

INDIAN CREEK MEN'S  
GOLF ASSOCIATION

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# Preamble

## Welcome

The officers of the Indian Creek Men's Golf Association (ICMGA, aka "Men's Club") welcome all new and returning members. We will strive to promote an atmosphere of inclusiveness, fairness, and most of all, fun. Your volunteer officers will try their best to provide an experience that is organized, inline with United States Golf Association (USGA) rules and again, fun. We all play golf because we enjoy it. Let us all work to keep our get-togethers pleasant and positive.

Thanks for your support and involvement. Hope to see you on the course.

Your Committee Members, aka The Officers

## Duties of all ICMGA Committee Members

- All officers serve from January 1 through December 31, for a two-year term.
- Volunteer to organize and conduct various additional Men's Club activities as may arise during the year.
- Play in as many tournaments as possible and meet & greet new members.
- Recruit new members for Men's Club during year.
- Ensure that tournament functions are being taken care of.
- Determine dates of election for new officers; election of new officers will be completed near the end of the Fall Handicap tournament.
- See that a Nomination Committee for new officers is formed prior to election.
- Continually improve and work towards bettering participation and events of the ICMGA.
- Run weekly Men's Club events (i.e., Tuesday Play). Determine the game for the event to be played. Collect and verify payment from all participants. Announce and pay all the winners.

Note: It is important to understand that the elected committee is the also the **Rules Committee** for all ICMGA Tournaments. It is the committee's sole discretion to interpret and handle all rulings.

## **Elected Committee Member Responsibilities**

**President** - Sets time, place, and agenda for meetings. Establishes two committee members as tournament chairs for each event. Ensures the Bylaws and policies adopted by the Board are properly executed. Signs legal and financial documents and correspondences on behalf of the Men's Club. Annually assigns different duties and responsibilities to the Officers and nominates a Vice President.

**Vice President** - Preps course management about tournament activities well in advance (e.g., communicate with restaurant management two weeks ahead for food preparation). Acts as Tourney Chairman. Performs other duties that may be required by the Board. Assists other officers as needed. Assumes duties as President when needed.

**Treasurer** - Collects annual dues and other receipts and pays out the expenses of the Association, maintains and reconciles bank accounts, and reports on the financial status of the ICMGA monthly to the President. Handles money and memberships, keeping all files up to date. Obtains signing privileges at bank to handle all ICMGA accounts and tournament money. Determines payouts for each tournament. Maintains accountability for each hole-in-one pot payout.

**Handicap Chairman** - The role of the Handicap Chairman to ensure fair and equitable competition is critical. Chairman must be certified and serves at the discretion of the President.

**Secretary** - Publishes and maintains the Bylaws. Keeps notes of meetings. Compiles member list to include Names, email addresses, and contact phone numbers. Communicates to members via email. Manages Tuesday Play events or designates a proxy.

**OGA Director** - OGA Directors are the official representative from each respective club to serve as a liaison to the Golf Association and the Executive Committee. In addition to expressing club concerns to the OGA and voting on behalf of their club before the Board of Directors at annual and special meetings, Directors serve by relaying all information about OGA membership, events, championships, services and volunteer opportunities to their members and golf professionals and club executives at their courses.

**Indian Creek Course Representative** - Assists ICMGA officers by acting as a liaison between the Golf Course Management and the club. Additionally helps to set up tournament dates as well as assist the ICMGA committee and its members with interpreting and implementing rule questions.

### **Current Officers Contact Info**

<u>President</u>	Roger Babb	559-385-6679	roglaurie@sbcglobal.net
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### **Compensation**

- All currently elected officers of the ICMGA will have their yearly membership dues paid by the ICMGA.

### **Tournament Play**

- Tournament Chair and co-Chair can play in tournaments. The Tournament Chair should be in the first group to be available for post- tourney duties.

## Rules & Regulations to Govern ICMGA

1. The ICMGA will honor all the rules of the USGA and the OGA.
2. Men's Club annual dues are payable March 1st of each year and are currently \$100 for regular members and \$25 for junior members (up to age 18). Dues are distributed thusly: \$40 to OGA for GHIN membership, \$60 to General Fund of the ICMGA.
3. Fee schedule for tournaments are currently \$25 for a one-day tournament, \$60 for a two-day tournament, and \$90 for the Club Championship (subject to change) .
4. ICMGA events are weekly Tuesday Play and weekend tournaments.
5. Hole-in-One Pot
  - a. Annual fee of \$25.
  - b. The Pot will be for play at Indian Creek Golf Course only and for ICMGA members only.
  - c. In order to qualify for payout, the hole-in-one must be witnessed by a fellow ICMGA member.
  - d. No immediate payout. All payout will be provided at end of year, preferably at the ICGC Members' Appreciation event.
  - e. Period of eligibility is one calendar year (March-Feb), with the beginning of new season.
  - f. The pot will be zeroed out each year.
  - h. In the event there are no hole-in-one winners in a season, the pot will be transferred to the ICMGA general fund.
6. Visiting members from other associations with a good standing handicap will be allowed to play events (non-majors) on a case-by-case basis
7. Junior members can play in all events outside of the Oregon School Activities Association (OSAA) season.
8. Tournament sign-up is via sign-up sheet on the ICMGA bulletin board. Sign-up deadline is Thursday evening before the event (Wednesday before Club Championship). Late entries can sometimes be accommodated, but must play in the last group.
9. Pace of play will be monitored and penalty strokes may be added.

## ICMGA Tuesday Play

Tuesday Play will have a block of tee times available starting at 11:00 (“the Block”). Some or all groupings for Members playing during the Block will be determined by a draw. Draw will occur at 10:50 am. Members can generally expect to be able to make their own groups on any Tuesday except the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. Members making their own group must generally make a tee time within 1-hour on either end of the Block, but special circumstances will be considered. The fourth Tuesday is designated to be a two-man team event determined by draw only. Combo tees will generally be available to use every Tuesday, while Black, White, and Senior tees will be available from time to time. If there is a Deuce Pot, any hole with a gross score of 2 will qualify for payout. If there is a KP (closest-to-the-pin), it will generally be from whatever tees you are playing. Games to be played for Tuesday Play are generally pre-determined, but special circumstances leading to low turnout, such as weather conditions and Holidays, may dictate a need to substitute a game to maximize participation and payouts. The games designated to be played each Tuesday are described below.

### Game Schedule

1st Tuesday Net (all tees), Gross (Black tees only)

2nd Tuesday Total Quota (all tees)

3rd Tuesday Huckley Buck (all tees)

4th Tuesday Net Two-Man Best Ball (Tees to be determined)

5th Tuesday Wild Card, to be determined

Entry into a Tuesday Play game is via envelopes at the Pro Shop. Write your name on the envelope for the game you want to be in and insert the entry fee for that game into the envelope. Pot entry is not required to play, but is required to win a prize.

Pot entry fees are: \$5 for Net, Gross; \$10 for Total Quota and Huckley Buck. Deuce Pot and/or KP Pot may be included or extra depending on the game. Certain special events (e.g., Match Play, Birthday celebrations) may have different costs.

PAYOUTS: 100% of Pot will be paid out. Roughly 30% of the field gets paid, and payout will occur after the last group is in the clubhouse.



## Tuesday Games

- Total Quota** - Start with handicap for your set of tees.
- Add points to your handicap using your gross score per hole:
    - bogey - 1 point
    - par - 2 points
    - birdie - 4 points
    - eagle - 8 points
  - Highest total points wins.

- Huckley Buck** - Start with zero points.
- Add points using net score per hole.
    - net bogey - 1 point
    - net par - 2 points
    - net birdie - 3 points
    - net eagle - 5 points
    - net dbl. eagle - 8 points
  - Highest total points wins.

### Net Two-Man Best Ball

- Fourth Tuesday, tees to be declared.
- Two-man teams and order of play determined by draw at 10:50 am.
- Use your handicap strokes where they fall and record lowest net score for your team.

**INDIAN CREEK MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION  
TOURNAMENT & EVENT SCHEDULE**

**Year 2024**

Mar 16 (Sat) – Red, White, and Black Tees

Apr 10 (Wed) – Masters Par 3

Apr 13 (Sat) – The ICMGA Masters

May 4-5 (Sat-Sun) – ICMGA Spring Handicap

May 7/14/21/28 (Tuesday's) – Match Play

July 13 (Sat) – Two-Man Two-Net

Aug 2,3,4 (Fri-Sat-Sun) – ICMGA Club Championship

Aug 25 (Sun) – Two-Person Scramble

Sept 15 (Sat) – Flag Tournament

Oct 5,6 (Sat-Sun) – ICMGA Fall Handicap

Dec 11 (Sat evening) – Annual Member Awards Dinner

## Chairman's Tournament Checklist

1. E-mail membership the tournament announcement. Post sign-up sheet at our bulletin board area at the golf shop.
2. Meals in conjunction with the tournament should be planned at least two weeks before the event is held.
3. Entries for Saturday or two-day tournaments will be compiled 6:00 pm on Thursday. Later entries may or may not be processed for that tournament.
4. The Tournament Chairman and his assistant will organize entries by individual handicap, lowest to highest. Foursomes will be made up with the lowest handicaps first and then progressing to the highest.
5. Scorecards will be made up and left at the front desk.
6. Ensure tournament software is set up at least 3-days in advance.
7. When players finish their rounds, gather all signed and attested scorecards.
8. Enter scores as soon as possible after they are received.
9. Tournament Chairman and assistant should patrol the tournament to make sure pace of play is kept and assist in any rulings.
10. Keep all receipts for expenses incurred in your tournament. If you need money, contact the Treasurer. The Treasurer will reimburse you for all out-of-pocket expenses the day of the tournament. If the Tournament Chairman wants to add additional money to the total dollar pot, then they must check with the Treasurer or other officer of the Men's Club.
11. Tournament results will be turned in to a Committee Member of the ICMGA directly after posting adjusted scores. Cards must be filled out properly.
12. A report will be submitted that will include: Number of entries, food cost, pay out of prizes, results of tournament, suggestions to improve, and any problems that may have arisen.
13. Please take care of all supplies used in the tournament.
14. Clean and store those items used after completion of the tournament.
15. The Tournament Chairman (or proxy) and his assistant will have free entry for the current tournament.

## Course Rules and Definitions

### Indian Creek Golf Course

#### **Out-of-Bounds Definition**

Out-of-Bounds (O.B.) is defined by white stakes or a white painted line. A ball is out-of-bounds when all of it lies out-of-bounds. Penalty for O.B. and lost ball remains stroke and distance. Optional 2-stroke penalty for O.B. or lost ball is not in effect at Indian Creek.

#### **Immovable Obstructions \***

Fences and control boxes that are in-bounds are immovable obstructions at Indian Creek Golf Course. Swing relief is permitted per USGA rule #16. See Hole #16 local rule below for additional information.

#### **Hole #8 Drop Area**

Marked drop area on #8 is for balls entering the penalty area at or beyond the drop area. If ball enters penalty area prior to marked drop area, you must use relief per USGA rule #17.

#### **Hole #13 Local Rule**

In order to speed up play, a provisional ball must be played if the result of a shot is unknown with regards to the penalty area to the right of the fairway (tee shot), or below the green (fairway shot). If ball is subsequently found in penalty area, you have the option to play it from where it lies, or take a drop per USGA rule #17. If ball not found, the provisional ball must be played.

#### **\*Hole #16 Local Rule**

The ruling for the protection fences on the 16<sup>th</sup> hole. Two located by the 17<sup>th</sup> tee box, and the longer one running parallel to the cart path. If your ball is lost in the ivy within these areas and is verified by your group, then a free drop along with swing relief is permitted (no nearer the hole). Please note this is only swing relief and **not** 'line-of-sight' relief. Protection fences on the course in general do not offer 'line-of-sight' relief.

Course Rules and Definitions  
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Indian Creek Golf Course

**Sprinkler Head Relief Rule & Guidance:**

A sprinkler head is an immovable obstruction and is covered by Rule 24-2. That rule states that you are entitled to relief, for a ball that lies in or on the obstruction or when the obstruction interferes with your area of intended stance or swing. Additionally, this rule includes free relief if a sprinkler head is located within two club-lengths of the edge of the putting green, within two club-lengths of your ball and in your line of play.

**Guidelines:** First, find a spot that is within one club-length of your ball's original spot, and **no closer to the hole**, where the sprinkler head is no longer in your line of play. Then, drop your ball (**remember: from knee-height!**) and play on!

**Important For All Rules Related to Taking Relief:** During all tournament play, you are required to notify at least one other player in your group, prior to you taking and/or implementing relief for any rule that involves touching your golf ball, while it's deemed '**in-play**'. Remember to at least notify one other player in your group to confirm your interpretation and subsequent implementation prior to taking intended relief.

## Winter Rules or Preferred Lies

Indian Creek Golf Course will use the following Preferred Lies local rule for various reasons during inactive or winter handicap period that is established by the OGA.

The USGA and the OGA strongly recommend that during the active period, when scores are being posted for handicap purposes, the ball should be played as it lies in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

NOTE: A ball may be moved "through the green"\* with the following restrictions.

- A ball shall not be lifted, cleaned, and placed when it lies:
  - within 36 inches of the base of a tree, stump, or shrub
  - within 36 inches of out-of-bounds
- If lifted, the ball's place should be marked; it may be cleaned; and it shall be placed no more than 6" from its original lie, no nearer the hole. Use of the club or club head in the movement and placement of the ball is prohibited (don't roll it over).
- A ball so lifted is deemed to be back in play once it has been placed
- While in the act of placing, the ball may be repositioned. For the purpose of this condition, the ball is considered placed, and may not be repositioned, once it has been at rest for five seconds.
- A ball that is back in play that moves prior to address shall be played as it lies unless rule requires replacement.
- A player is entitled to exercise this preferred lie option one time only per shot.
- A player may not obtain relief under this rule if it is clearly unreasonable to play a stroke (unplayable lie, etc.)
- The Embedded Ball Rule shall be in effect through the green.
- Anywhere through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. (Note: An embedded ball in a penalty area cannot be lifted or moved out of pitch mark.)
- When an embedded ball is lost beyond a reasonable doubt in wet, soft turf, another ball may be put into play as near as possible to the spot where the original ball was lost without penalty.
- \*Definition: "Through the green" is the whole area of the course except:
  - The teeing ground and putting green of the hole being played
  - All penalty areas on the course