

## **MGC Duel in the Desert TOURNAMENT RULES**

- USGA Rules will be used except where local rules apply (see back for local rules)
- All participants must be current MGC members and have AGA/GHIN Handicaps.
- All golfers will tee off from their designated tees as reported on the score cards.
- Handicaps for this competition are based as follows; the GHIN handicap as of April 1.
- Day 1  
Holes 1 - 9, two man Match Play Scramble ; Holes 10 - 18, two man Match Play Best Ball (USGA Handicap Recommendations)
- Day 2  
Holes 1 - 9, Singles Matches with Opponent One  
Holes 10 - 18, Singles Matches with Opponent Two (USGA Handicap Recommendations for match play will apply).
- All tournament disputes must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Rules Committee immediately after the round for resolution. The Tournament Rules Committee will make their decision before final standings for the involved team flights are announced. All determinations by the Tournament Rules Committee are final. For purposes of this tournament, the Tournament Rules Committee shall be the MGC President and the representative of the Pro Shop.

### **LOCAL RULES**

- When playing from the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " to 1" rock around the perimeter of the course, players are allowed a fourth option under Rule 28 Ball Unplayable. Under penalty of 1 stroke take complete relief from the rock, no nearer the hole, nearest point of relief. Brushing or sweeping small rocks around the ball to improve the lie is a penalty. However, rocks may be "picked" so long as the ball does not move.
- Out of Bounds includes: all areas marked with white stakes and lines, walls, street curbing or sidewalks, and house lots.
- There will be no one ball rule for this event.

- Drop Area on #15 applies to balls that hit the greenside bank and roll back into the water. Proceed under Rule 26; or as an additional option, drop a ball under penalty of one stroke, in the Drop Zone.
- Stones in bunkers are moveable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).
- Ground under repair includes eroded areas in red granite rocks. (Rule 25-1 applies).
- Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2.
- Immovable obstructions on or within two club lengths of the putting green and within two club lengths of the ball and intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole. (i.e. sprinkler heads)
  - Large, 5 Inch Rocks in Drainage Areas are considered immovable obstructions. Relief from large rocks in drainage area is allowed to the closest area (not nearer the hole) outside the drainage rocks. This relief may place your ball in the smaller “¾” to 1” rock. Relief is not automatically to a grass area. To obtain further relief from the “¾” to 1” rock, see the local rule above.
- Players are allowed to carry a maximum of 14 clubs in their bag. A “Rock” club is considered one of these 14 clubs.

#### Reminders & Points of Emphasis:

- There is no free relief for balls that come to rest against a turf edge.
- Complete relief from staked trees is only allowed if the stake or wires, not the tree, interfere with your stance or swing.