

Stardust Men's Golf Club Handbook

History:

Stardust golf course opened for play in November, 1980. The Stardust Men's Golf Club was certified as a Chartered Club by the Recreation Centers of Sun City West (RCSCW) on February 28, 1983.

Dues:

Annual dues are \$30.00 and fees are based on when a member joins or renews. Fees for new members are based on when the new member joins the Club. If the new member joins between January 1st and May 31st the fee is \$30.00. If they join between June 1st and September 30th the fee is \$20.00. If they join between October 1st and December 31st there is no fee provided that they renew their membership for the following year. Dues for members who renew for the following year between October 1st and the second Wednesday of January are \$30.00. If the member renews later than the second Wednesday in January a \$5.00 late penalty is charged and added to the dues.

Hole In One Fund:

If a member opts to participate in the Hole In One Fund there is a \$1.00 fee added to their dues for the year. Those members who score a hole in one during Club play or Club sponsored events during the calendar year of membership (1-1 through 12-31) will receive an even split of the fund at the annual awards luncheon the following spring.

Handicaps:

The Club will maintain handicap records for all current members in good standing.

The Club uses computer software for determining a member's handicap. All valid rounds played in the Club's weekly competitions are recorded in the system and used to determine a member's handicap.

Our handicapping information is partially available to absolutely everyone on the Internet by accessing the URL below.

<https://stardust.golfclub.net/cm/web/site/page.html?clubId=11395>

Only people that have been issued a login ID and password can access the working portions of the application to make any additions, deletions or modifications. Once accessed via this URL, if you click on "VIEW GOLFERS" you'll be presented with a list of all active members of our club. At this point you can select any golfer and you will be presented with his handicaps for any of our seven SCW golf courses from any tee location. If you click on "SCORES" you will see his last twenty scores and the scores that are being used for determining his handicap are highlighted. If you go back to the prior page and click on "HOW ARE HANDICAPS CALCULATED?", you will see the formula the program is using for calculations. If you go back to the prior page again you also have the ability to find out his handicap for absolutely any golf course by clicking on "HANDICAP FOR ANY COURSE/TEE" and entering the "RATING, SLOPE AND PAR" for the course.

Club Rules for Weekly Play:

Only members of the Club may be scheduled to play by the Club Monitor.

Weekly Club Play is normally scheduled on Wednesday mornings year round. All events and competitions are governed by the 2019 USGA Rules of Golf and the rules in this Handbook.

Tee time registration for weekly play shall be made one week in advance with the team captain or the Club Monitor. Members who sign up late will be assigned a tee time.

Check-in time is at least 15 minutes before a member's scheduled tee time.

The Club Monitor has the discretion to rotate players or groups to different tee times either when asked to do so or for other reasons.

There is no guarantee that all members can be accommodated on a given Wednesday. Should it happen that there are more members than tee time slots the Club Monitor will determine how best to accommodate those members who could not play into the schedule for the next week.

Members are required to pay the Club Monitor fee at the beginning of their round. The first member listed in the group's tee time (or the member keeping score) is responsible for collecting the fee from the other members and giving it to the Club Monitor at the end of the round along with the scorecard for the round.

Teeing the ball: The tee box is a rectangle bounded by the tee markers on the front and a line two club lengths behind the markers. The penalty for teeing the ball outside the tee box is 2 strokes and a re-tee within the tee box.

Permitted relief: You may take two club lengths relief without penalty from a cart path or curb, the yardage markers and stakes, any sprinkler head, irrigation cover or drip line that interferes with your swing or stance but no closer to the hole. The same applies if your ball is in bounds, but your swing or stance is interfered with by adjoining property walls/fences, obstructions along the boundary line or if your ball is behind a box that protrudes into the course.

Out of bounds: White out-of-bounds stakes mark the boundaries of the course and the driving range. If your ball goes out of bounds you must take a 1 stroke penalty and hit another ball from the spot where you hit the ball out-of-bounds (stroke and distance).

Lost balls: If you cannot locate your ball within 3 minutes then you must return to where the previous stroke was made and play another ball with a 1 stroke penalty.

Tree wells: There is no free drop from a tree well unless the tree is staked or banded. You may declare an unplayable lie and drop your ball within two club lengths with a 1 stroke penalty.

Bunkers: You may not ground your club or touch the ball in the bunker prior to stroking the ball. Grounding your club is a 1 stroke penalty.

Wet lie: You may take a free drop to the nearest dry area no closer to the hole. If the ball is in a bunker in casual water you must drop within the bunker unless it has been designated as ground under repair.

Bodies of water: All bodies of water (lakes, streams & creeks, whether having water in them at the moment or not) shall be played as penalty areas.

Putting: The ball must be holed using a club. If you pick up your ball or do not hole it before proceeding to the next tee you are disqualified.

Golf Etiquette: Play Ready Golf

On the tee: The player who is ready should hit. Shorter hitters should hit when it is clear ahead.

Tee to Green: Take appropriate clubs when approaching your ball. Be ready to hit when it's your turn or you can hit safely.

On the green: Continuous putting speeds up play. If you miss your first putt, finish out.

Short Cuts: Mark your scores at the next tee. When you are driving the car, drop your partner at his ball, then continue on to yours.

Keep Up With The Group In Front Of Yours. Always try to keep up with the group ahead – just don't hit into them. Don't worry about the group behind.

Scoring:

The Club Monitor has the authority to disqualify any scorecard that is not filled out properly, dated and signed by two members.

Each member is responsible for reporting his score to the member keeping score for your group. If there is an adjustment it should be reported to the scorer promptly. Check your score before the card is turned in.

Scorecards must be legible and list the last name of the members and their first name initial. Erase errors – do not cross them out and write the correction on a different line. Show adjustments clearly, add scores, deduct handicaps, note gross and net scores.

Rain or Frost Delay:

Any rain or frost delay will be handled by the Starter in accordance with RCSCW policy. Any refunds or credits for greens fees will be handled by the Starter according to RCSCW policy. If a round is canceled during play any Sweeps fees will not be refunded. The fees will be carried over to the next regular event.

Championship and Special Events:

The Club Championship is held over the first two weeks in March. Members do not have to sign up to participate. Regular groupings will be permitted. Members must play both days to be eligible for the Championship and awards. Awards will be given to the members who place 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each flight based on their net scores for the championship. The Club Champion will be the member with the lowest gross score. If there is a tie at the end of the Championship, special groupings may be arranged for the next week to decide the winner. During the Championship normal Sweeps will be paid on the rounds played.

The Club Board and Monitor may schedule special events and games. These are designed for your pleasure and enjoyment and to add variety to our schedule. All members are eligible to play in these events and games. The events are typically advertised at least 2 weeks in advance. The rules and procedures for the event are available at the Clubhouse on the day of the event.

Temporary Notices:

Temporary rules and information such as lift clean and place, ground under repair, bees, tree down etc. will be posted on either the Club's bulletin board at the clubhouse or on the website.