

# BRADSHAW RANCH GC COUPLES CLUB

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

**“THE OBJECT OF THIS CLUB IS TO MEET NEW PEOPLE AND TO HAVE FUN.  
THE MOST IMPORTANT RULE IS TO ENJOY YOURSELVES!”**

**Founders Al and Dusty Hess (1991)**

1. **Annual dues** are \$20.00 per couple and \$10.00 per single. Each member will be charged the regular Course rate for a 9-hole round of golf plus \$2.00 for the prize pool. Members are also charged a \$2.00 fee to maintain a hole-in-one insurance fund. When a member scores a hole-in-one, the fund pays for a round of drinks for the members who are present. The fund must then be reestablished with an additional \$2 assessment.

2. **Handicaps** are based on an “average-over-par”-type system and do not conform to USGA requirements. They are recalculated after each round. A couples’ handicap is the aggregate of their individual handicaps. **A complete description of the system is contained in Addendum ‘A’ to these Rules and Regulations.** Flights are based on the couples’ handicaps. Competitors will be divided as closely as possible into flights of equal number. However, couples with the same handicap must compete in the same flight.

### 3. **Pace of play:**

(a) Keep up with group in front of you

(b) If you have not completed a hole by your seventh stroke, pick up your ball and take a score of seven for the hole.

(c) Do not spend more than three (3) minutes looking for a lost ball

4. **Winter rules apply year round:** You may pick up your ball, clean it, and place it no more than six (6) inches from the spot where it landed, no closer to the hole, without penalty. If your shot goes in the water hazard, go to the designated drop area and take one (1) penalty stroke. If you land in standing water or in the dirt areas at the base of a tree on the fairway, you may move the ball two (2) club lengths away from the water or obstruction, but no closer to the hole, without penalty.

5. **Ditches and trees on the perimeter** (inside the fences): The ditch and the tree lined dirt areas inside the perimeter fence are in play. If your ball isn’t playable after

you take your free six inch drop, you must declare it unplayable. If a ball is declared unplayable, a one-stroke penalty is assessed and (1) it may be dropped within 2 club lengths from where it lies, no closer to the hole or (2) it may be moved back any distance directly away from the hole along a line extending from the hole through ball or (3) it may be returned to the spot where the ball was last struck. If there is a possibility that a player's ball might be lost or out of bounds, the player should hit a provisional ball and take a one stroke penalty. If the first ball is found, a player must play the original ball without penalty.

6. **Divots and ball marks** should be repaired by players. Please help the course staff by repairing your own damage, as well as any others that you might see.

7. **Practice swings** are those that are made before the ball is addressed. Once you address the ball, a stroke will be counted, even a miss ("whiff").

8. **Championship Tournaments (Club and Best Ball):**

(a) Each player must have an *established* Club handicap before being eligible for prizes in these tournaments.

(b) Each couple must exchange scorecards with the other couple in the foursome.

9. **Sign-up sheets** will be available for the next scheduled competition. Please sign up for the first available tee time or wait to until your desired time is the next available. It's a hardship on the Starter and the host Course to leave gaps in our starting times. Also, please call the course and notify the Starter if you are not going to make your scheduled tee time. The sign-up sheet is posted on the Couples Club bulletin board inside the clubhouse for members who may need to sign up later. The Course Starter will remove the sheet on the morning of the competition to transfer the requested tee times to the official Course start schedule.

## **ADDENDUM A TO THE CLUB RULES AND REGULATIONS**

# THE HANDICAPPING SYSTEM

Because Bradshaw Ranch Golf Course is not a USGA rated course, the Club handicaps are calculated using a software program designed for casual golf leagues called "Choice Golf Handicap System". The handicaps produced by this system are for this Club's use only. It is a modified "average-over-par"-type system and does not conform to USGA requirements in the following areas:

1. There is no stroke adjustment. The USGA system uses equitable stroke adjustments which limit the number of stroke per hole based on a player's handicap. The local rule for this club limits the number of strokes per hole that may be marked on a score card to seven (7).
2. There is no handicap limit. The USGA system limits the 18-hole handicaps to 36 for men and 40 for women.
3. The "Choice" system only considers the lowest four (4) rounds of the last six (6) rounds played in the calculation of the handicaps. The USGA uses the lowest 10 of the last 20 rounds played.
4. The "Choice" system generates handicaps using the lowest scores as follows:

<u>Rounds Played</u>	<u>Rounds Used</u>	<u>Handicap Factor</u>
1	1	80%
2	2	80%
3	2	85%
4	2	90%
5	3	90%
6	4	95%

This system is designed to more accurately reflect a casual golfer's current playing ability and to provide high handicap players with a means to compete.