

# **ZIA SENIOR MEN'S GOLF CLUB RULES OF PLAY**

## **EFFECTIVE 2026 FOR FUTURE TOURNAMENTS:**

- 1. IF YOU SEND IN AN ENTRY FORM AND \$\$\$ THAT MEANS YOU AGREE TO ENTER YOUR SCORES THAT DAY BEFORE YOU LEAVE TO GO HOME. Until further notice ZIA index will still be in effect for handicapping.**
- 2. FAILURE TO POST YOUR SCORES TO GHIN, YOU WILL AUTOMATICALLY FORFEIT ANY POTENTIAL WINNINGS FOR THAT EVENT. THIS INCLUDES PLACEMENTS, CTP, AND SKINS.**
- 3. THERE WILL BE NO REFUNDS OF ANY KIND NO EXCEPTIONS. YOUR CONTRIBUTION WILL BE SHARED WITH OTHER WINNERS THAT DO POST THEIR SCORES IMMEDIATELY.**
- 4. IF YOU DO NOT PLAN ON POSTING YOUR SCORES AS REQUIRED, I SUGGEST YOU NOT ENTER THE EVENT AT ALL. THIS GOES FOR YOUR GUEST TOO.**
- 5. AT THE SKINS SIGN UP, BEFORE YOU PAY, YOU UNDERSTAND IF YOU DO NOT POST YOUR SCORES YOUR SKINS WILL ALSO BE A DONATION TO THE CAUSE AND YOU WILL BE "OPTED OUT" AND NO REFUNDS.**
- 6. HOW WILL WE KNOW IF YOU POSTED YOUR SCORES?**
  - a. YOU HAVE DUPLICATE SCORECARDS AND IT WOULD BE BEST/REQUIRED IF YOU GUYS DO THE POSTING RIGHT AWAY AND LET US KNOW AT THE SCORING TABLE BEFORE YOU LEAVE AND WE WILL MARK YOU DOWN AS ELIGIBLE.**
  - b. I HAVE ALL ZIA MEMBERS AS MY FAVORITES ON THE GHIN APP. AS I COMPLETE THE SCORING, I WILL CHECK MY FAVORITES AND IF YOUR SCORE IS NOT ENTERED ACCUATELY, I WILL TREAT YOU AS IF YOU DID NOT PLAY AND OPT YOU OUT OF EVERYTHING.**
- 7. REMEMBER THE SCORE HAS TO BE ENTERED INTO GHIN AS:**
  - a. SELECT COURSE NAME**
  - b. HOLE BY HOLE. (DO NOT DO YOUR OWN TOTAL SCORE ADJUSTMENTS)**
  - c. 18 HOLES**
  - d. TEES**
  - e. STARTING HOLE 1**

- f. **SCORE TYPE COMPETITIVE**
- g. **THE DATE PLAYED**
- h. **ENTER HOLE BY HOLE**
- i. **POST SCORE**

**THIS SHOULD NOT BE NEW TO ANYONE. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS YOU ENTER YOUR NORMAL ROUNDS AS HOME OR AWAY INSTEAD OF **COMPETITIVE**.**

**8. MOVING FORWARD I HOPE WE ALL UNDERSTAND AND THANKS TO THE GUYS THAT WOULD NOTIFY ME OF THEIR POSTING AFTER EVERY EVENT. IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS OF ANYTHING IN THIS MESSAGE REPLY TO ME NOT TO ALL.**

**Designated FLIGHTS will be based on tee boxes. GHIN/ZIA handicap index will determine course handicaps.**

**Course Handicaps will be based on the slope and yardage differences at these Tee locations Ref GHIN Handicap Manual section 3.5.**

**In ZIA NET format, there will be flights, but they will be based on tees played and approximately 10-12 players per flight. You will declare which tees you want to play on the membership application.**

**There is no longer an age or handicap condition to be eligible for either tee.**

**BACK TEE FLIGHT will be based on players that request play tees for approximately 6,000 yards. There will be multiple flights within this group based on GHIN/ZIA Indexes. (approximately) 10-12 players per flight from this tee)**

**FORWARD TEE FLIGHT will be based on players that want to be the next forward Tees approximately 5,000 to 5,500 yards.**

**There will be multiple flights within this group based on GHIN/ZIA Indexes. (approximately 10-12 players per flight from this tee)**

## **RULES FOR PLAY – January 2026**

- 1. We want to keep our events to about four and a half hours (less, if possible); therefore, the following rules are established:**
  - a. PLAY READY GOLF! When you get to your ball, play it unless someone else is ready to hit. If possible, cart-mates should park their cart midway between their ball locations and then each walk to their ball. This will speed up the pace of the game.**

- b. Observe "Honors" only on the green and then only if it does not unduly slow the pace of the game.

Case in point: The last player to hit onto the green is also the first to putt; however, he is physically many yards away. **DO YOU WAIT FOR HIM? NO!**

Whoever is ready should begin putting. We are not playing a professional tournament. We want everyone to enjoy our golf.

**Waiting around is not fun.**

- c. It is not necessary for everyone to stay on the green while others putt. If you are finished, move on to the next hole.

- 2. USGA rules apply except as modified by local course rules and/or instructions given before starting play.

The new USGA 2021 rules will be in effect. The new search time is three (3) minutes. New dropping distance.

Alternative local rule E-5 and stroke and distance relief for a ball that is lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds will be in effect.

- 3. All course handicaps will be based on the lower GHIN or ZIA handicap index. All Competing players must have a current GHIN handicap.
- 4. Treat the course well. We may want to come back again. Rake the bunkers, and repair divots and ball marks.

Do not drive carts into restricted areas.

- 5. Play the ball down unless notified otherwise before play.
- 6. In case of a dispute regarding a played ball, play two balls, keeping both scores. The problem will be resolved after the end of play with the involved parties, the resident pro, and club officials.
- 7. ELECTRONIC MEASURING DEVICES (EMDs): Will be allowed during the championships provided they do not give information regarding slope, elevation, or wind.
- 8. The prize fund will be awarded through host facility gift certificates or through players' home courses.
- 9. There will be scorecard playoffs to determine gift certificate winners. In the event of ties, the Mulligan Eagles software will determine the score card playoff.

**Scoring will be ZIA Net. Except for two-person tournaments.**

**ZIA NET**

**Play your own ball, write your score per hole, but pick up when double par for a hole has been reached.**

**(Whether on the green, trap, water, rough, fairway, or tee box) mark the gross score.**

**Par 3 ... Double par is a 6. If you are putting for a 6 pick up and move on. Mark 6 for the score.**

**Par 4 ... Double par is an 8. If you are putting for an 8 pick up and move on. Mark 8 for the score.**

**Par 5 ... Double par is a 10. If you are putting for a 10 pick up and move on. Mark 10 for the score.**

**We will also have a voluntary SKINS game to enter on the day of the meeting. Entry will be \$10 per person of which \$5 will go towards Gross Skins and \$5 to Net Skins. The skins payoff will remain in each flight. For example, the skins will be determined for the first flight, second flight, and third flight independently.**

**The handicap per hole will be the same no matter which tee you play from.**

**2026 will be a fun year for all with the new “Choose Your Tee”. Let’s all get a friend to join us.**

**The more players we get the more \$\$\$ in the payoffs.**

**Go to the link concerning the “Membership App” and the “Entry Forms”. Remember we need the Entry Forms mailed in at least 7 days in advance.**

**© Zia Senior Men's Golf Club**