



Making Friends through Golf

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RULES & COMPETITIONS FOR 2021 CALENDAR YEAR

Dinaledi subscribes to the **R&A Rules of Golf** and the Rules of Amateur Status 2019-2022 (and any subsequent rules) as approved by R&A Rules Limited and The United States Golf Association.

1. BOOKINGS

- 1.1. Open 2 weeks before scheduled game date
- 1.2. Open to visitors 1 week before scheduled game date or at the discretion of the Captains
- 1.3. Close the Wednesday before scheduled game date or at the discretion of the Captains
- 1.4. Captains will cancel or request additional slots with club on the Wednesday before the scheduled game.
- 1.5. Timesheet will be communicated and posted on website and whatsapp no later than Thursday before the game.
- 1.6. Uniform will be communicated by the Captain as soon as possible to allow everyone to prepare the uniform for the next game
- 1.7. Respond only to the Captains when bookings open. In instances where an authorised committee member coordinates the day, and emails the booking invitations, then only direct your responses to the authorised committee member. **Anything else will not be recognised.**
- 1.8. Once the time sheet is out, no changes may be entertained.
- 1.9. **The member hosting a guest is responsible for ensuring that his guest is informed of all the pertinent information, as well as for collection of the visitor's green fees.**
- 1.10. The responsibility to ensure that the club has the correct communication details for each member rests solely with the member.
- 1.11. Every effort is made to keep the website current, and regular visits are encouraged.

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2. COMPETITIONS

The committee can, from time to time, introduce competitions to enhance the competitive spirit amongst members.

DGS competitions will be ranked in order to create consistency and transparency in competitions. The rank will be as follows:

- **Champ of Champs – ranked 1**
- **Order Of Merit (OOM) – ranked 2**
- **Thabo Boshoma – ranked 3**
- **Stars Championship – ranked 4**
- **Dinaledi Winter Champs – ranked 5**
- **Singles Knock Out – ranked 6**

2.1. ORDER OF MERIT

2.1.1. All DGS matches will be Medal format.

2.1.2. All Dinaledi matches will be played off the designated club tees. Players over the age of 60 years have the option of using senior tees, if they so wish.

2.1.3. A player arriving late will join his four ball wherever it is. The said player will be given worst score of all members plus 2 as score on the missed hole(s).

2.1.4. Late cancellations (After Thursday 12h00) will be accepted when a good reason is provided and a replacement is found. Late cancellations will be charged visitor's fees

2.1.5. A member withdrawing from the game without due notice will be fined an amount equivalent to visitor's fee and may face disciplinary action if this behaviour becomes a trend.

2.1.6. The Order Of Merit (OOM) will be based on accumulated net scores over a maximum of six best rounds of the year . The OOM ends with the last monthly game and the player with least net accumulated score will be crowned OOM Champion for that year.

a. Only 6 of the best annual games will count towards the order of merit (OOM).

i. Those who have played more than six games will have the best of 6 games out of their total games counted.

b. Those who played less than 6 games, will not qualify for the Champ of Champs

2.1.7. Only full members will qualify for OOM score. Any visitor who scores the best net round of the day will be recognized by a prize money equal to green fees charged, but his score will not qualify for OOM, even if he joins the club immediately after the event. The monthly trophy is hence awarded to the highest finishing full member.

a. OOM scores will only be allocated to full members in good standing.

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- b. Visitors and Country members will not qualify for such allocations. See Constitution as who is a full member.
- c. If annual membership fees are not paid in full by a stipulated period , such individuals will be deemed visitors and will their scores will not qualify for OOM until the fees have been settled.
- d. There will be no allocation of lost scores i.e. if your membership fees are paid after the deadline, only games played while a member will earn OOM scores.

2.2 SINGLES KNOCK OUT

- 2.2.1 Format will be match play
- 2.2.2 Open only to full members
- 2.2.3 The draw will be a seeded one, based on the Order of Merit. The Top half members in the order of merit will be seeded. In the main draw, the last seed will play seed 1; second last seed will play seed 2, and so on. Unseeded players will be drawn randomly. (Unseeded player are players who did not participate in the Order of Merit of the previous year.). In the event that there are less participants, the top seeds will receive a bye starting with the OOM Champion and going downwards.
- 2.2.4 Singles matches can be played alongside monthly games (though not advisable). Captains or organizers for the game need to be informed in advance of the intention to use the monthly game for knock-out purposes.
- 2.2.5 If no outcome is communicated at the dead-line, both players will be disqualified from the draw. It is therefore the responsibility of the winner to confirm the outcome (and copy their losing opponent) of their game prior to the deadline.
- 2.2.6 If there are any issues, concerns or conflicts pertaining to rules, venue, the Captains may be contacted, timeously.
- 2.2.7 Unless you are willing to pay for your opponent, unreasonably priced venues should be avoided.
- 2.2.8 Arrangement for venues needs to be done with fair notice (minimum of two weeks). The competing players must agree on the course to play
- 2.2.9 Every effort must to be made to ensure that games are played before the deadline. Participants to agree upfront regarding the hole(s) to be used for sudden-death purposes in case there no winner after 18 holes
- 2.2.10 In cases where a member fails to honour their fixture for reasons beyond their control, their opponent will proceed.
- 2.2.11 The venue for the **final** will be communicated in advance and the Club will be responsible for both the logistics and financial obligations. The Captain and vice-Captain or any other two members of the committee will act as referees.

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2.3 DINALEDI WINTER CHAMPS

- 2.3.1 This major championship will be played as part of mid-year games
- 2.3.2 Format will be medal over 36 holes (to be played over two days).
- 2.3.3 If the logistics do not allow for 36 holes, the committee may decide to take best score of monthly game prior to mid-year game to contribute towards 36 holes.
- 2.3.4 Net scores of both days individually counts towards OOM.
- 2.3.5 Pairings will be determined by the Captains.

2.4 STARS CHAMPIONSHIP

- 2.4.1 The bottom 50 percent of OOM all qualify to play this competition, regardless of whether they played minimum 6 games in that year
- 2.4.2 Format will be a medal
- 2.4.3 This will be played as part of year end games.
- 2.4.4 Pairings will, preferably, be based on the Order of Merit basis.
- 2.4.5 Winner is the player with the best NET score over 2 rounds.

2.5 THABO BOSHOMA

- 2.5.1 All members and visitors will play in this competition
- 2.5.2 The format will be IPS
- 2.5.3 The winner is the player who achieves the most Individual Stableford points over 2 rounds of golf
- 2.5.4 Participants in the other competitions will adopt both scoring methods (Medal & IPS).
- 2.5.5 Pairings will be determined by the Captain and will take into cognisance a combination of factors including handicaps of visitors and country members, as well as OOM position for members.
- 2.5.6 The winner is the player who achieves the most Individual Stableford points over 2 rounds.

2.6 CHAMP OF CHAMPS

- 2.6.1 The top 50% of the OOM qualify for this competition
- 2.6.2 Format will be medal
- 2.6.3 Winner will be declared Champ of Champs and will be given the **DGS green jacket**
- 2.6.4 Should the qualifiers not all be available, only the available members will compete. For clarity – there shall be no automatic ascendance based on the non-availability of legitimately qualified members.
- 2.6.5 Participants must have played a minimum of 6 games as a member for the year of the Competition
- 2.6.6 Format will be medal played over 2 rounds

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2.6.7 Pairings will, preferably, be based on the Order of Merit.

2.6.8 Winner is the player with the best NET score over the 2 rounds

2.7 UGS

2.7.1 All full members but not Country members are eligible for selection for UGS games. Country members are only eligible when full members are not available to play.

2.7.2 Attendance is compulsory for all members picked.

3 COUNT-OUT RULES

3.1. In the event of a tie in any of the DGS competitions listed above, the player with low handicap is the winner. If handicaps are equal strokes on the holes will be used.

3.2. In the case of the Singles Knock Out, if the game ends in a tie (all square) after 18 holes the players must continue on a sudden death basis. Should it be not possible to complete the game on the same day, the match will be completed in an 18-hole replay till there is a winner.

4 HANDICAP FOR DGS GAMES

4.1. Members will play off their official handicaps as reflected on the **www.handicaps.co.za** site. Any member who does not have a handicap on the website will be deemed to be a scratch player and will therefore be expected to play off scratch until the issue has been resolved. Should the issue be subsequently resolved, no corrections will be made for the games played under penalty, even if the error was due to an administration error at the club where a member is handicapped.

4.2. The maximum allowable handicap for Dinaledi members (including visitors) is 18.

4.3. **It is compulsory that all DGS scores (regardless of your status when you played) are entered in the SAGA Handicap website (www.handicaps.co.za). Failure to do so is punishable; Such player will be forced to play the following games off scratch (until the error is corrected)**

4.4. It is each member's responsibility to ensure that their handicap is up to date and accurately reflects all their Dinaledi games.

4.5. Any member (in good standing or otherwise) is expected to enter all their scores for handicap purposes for the day the game was played.

4.6. The Captains may disqualify any member who plays off the wrong handicap to their benefit (i.e. play off 12 when their true handicap is lower than 12). No player will be disqualified if the scores are added incorrectly. The error will be corrected.

4.7. The score is the responsibility of the player (not marker) and any errors and omissions will be deemed the player's fault. It is therefore to your advantage to double check the scoring after each round before signing.

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- 4.8. The Captain will monitor handicaps on a regular basis and will inform members if he notices anomalies which may impact on the club's competitions, this includes but not limited to players who seemingly fail to record scores obtained in non-Dinaledi competitions. This is cheating as the handicap is not a true reflection of such a player's abilities. If a player plays only once a month, the Captain will enquire as to why that is. Players whose handicaps remain constantly high even while featuring in the Top 10 of the OOM will be closely monitored and if any sign of cheating is suspected, will be spoken to with a view to correcting the unsporting behavior. Handicaps rise and fall and consistent players will likely see an improvement in their handicaps.
- 4.9. Any member reserves the right of appeal in line with the DGS Constitution and code of conduct.
- 4.10. Entering your scores is made easy. It can be done at the club where the game was played (terminals are provided), at your own club, using an iPhone app or via the **www.handicaps.co.za** website. Scores have to be entered for the date and time of the day the match took place. This is due to the varied course ratings that are used to calculate the day's differential. Furthermore, a correct date avoids any dispute as the Captains cannot be expected to guess that the Monday reflected on your handicap is a mistaken reference to our Sunday monthly games.

5 WEATHER INTERRUPTIONS

As a rule, DGS promotes the safety of golf and will not encourage continued play under adverse weather conditions (lightening and hail). Therefore, in the event of hail or lightening or both:

5.1. In the case of the OOM Monthly and/or Singles KO;

- 5.1.1. Where all players finished at least 9 holes, the winner/s for the month will be determined on the scores returned for the 9 holes, irrespective of the tee box used, minus half their handicap (rounded off).
- 5.1.2. There will be one winner per nine (for purposes of the OOM) as other courses have a substantial difference in the difficulty of each nine.
- 5.1.3. Where, the minimum 9 holes were not completed, a No Return will be submitted for all players, and the match will be replayed where possible (or abandoned completely).
- 5.1.4. Where a match is abandoned for the year, the minimum number of games to be played will be reduced by the number of abandoned games. Every effort will hence be made to replay games interrupted by inclement weather (siren sounded by the club)
- 5.1.5. For the Singles KO, the match will be abandoned and subject to replay.
- 5.1.6. Participants who complete at least 9 holes are expected to enter their handicaps as the handicap system now allows for 9 holes to be entered.
- 5.1.7. In the event of lightning, every player has a right to walk off the course. However, if the weather condition does not involve lightning, then the decision whether to abandon play will be

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determined by the Management of the Golf Club, or the Dinaledi Golf Society Captain or a representative acting on behalf of the Captain.

5.2. In the case of the Stars Championship, Champ of Champs & Boshoma Open

5.2.1. A minimum of 18 holes over the two competition days will be required to determine the winner.

5.2.2. Where the minimum 18 holes is not achieved, the competition will be rescheduled to a later date to be determined by the Executive Committee. In the event of lightning, every player has a right to walk off the course. However, if the weather conditions do not involve lightning, then the decision whether to abandon play will be determined by the Management of the Golf Club, or the Dinaledi Golf Society Captain, or a representative acting on behalf of the Dinaledi Captain

6 NO SHOW

6.1 Not showing up without informing the game organizer, the guilty member will have to pay the visitors fees, with regards to UGS member may be disqualified from further participation in the UGS for that season.

7 FINES

7.1 Any player who fails to comply with uniform for the day, will be liable for R50 fine

7.2 Player playing off single-digit handicap to be fined R100 for a score of 90 and above

7.3 A player playing off double-digit handicap will be fined R100 for a score of 100 and above

8 GENERAL

8.1 Membership at DGS is voluntary and members are to abide by all rules, Code of Conduct and Constitution of the club. Any persistent behaviour and unbecoming behaviour may lead to disciplinary action or member's membership terminated.

8.2 All match day participants to arrive at the golf course 30 minutes in advance of their scheduled tee-off time as published in the website or WhatsApp. Tee off times will have been communicated by email and WhatsApp.

8.3 Players must report to their tee-boxes 10 minutes before tee - off

8.4 Please follow all applicable Rules of Golf, including Local Rules of all courses we play. In case of a dispute, play two balls and refer matter to Captain or Club Pro.

8.5 Remember that in all Dinaledi games (except UGS and Singles Knock-Out) your opponents may not necessarily be in your four-ball. Giving putts, mulligans, do-overs, would therefore prejudice the rest of the field, unless these are allowed by the rules of golf, or local rules (e.g. hitting power lines)

8.6 Keep up with the four-ball in front of you. Slow play is a disease and like any disease, it must be eradicated. Your position on the field is determined by the four ball ahead of you, not the one

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behind you. However, if players play to the pace recommended by the club and are not slowing the four ball behind them, they cannot be deemed to be slow. However, they should allow the four ball behind them to pass, without impacting the rest of the field.

- 8.7 Visitor green fees are green fees charged by the specific golf course plus R100 for drinks and snacks, unless a different rate is communicated by the Captains before the game. The visitor fees need to be settled with the Treasurer prior to the game or with the Captains of each four-ball during the game. It is not the responsibility of the Captains to demand payment from visitors. This remains the responsibility of the member inviting the visitor. In some cases, visitors will be required to deposit the green fees into the Dinaledi club account to confirm their booking.