



## **Eldorado Men's Golf Association By-Laws**

### **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this organization shall be The Eldorado Men's Golf Association (MGA).

### **ARTICLE II - OBJECTIVE**

The Association has been formed and exists for the purpose of promoting, among its members, the true spirit of keen, friendly competition in the game of golf. To that end, the members pledge themselves as follows: To know the "Rules of Golf and the Etiquette of the Game", and to obey them in every particular, thereby assuring fairness in play which makes for the greater enjoyment of all players; to adopt, enforce, and interpret the rules of the playing of golf in all Association events; to hold each year an annual Club Championship and to decide when and under what conditions it shall be played; to sponsor other competitions such as handicap tournaments, mixed foursomes, team matches, medal tournaments and weekly competitions.

### **ARTICLE III - MEMBERSHIP**

- Section 1     Male dues paying members, twenty-one and over holding golf membership in good standing, shall be eligible for membership in the Eldorado Men's Golf Association.
- Section 2     Membership dues shall be established annually and announced for the next year at the annual business meeting.
- Section 3     Any member with dues paid to date, shall be in good standing and entitled to vote at all meetings of the Association and

participate in all events conducted under the auspices, upon compliance with the regulations under which the Association events may be held.

## **ARTICLE IV – EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1** The Executive Board shall have entire control of the management of the affairs, property and policies of the Association; subject, however to the By-Laws in force and / or adjusted at any annual meeting or special meeting.

**Section 2** No business shall be voted on until such business has been presented to the Executive Board in writing for deliberation and recommendations. Such recommendations shall then be made by the Executive Board to the General Assembly for approval or rejection.

**Section 3** The Executive Board shall consist of the following positions:

### **The Executive Committee**

- President
- Vice President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Tournament Chairman
- Parliamentarian

The appointed chairman of the following committees:

- Assistant Tournament Director
- Publicity
- Social
- Special Projects
- and other appointed chairman as needed
- The Immediate Past-President (Ex-Officio-Non-Voting)

**Section 4** The Executive Board shall appoint such standing committees as are necessary to conduct the affairs entrusted to them and shall appoint any special committees as the necessity for them may arise and prescribe their duties and powers.

## **ARTICLE V – DUTIES OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD**

**Section 1** The President shall preside at all meetings of the Association and of the Executive Board, and shall have general supervision of the affairs of the Association. Any vacancy occurring on the Executive Board during the year shall be filled with an appointment by the President with the majority approval of the Board. The President shall participate as a member of all committees except the Nominating Committee.

**Section 2** The Vice-President shall be the membership chairman. He shall contact and welcome each new member of the Eldorado Country Club. If a new member is a golfer, the chairman shall acquaint him with tournament arrangements and see that he has a game the first tournament in which he participates in after he joins the Association. In the absence or disability of the President, the Vice-President shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the President.

**Section 3** The Secretary shall keep records of all Executive Board and Association meetings. He shall send a note expressing sympathy or congratulations on behalf of the Association. The Secretary shall be responsible for the compiling and printing of the EMGA Association booklet. The cost will be approved by the board.

**Section 4** The Treasurer shall collect and keep all money of the Association and disburse them as directed by the Board. He shall make monthly reports, in writing, to the Board of all moneys received and paid out, and the amount of funds on hand. At each regular business meeting, he shall make a financial report to the membership. He shall be the chairman of the Finance Committee composed of the Treasurer, Tournament Chairman, Social Chairman and the President. This committee shall, as soon as possible, prepare an annual budget which must be approved by the Executive Board.

**Section 5** The Tournament Chairman shall prepare the tournament schedule for the year and present it to the Board for approval and incorporate it in the yearbook. He shall supervise and post the results of all tournament events. He shall be in charge of the regularly scheduled Association tournaments. The Tournament

Chairman shall keep records necessary for End-of-the-Year Awards. He shall be assisted in his duties by the Golf Committee of as many members as he deems necessary/

**Section 6** The Parliamentarian shall see that each meeting is conducted in accordance with Parliamentary Law. Robert's Rules of Order, Revised shall be the recognized authority.

## **ARTICLE VI – DUTIES OF THE APPOINTED CHAIRMAN**

**Section 1** The Publicity Chairman shall inform the newspapers and the Eldorado Country Club Newsletter of the results of each tournament. He shall see that information is given to the newspapers and newsletter before and after all special events. He shall have members of his committee make telephone calls upon request. He shall collect pictures and newspaper clippings of association events and maintain a historical record of the association's activities.

**Section 2** The Social Chairman shall be responsible for the planning and organizing of all social events of the Association, the cost of which must be approved by the Executive Board.

**Section 3** The Special Projects Chairman shall be responsible for the organization and implementation of approved social and civic projects as approved by the Executive Board.

## **ARTICLE – MEETINGS**

**Section 1** The Association year shall be from January 1<sup>st</sup> through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Section 2** The Association shall hold three regular business meetings per year. These meetings shall be held in proximity to the MGA tournament during the months of March, October and December.

**Section 3** The March meeting shall be for the purpose of welcoming new members. If a quorum is not present this meeting will not be scheduled.

- Section 4** The October meeting shall be for the purpose of electing a nominating committee for the Executive Board and Officers for the coming year. If there is not an October meeting in any year the meeting immediately preceding October 1<sup>st</sup> shall serve this purpose
- Section 5** The meeting immediately following the nominating committee selection meeting shall be known as the Annual Meeting for the purpose of receiving reports of the Outgoing Executive Board and electing the incoming Officers and Board Members.
- Section 6** Special meetings may be called at any time by order of the President, the Vice President, five members of the Executive board or a petition of twenty-five percent of the voting members, if the notice of such meetings is not less than one week before the date of such meetings. Posting of such notice in two prominent places in the clubhouse shall constitute proper notice of any meeting of the association.
- Section 7** The Executive Board shall hold meetings once a month and / or prior to the three regular business meetings, and at such other times deemed necessary by the President. Time of these meetings shall be posted three days in advance and any member of the Association may attend. Suggestions and /or recommendations from the membership to the Executive Board must be submitted in writing. A report of each board meeting will be posted.
- Section 8** At any business meeting of the membership, one fourth of the voting members shall constitute a quorum. At any business meeting of the Executive Board, which is normally composed of six voting members, the presence of four voting members shall constitute a quorum.
- Section 9** At any regular, annual or special meeting, any voting member may tender his proxy to another voting member or to the Executive Board. A valid proxy must include the member's name, signature, club membership number and name, signature, club membership number of proxy holder, as witness. All proxies must be dated and reference the meeting for which it is valid. All proxies are subject to verification by the Association Secretary.

## **ARTICLE VIII – SPECIAL COMMITTEES**

**Section 1** The EMGA Nominating Committee shall be composed of the immediate Past President of the EMGA, the Tournament Chairman, and two at large members not currently serving on the EMGA Executive Board elected at the October meeting (2007). This committee shall make one or more nominations for each of the elective offices, post the nominations not less than ten days prior to the November Annual meeting and present this slate to the membership. The Chairman of the Committee shall be one of the at large members.

Additional candidates may either be nominated from the floor or submitted to the Nominating Committee. If a candidate is submitted to the Nominating Committee accompanied by a petition containing signatures no less than ten percent of the voting members, the Committee must place their name on the ballot.

The membership will then vote on the complete slate with the understanding that these duly elected officers shall not assume office or responsibilities until the first of January.

## **ARTICLE IX – AMENDMENTS**

**Section 1** These by-laws may be amended by a two third vote, a quorum being present, at any regular or special meeting of the Association. Notices of this meeting must be posted at least one week in advance. The proposed changes must have been read or submitted in writing at the previous meeting.

## **ARTICLE X – PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY**

ROBERT’S RULES OF ORDER, REVISED, shall be the authority for this Association in all cases to which they are applicable, and in which they do not conflict with the Association’s by-laws.



## **Eldorado Men's Golf Association Standing Rules**

- Rule #1** United States Golf Association, USGA, Rules of Golf shall govern all play.
- Rule #2** Flights shall be determined at the discretion of the Golf Committee.
- Rule #3** For one-day tournaments and the first day of a two-day tournament, all pairings will be based on established handicaps. The pairings for the second day of all two-day tournaments will be based on the first day's scores within each flight.
- Rule #4** A player requires a minimum of five (5) scores for a temporary handicap. Until a temporary handicap can be established the player must play at "scratch". New members of the Association who have an established handicap at a USGA rated golf course must play in competition at said handicap.
- Members shall record and post their score for all rounds, regardless of course location. Members are responsible to ensure their scores and fellow members' scores are posted accurately.
- Rule #5** The Association will conduct a minimum of one tournament per month – January through December, unless preempted by a club-sponsored event. (2000)
- Rule #6** Participation in events sponsored by the Eldorado Men's Golf Association shall be limited to only dues paying MGA members in good standing. (2005) The following tournaments

are sponsored by Eldorado Country Club and are **NOT** run by the MGA:

Member & Guest  
Eldorado Club Championship  
Senior Club Championship

The MGA may serve on committees with ECC staff members to facilitate and coordinate the above events. (2002)

**Rule #7** A player who defaults a match shall be obligated to forfeit any prize and should be considered to have eliminated himself from further competition.

**Rule #8** The winner is responsible for posting the results of a match whether by play or default.

**Rule #9** Sign-Up Deadline Procedures. If an EMGA member cannot participate in a tournament he has entered, he must notify the pro-shop by noon the day prior to the event. If a member cancels after the deadline he will be charged the tournament entry fee.

**No Call / No Show. If a player does not call to cancel and “no shows” for a tournament he will be charged a \$20 fine in addition to the tournament entry fee on the first violation. (2005) On the second violation of this standing rule a player will be removed from the EMGA roster and not permitted to participate in any EMGA event for the remainder of the year.**

Exceptions to this rule must be approved by the Executive Board. Each case (*especially weather induced delays*) will be handled fairly on an individual basis. “No-Shows” cause delays and make it difficult to organize fair teams. It is not the Board’s desire to penalize any player, but to ensure timely, fair and equitable events for all participants. (1997)

**Rule #10** A player cannot compete in tournaments requiring individual hole scores if a hole is incomplete. However, the player must record a score for handicap purposes adjusted as follows:



Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purpose in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential scoring ability. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on a player's Course Handicap. ESC is used only when a player's actual or most likely score exceeds his maximum number based on the table below. There is no limit to the maximum number of holes on which a player may adjust his score.

<u>Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Score</u>
0-9	double-bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9

Example: A golfer with a 15 handicap can post a maximum of 7 on any hole including par 3's, 4's and 5's with no limit on the number of 7's posted.

**Rule #11** Handicap: Handicap allowances for tournaments will be determined using "The USGA Handicap System." The Tournament Committee reserves the right to modify handicaps for tournament play. (2000)

The Tournament Committee reserves the right, depending on the type of competition, to establish the maximum spread between partner's handicaps. The Committee will use USGA guidelines in calculating team handicaps to insure that no team gains an unfair advantage over another in any competition. (2000)

**Rule #12** The Standing Rules may be amended at any Executive Board meeting by two-thirds of the vote cast, quorum being present.

**Rule #13** Guest Requirements: Guests participating in a member & guest tournament must have an established handicap. Handicaps will be confirmed one week prior to the tournament by the golf professional. If a guest does not have a confirmed handicap he

will be assigned a handicap of zero. Unless otherwise specified in the conditions of the competition a guest is defined as a male golfer who is not a member of Eldorado Country Club.

**Rule #14** Ties: In the event of a tie for first place a tournament or flight, the individual or teams may participant in a playoff as determined by the Tournament Chairman and published prior to the event. In stroke play competition, if a sudden-death playoff is selected, the playoff will begin on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole (play will continue in this hole order 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>,...). In match play competition, the Tournament Chairman will determine the beginning playoff hole. If an individual/teammate is absent and unable to participate, he shall forfeit. Prize money for all other ties will be divided among the individuals / teams involved. (2007)

**Points and any** prize money for all ties will be divided among the individuals / team involved. (2000) (2006) (2008)

**Rule #15** Tees: All tournament play shall be from the Association tees. If the tees are not available, play will occur from the middle tees. (2000) (2006)

**Rule #16** Tournament Point Leader List: During the year as the MGA conducts its tournaments, points are awarded to the top four finishers in each flight winners in each tournament. The top ten point leaders for the year are awarded an invitation to the Ryder Cup of Collin County in October. If a qualifier for the competition is unable to attend, an alternate may be selected. (2002)

Points awarded from Association and selected Eldorado Country Club tournaments will be counted in the point leader totals. Prize money associated with optional competitions (such as skins, day money, shoot-outs or play auctions) will not have any point value and does not count toward the year end point leader totals. (2000)

**Rule #17** In December of each year, current members of the Association will be billed the membership dues for the subsequent year. Members who wish to withdraw from the Association must do so prior to the January tournament in order to receive a refund. (1998) Any NEW Eldorado CC

**member who joins the EMGA from October through December will be charged one half of the annual dues.**

**Rule #18** Time of Starting- The note under Rule 6-3 and the Optional Condition as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf (below) shall be in effect for all MGA competitions: (2004)

If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances that warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play. Penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

**Rule #19** Embedded Ball Through The Green – the Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf (below) shall be in effect for all MGA competitions (2008)

*Through the green*, a ball that is **embedded in its own pitch-mark** in the ground may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the *hole*. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the *course through the green*.

**Exceptions:**

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a *stroke* because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

**PENALTY FOR BREACH OF LOCAL RULE:**

Match play - Loss of hole; Stroke play - Two strokes.

**Rule #20** In any Eldorado Men's Golf Association competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a stipulated round

a player uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (i.e. gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of USGA Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.



## **Eldorado Country Club Local Rules**

### **Course Record and Ratings**

Eldorado CC Course Record

Dudley Wysong, Jr.  
63 strokes – 9 under par  
1983 & 1987

Forward Tees	Par 72	Yardage	5461
	Rating 66.9		
Middle Tees	Par 72	Yardage	6188
	Rating 70.4		
Players Tees	Par 72	Yardage	6470
	Rating 71.8		
Back Tees	Par 72	Yardage	6770
	Rating 73.3		

## Course Rules & Boundaries

- Hole #1** Out of bounds to the right. Driving range is out of bounds
- Hole #2** Out of bounds to the right and left. The stream starting mid-hole on the left is a lateral water hazard extending to the green; beyond the stream is out of bounds. Yellow lines and stakes define the water hazard guarding the front of the green. An optional drop area is marked by a white circle in front of the hazard. Red lines and stakes define the lateral water hazard to the right of the green. Out of bounds behind the green.
- Hole #3** Out of bounds to the right (defined by white stakes, wrought iron fence and road – Valley Creek Trail). The stream to the left and rear of the green is a water hazard.
- Hole #4** The ravine / stream to the right is a lateral water hazard.
- Hole #5** Yellow lines and stakes define the water hazard in front of the teeing ground. The closely mown area of the forward teeing area is deemed to be optional ball drop area in which to take relief from the water hazard. Out of bounds to the left, right and rear of the green (defined by white stakes and wrought iron fence and stone edge of flower bed).

Note 1: If your stance or swing is obstructed by the safety cables or posts in front of the water hazard you are not entitled to relief. The posts and cables are deemed to be an integral part of the course.

Note 2: If a ball comes to rest in the flower bed to the left surrounded by the cart path, it is entitled to a free drop. Nearest point of relief, plus one club length, no nearer the hole.

- Hole #6** The pond in front of teeing ground is a water hazard defined by yellow lines and stakes. The left side is out of bounds and the right side is lined by a lateral water hazard.

Note: If your stance or swing is obstructed by the safety cables or posts lining the lateral water hazard to the right you are not entitled to relief. The posts and cables are deemed to be an integral part of the course.

- Hole #7** Ravine/Stream to the right is a lateral water hazard. Out of bounds to the left defined by white stakes and wrought iron fence.
- Hole #8** Out of bounds to the left and right (defined by the white stakes and wrought iron fence). The road (Valley Creek Trail) behind the green is out of bounds.
- Note: If a ball should pass over the road and come to rest on or around the 9<sup>th</sup> teeing ground, the ball is deemed out of bounds.
- Hole #9** Out of bounds to the right (defined by white stakes and wrought iron fence. The concrete retaining wall on the golf course side of the iron fence is considered part of the fence) and behind the green (defined by white stakes and cart path).
- Hole #10** Out of bounds to the left and right (defined by white stakes and wrought iron fences). The road (Forest Hills) behind the green is deemed out of bounds.
- Note: If a ball comes to rest in the drainage area at the end of the cart path behind the green, the player is entitled to a free drop. The drop may be taken at the nearest point of relief, plus one club length, no nearer the hole or in the optional drop area.
- Hole #11** Out of bounds to the left and right (defined by the white stakes and wrought iron fences). The stream to the right is out of bounds. The area behind the green defined by white stakes is out of bounds.
- Hole #12** Out of bounds to the left (defined by white stakes). The pond inlet guarding the teeing ground is a water hazard outlined in yellow stakes and lines. The pond to the right of the teeing ground and fairway is a lateral water hazard defined by red stakes and lines. The area of the pond guarding the front of the green is a water hazard outlined in yellow stakes and lines.
- Hole #13** Out of bounds to the right and behind the green. The pond to the left is a lateral water hazard defined by red stakes and lines.

**Hole #14** Out of bounds to the right and rear of the green (defined by the stone wall, wrought iron fence and white stakes). The pond in front of the teeing ground is a water hazard defined by yellow stakes and lines. The area of the pond to the left of the fairway is a lateral water hazard defined by red stakes and lines. The closely mown area of the forward teeing area is deemed to be optional ball drop area in which to take relief from the water hazard.

**Hole #15** Out of bounds to the right (defined by the stone wall, wrought iron fence and white stakes). The pond on the left is a lateral water hazard.

**Hole #16** Out of bounds to the right and rear of the green (defined by the stone wall, wrought iron fence and white stakes). The pond to the left is a lateral water hazard. For the play of the 16<sup>th</sup> hole only, the pond in front of the 17<sup>th</sup> hole teeing ground is deemed to be a lateral water hazard.

Note: If a ball comes to rest in the flower bed surrounded by the cart path the player is entitled to a free drop. Nearest point of relief, plus one club length, no nearer the hole.

**Hole #17** Out of bounds to the left (defined by white stakes and wrought iron fence). The pond in front of the teeing ground is a water hazard defined by yellow stakes and lines. The stream guarding the right side is a lateral water hazard defined by red stakes and lines; beyond the creek to the right is out of bounds. The wrought iron fence behind the green is out of bounds.

**Hole #18** Out of bounds to the left (defined by the wrought iron fence white stakes), to the right and behind the green as define by white stakes and lines.

Note: The driving range is deemed to be out of bounds.



## **Local Rules**

**Driving Range:** The driving range is out of bounds.

**Ball Embedded In It'd Own Pitch Mark:** Embedded Ball Through The Green – the Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I of the USGA Rules of Golf (below) shall be in effect for all MGA competitions (2008)

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### **Exceptions:**

1. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if the ball is embedded in sand in an area that is not closely mown.
2. A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to make a *stroke* because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule.

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

Match play - Loss of hole; Stroke play - Two strokes.



**Flower Beds:** If a ball comes to rest in a flower bed the player is entitled to a free drop, nearest point of relief, plus one club length, no nearer the hole. Exception is the flower bed behind the green on Hole 5 which is deemed to be out of bounds.

**Ground Under Repair:** All ground under repair will be marked with white lines. Fire ant hills are deemed to be ground under repair.

**Immovable Obstructions:** All fans, benches, ball washers, hole signs. Green covers, sprinkler control boxes, railroad ties used for steps and walkways, chains used to route carts and buildings on the course are immovable obstructions. Free relief is granted only for stance and swing. Nearest point of relief, plus one club length, no nearer the hole.

- a) White lined areas tying into obstruction have the same status as the obstruction and are not ground under repair.
- b) Flower beds and landscape areas completely encircled by an obstruction (i.e. cart path) are considered part of the obstruction.

**Maintenance Trails:** Maintenance trails are to be treated as ground under repair. Nearest point of complete relief, plus one club length, no nearer the hole.

**Out-Of-Bounds:** Out of bounds is defined by white stakes, wooden and wrought iron fences, railroad ties, stone walls, roads and cart paths. Wherever out of bounds is defined by a road or cart path, the boundary is deemed to be the nearest inside edge (golf course side) of any curbing adjacent to the road.

**Tree Wells:** If a tree well is not circled in white paint or staked, relief is not granted. You must either play the ball as it lies or take an unplayable lie.

**Water Hazards:** Water hazards are marked by yellow stakes and lines. Lateral water hazards are marked by red stakes and lines.

**ANY QUESTIONS CONCERNING A RULE SHOULD  
BE REFERRED TO THE GOLF PROFESSIONALS.**