

Date: January 23, 2011  
To: DGA Members  
Subject: 2011 Rule Changes

The Winter Meeting was held on January 22, 2011 at SouthSide Grille. The DGA has 38 Active and 8 LifeTime Members. 34 of 38 Active Members attended the meeting. 1 Lifetime Member attended the meeting. 31 Attendees had Voting Privileges by playing five (5) or more rounds in 2010. 21 votes were needed to pass any Rule Changes.

Rule Changes for 2011 include (in **BOLD**):

## II. Membership Rules

- Maximum of 15 DGA Rounds per year **in Somerset County. DGA Rounds played in other locales do not count toward this restriction. These rounds could be played anywhere as long as they abide by the rules determining an official DGA round.**

9. To REMAIN a DGA member, you MUST play a minimum of 10 Appearance Rounds per year, or 15 Appearance Rounds over a two year period. (Example: If you play 7 rounds 1 year, you must play at least 8 rounds the following year or you are DGA HISTORY!). **Ten (10) Appearance Rounds in one year automatically renews the members playing privileges for the following year unless you play less than ten (10) rounds in a given years then the fifteen (15) round rule takes precedence.** Once a member plays less than 10 Appearance Rounds in a year, they are automatically “on the clock” for the 15 Appearance Rounds over two years. An Appearance Round is defined as an official DGA round of golf with 3 or more DGA Members. Money rounds such as Blind Better Ball are not considered an additional Appearance Round if scored from an Individual Round scorecard. An Injury Waiver may be considered by the Rules Committee when needed.

## V. DGA Pots/Nassaus

F. Eagles are worth **\$3.00** per man of those playing.

## VI. DGA Handicaps

3. Differential is equal to the difference between the course rating and the gross score adjusted according to USGA Equity Stroke Control adjusted for Slope Rating. Prospective members will be handicapped by the Rules Committee. The DGA will use the GHIN system and handicaps will be calculated on the GHIN frequency (**1st and 15th of every month**).

## VIII. Membership Fees

2. Each member will pay **\$71** to the Treasurer, **John DeSimone**, prior to April 1st. Payment is necessary to keep membership - No pay, No play!! If payment is not received by May 1<sup>st</sup>, this will be considered an automatic resignation from the DGA.
5. The \$71 payment will be credited as \$50 towards dues, and \$21 toward GHIN handicapping (for 2011).
10. \$111 after the official membership vote of acceptance in the DGA. This includes the remaining \$40 for the DGA Bank to bring the Bank Account to \$100 and the \$71 DGA Dues.

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

1. Official Handicap Dates are designated by USGA and NJ State Golf Association. They are based on the "Official" Handicap season for New Jersey which is April 1 through **October 31.**
7. **If there is some doubt that a ball cleared a hazard, the player is allowed to play a "Hazard Ball". In this case, the player would exercise his options under the Rules of Golf as if the ball was in the hazard, putting a "Hazard Ball" in play. If the player finds the original ball in play outside of the confines of the hazard, they MUST play the original ball without incurring the penalty shot. If the player doesn't find their original ball in play outside the hazard, they will play the "hazard ball" with the one (1) shot penalty. If the player finds the original ball within the confines of the hazard, the player is NOT allowed to play that ball because the "hazard ball" is in play at this time. This "hazard ball" exception has been added to the rules to allievate the need to go back to the original spot to hit a provisional ball and to eliminate the problem of having two (2) balls in play (the original and the hazard balls).**

**XIV. The World Series of the DGA**

**Entire Section Replaced to include World Series Points description.**

**XV. DGA Match Play Tournament**

A list of entrants will be compiled at the Winter Meeting. Any member wishing to enter should contact Greg Cavallo prior to April 1st. Once you have committed to playing in the event, the **\$12** fee will be deducted from the DGA Bank.

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

- 2011 DGA Rules
- NJSGA Handicap Revision Schedule Change Memo
- 2011 DGA Schedule
- 2011 DGA Call In Card Information
- 2011 DGA Match Play Grid
- 2011 DGA Partners Tournament Grid
- DGA Results Sheet
- DGA Money Sheets