

Date: January 31, 2012
To: DGA Members
Subject: 2012 Rule Changes

The Winter Meeting was held on January 21, 2012 at South Side Grille. The DGA has 38 Active and 8 LifeTime Members. 27 of 38 Active Members attended the meeting. 27 Attendees had Voting Privileges by playing five (5) or more rounds in 2011. 18 votes were needed to pass any Rule Changes.

Rule Changes for 2012 include (in **BOLD**):

III. **DGA Official Rounds**

1. An Official DGA Round is one with 3 or more DGA Members (**Active and Lifetime**) playing for DGA Pots and Nassaus. **If there are only 3 players, all of them must be Active or Lifetime. The third golfer cannot be a Prospective member.**

IX. **DGA Year End Events: (Replaces DGA Kitty Day section)**

1. **A Committee of 4-6 members will be formed to recommend what type of Year End Event should be organized and run. This Committee will work with the Treasurer to discuss subsidizing a golf tournament or a dinner (with or without significant others).**
2. **The Cape May trip will be held on the weekend of October 26 – 28 but will not be subsidized by the DGA Treasury. Larry Thiry is the Chairperson for this event.**

X. **DGA Official Handicap Dates And Playing Rules:**

5. A Provisional ball **MUST** be played from the original spot if there is any doubt that a ball is in play by any member of the group.. **This option takes precedence over the following rules/options/examples.**
6. If a ball is lost or out-of-bounds, and a provisional ball was not played, the player **must** take a two-stroke penalty rather than returning to the spot where the original shot was played from. (Exception: 1st hole at Warrenbrook, 1st and 9th holes at Quail Brook - course rule is no provisional, you must take **ONE** stroke penalty and drop). **The appropriate place to Drop is based on whether the player is taking a 1 or 2 stroke penalty. For example:**
 - a. **On the 1st hole at Quail Brook and 1st hole at Warrenbrook (Local Rule), if the player hits it into the left woods and determined to be in the**

hazard (Quail Brook) or OB (Warrenbrook), they will take a 1 stroke penalty and drop within 2 club lengths of where the ball entered the hazard before taking their next stroke.

- b. Based on Local Rule: On the 1st and 9th holes at Quail Brook, if the player hits it OB right into the driving range, they will take a 1 stroke penalty and drop within 2 club lengths from where the ball entered the driving range before taking their next stroke.
- c. On the 5th hole at Quail Brook, the player hits it in the right or left woods. First of all, they should have played a Provisional Ball at the urging of their playing partners. If they did not hit a Provisional and the original ball is not found, they would take a 2 stroke penalty. They would drop within 1 club length from the edge of the woods. The rationale is that the player is already taking a 2 shot penalty and they should not be additionally penalized by dropping deep in the woods.

9. Green Knoll – White OB stakes MUST be observed along holes 1 and 11 (Driving Range / Par 3 Course). **The player MUST hit a provisional ball from the original spot if they are unsure if the ball is in or out of bounds. If a Provisional Ball was not hit by the player, they must drop within 2 club lengths from where the ball went OB and take a 2 stroke penalty.**

~~14.~~ Blue tees will be played in Somerset County at all times where they are set ~~from~~ January through June and September through December. ~~July and August Saturdays in Somerset County, the DGA will play from the BACK Tees.~~

- a. The exception to the Blue Tees is Warrenbrook #15, Spooky Brook #1 and Quail Brook # 17 – BACK Tee
- ~~b. ALWAYS play BLUE Tees on 1st hole on all courses even in July and August except Spooky Brook. This will allow us to get away from the clubhouse and not be questioned by the starters. During July and August, play will be from the next set of tees back from the BLUE tees on holes 2 through 18.~~
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Some items that were proposed discussed and rejected:

- Changing the value of an Eagle to \$4 per man of those playing
- Playing the Gold Tees on Quail Brook #6 instead of the Blue Tees.
- Use of GPS and/or Range Finders
- World Series – Eliminating (going back to the “leg” system) or modifying the current World Series Points system (eliminating weekday rounds or modifying the points awarded based on # of players)
- Partners Tournament – Allowing teams to decide prior to match if they are going to replay the match or use the current tiebreaker (#9 and #18 points) to determine a winner.

The following files are posted on the DGA Website (www.dganj.com):

- 2012 DGA Rules
- 2012 DGA Schedule
- DGA Results Sheet
- DGA Money Sheets