strokes and putt everything out. NO GIMMIES !!!**

**FORWARD TEES:** We now have two sets of tee boxes that we play from. The Regular and Forward Tee boxes. Please see the information under Member Options and click on Communication and then on Forward Tees to see those rules.

**HANDICAPS:** We normally run new handicap sheets every 5 or 6 events. Until you have a handicap established (3 scores) in our league you are not eligible for prizes. You will receive your handicap the first-time new handicaps come out after you have played five events. New members are immediately eligible for hole-in-one, closest to the pin and longest putt. If a new member can provide us with a verifiable GHIN handicap we will incorporate it into our system, he then will be eligible for all prizes from his first event.

**SCORE CARDS:** It is each player's responsibility to ensure that his name, player number, and score are properly recorded on the score cards. Our handicapper will throw out any card that is not readable. Don't miss being a possible winner. If the scorekeeper does not turn in the card, he is leaving 4 or 5 guys without a score for the day. It is the responsibility of each player to verify his total score before the card is turned in, also to verify which tee box he played from. Once the card has been turned in scores cannot be changed. We recommend that the opposite cart from the scorecard cart keep a second backup card and check the total score against the official card at the end of the round.

**KEEPING SCORE:** The player whose name is at the top of a foursome is expected to pick up the scorecard when it is handed out and to keep the scores. If you feel uncomfortable keeping score you may ask if another person in your group would be willing to keep the scores. Please mark down scores after leaving the green area so the group behind can hit up.

**SPEED OF PLAY:** We all need to be aware of those ahead and behind us - keep play moving. We play ready golf off the tee and through the course. After you hit, find your ball before helping others. Progressive putting helps. Ready golf is the best way to speed up play. We need to play the round in 4 ½ hours or less. If you are not waiting on the groups ahead of you, you are playing too slowly.

**FIRST TIME:** If this is your 1st time, try to sign up on our web site, if not you may call the rep to sign up. Decide which date you want, whether you are walking or riding and show up at least

**one hour early. Please pick up the name tag that has been prepared for you. We will see that you get answers to any questions and will show you the procedures of signing up for events, paying event playing fees and cart rentals. This is done within the hour prior to tee-time. Please don't wait until the last minute. For those of you that are not first timers, please check in one/half hour before tee-time.**

**GOLF COURSE MAINTENANCE: Drive and park carts in designated areas only. Do not drive-in wet spots or natural grass areas. Replace divots on the fairway, rake sand traps and repair ball marks on the greens. Respect the local rules of each golf course.**

**SIGN UP, SHOW UP AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!**

**YOUR OFFICERS**