



**KEN MCDONALD  
WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION  
2025-2026**

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**Ken McDonald Golf Course**  
**2025-2026**

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**Jacob Suarez, PGA**  
**Tournament and League Coordinator**

**Clubhouse Restaurant**  
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## **WELCOME**

We are happy you have joined Ken McDonald Women's Golf Association. The club's first formal season was played in 1976-77 and it was originally named Tempe Women's Golf Club until the 1986-1987 season. The league provides friendly and fun competitions and an opportunity to make new friends. Our events are flighted, so all levels have a chance to win prizes. Additionally, there is NO extra fee to play in the POD (Play of the Day) rounds, nor to receive a payout at the end of the season for each Birdie and Chip-In.

This booklet will answer questions regarding tee times, scorecards, handicaps, tournaments, POD requirements and our schedule of events for the year. Other questions should be directed to the applicable Board Member or Event Chairperson.

This Membership Book is meant to provide additional information to that which is provided in the Association By-Laws and Standing Rules and does not override those documents.

## **2025-2026 BOARD MEMBERS**

President	Tressa Dittmer
Vice President	Laura Forbes
Secretary	Dawn Demmer
Treasurer	Jackie Freeberg
AGA Representative	Rebecca Duwe
Tournament Director	Penny Kline
Handicap/Membership	Naomi Rodriquez

### **Committee**

Rules

State Medallion

Team Captains

POD

Chip-In, Birdies &

Hole In-One

Tee Time Helper

Coordinators

### **Chairpersons**

Rebecca Duwe

Tressa Dittmer

Jacob Suarez, PGA

Rebecca Duwe

Doreen Schroeder

Rebecca Duwe

Laura Forbes

Jackie Freeberg

Ann Veeh

Cathy Engstrom

Website Administrators	Lynda-Lee Saunier Shereen Lerner
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Notice Board	Amy Walker
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**Past Presidents**

C. Schupp  
C. Schupp  
C. Schupp  
C. Shumaker  
C. Shumaker  
C. Shumaker  
E. Koos  
E. Koos  
E. Koos  
P. Bandura  
P. Bandura  
P. Bandura  
M. Davis  
D. Coughlin  
B. Steele/B.Samford  
J. Smith  
B. Adams  
B. Adams  
B. Adams  
G. Mills  
M. Alexander  
L. Dennis  
S. Stewart  
S. Stewart

**Year**

2024-25  
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2022-23  
2021-22  
2020-21  
2019-20  
2018-19  
2017-18  
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2009-10  
2008-09  
2007-08  
2006-07  
2005-06  
2004-05  
2003-04  
2002-03  
2001-02

**Champions**

D. Schroeder  
K. McHenry  
M. Reeves  
M. Gisiger  
L. Prescott  
K. McHenry  
K. Taylor  
K. Taylor  
K. Taylor  
C. Gaintner  
S. Kupchick  
S. Kupchick  
J. Baird  
C. Shumaker  
S. Kane  
S. Kupchick  
C. Schmoyer  
S. Kane  
C. Pallas  
C. Pallas  
P. Clarke  
C. Hoffland  
C. Hoffland  
K. Olson

**Past Presidents**

J. Bell  
C. Comer  
C. Comer  
B. Livdahl  
B. Livdahl  
J. Howe  
P. Lewis  
A. Pittman  
J. Bryant  
J. Forney  
L. Grabe  
C. Thomas  
J. Kies  
J. Westermann  
B. Bell  
N. Smith  
E. Nussear  
E. Nussear  
J. Murphy  
P. Kwiatkowski  
T. Cutler  
L. Wilson  
P. Morrell  
B. Payne  
G. Connolly

**Year**

2000-01  
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1989-99  
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**Champions**

L. Wardenburg  
L. Wardenburg  
D. Parales  
M. Cruikshank  
M. Cruikshank  
P. Stavrou  
M. Cruikshank  
M. Cruikshank  
M. Cruikshank  
J. Forney  
S. Hamrick  
S. Hamrick  
K. Huston  
K. Huston  
N. Fox  
N. Smith  
D. Dotzler  
D. Dotzler  
M. Guernsey  
M. Guernsey  
M. Guernsey  
M. Guernsey  
L. Vollerman



## **Membership**

Any woman may apply for membership either online at AZgolf.org or by contacting the Handicap/Membership Chairperson. To become a member, a woman must have an established handicap or submit three completed 18-hole scores from USGA rated courses to the Handicap/Membership Chairperson at time of joining.

In order to maintain your membership, you must pay dues online to AGA. Dues for regular members are \$55 for the KMWGA season plus any applicable AGA annual dues and are due the first of October. Membership includes: a copy of the KMWGA Membership Book, access to the USGA handicap system, tournaments, chip-ins, birdies, and hole-in-one pay-outs. Club dues for seasonal membership (joining after January 1, 2025) are \$35 plus any applicable AGA dues.

Associate memberships are available for \$20 plus any applicable AGA dues. This entitles the associate to only record scores and establishes a handicap by way of the on-line handicap system. It does not include league play privileges nor eligibility for league payouts *but does*

*allow the member to play in the State Medallion on the designated days.*

Decisions made at the end-of-year Spring General Membership meeting will be upheld through the league year unless there are unforeseeable changes made by the golf course management.

### **Refund Policy**

If a KMWGA Member is unable to play more than three days of our full year due to an unforeseen life event, not limited to but including a death in the family, an illness or injury or a move out of the greater Phoenix area, she is eligible for an adjustment of status to an Associate Member and may receive a refund for the difference of the dues. KMWGA members who qualify for the above conditions must personally request this in writing including their reason for discontinuing play to the Board President. The Board President, Vice President and Treasurer will make the decision to refund by a majority vote. The petitioning member will be notified of the decision in writing by the Board President.

## **League Play**

The KMWGA pre-season begins the first week of September and runs until course overseeding closure. The official season begins the first week in November and runs until the end of May. League play is every Tuesday morning.

## **Tee Times**

Tee times are obtained online through **Tee Time Helper** for yourself and up to three other members. An email will be sent to all members Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 pm inviting them to RSVP for the next week's play and to select their tee time. All players will receive a follow-up email with their chosen tee time from TTH.

The online site is open until Monday evening allowing members to sign up, change their tee time, or cancel. Any changes after Monday evening can be done by calling the Pro Shop. Should you need to cancel at the last minute, a call or text to your playing partners is always good etiquette.

### **Starting Tee Times Will Be As Follows:**

7:30 am – November 5 through December 3

8:00 am – December 10 through March 4

7:30 am – March 11 through April 29

7:00 am – May

### **Golf Etiquette and Slow Play**

Slow play is one of the greatest breaches of etiquette. There's no excuse for slow play, and it doesn't matter what level golfer you are. The tips below aren't designed to rush you but instead to help you be ready to play at a prompt pace.

**Keep up with the group in front of you** - Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you, not immediately in front of the group behind you. If you are consistently not able to keep up and a gap opens in front of you, invite the group behind you to play through, irrespective of the number of players in the group.

**Play ready golf** - There is no need to debate, particularly when you are in the fairway, who is furthest out. The first

person who is ready should hit. That goes for the tee box as well.

**Be ready for your turn** - Don't sit and wait while your cart-partner plays; get ready for your own shot and be ready to hit when it's your turn.

**Don't wait in the cart for your partner** - drop her off, go to your ball and get ready for your shot. If you want to leave the cart, take a couple of clubs, and start walking.

**Be timely** - strive to play in 20 seconds. That includes selecting your club, proceeding through your pre-shot routine and executing the shot. Limit yourself to one or two practice swings.

**Be efficient on the green** - when you arrive at the green, immediately mark your ball and start the process of reading your putt, even if it's not your turn. If you leave a putt two feet short or long, putt out instead of re-marking your ball.

**When in doubt, hit a provisional (UNLESS you intend to use the local rule) -** save time by not having to go back and re-hit from the last spot.

**Park the cart appropriately** – place your cart or bag toward the back of the green and on the side that is nearest the next tee box, in order to take the speediest path to the next tee.

**Fill out the scorecard on the next tee box** - not beside the green where you just putted out.

**You may pick up your ball and not finish a hole.**

If you pick up your ball, mark an "X" on the card. For posting purposes, you would post your Maximum Score on the Hole following the World Handicap System (*see last page*). If you pick up your ball during tournament play, you will be disqualified from play. For POD, if you pick up your ball on one of the holes that is a part of the POD, you will be disqualified from the POD.

## **Scorecards**

- Members are responsible for accurate scoring.
- Two master scorecards must be kept, and both turned in for all POD rounds and non-mixer tournaments. This ensures there are two scorers for each player and replaces exchanging cards.
- Last names, first names, and handicap for each player should appear on each master POD scorecard.
- All scorecards must be signed by the scorer and attested to (signed) by one other person in their group.
- All scorecards should be turned in at the designated location.
- All scores must be posted to USGA.

## **Posting Scores**

The USGA requests that players submit their scores as soon as possible on the day of play after completion of their round, and before midnight. Posting can be done online at [ghin.com](http://ghin.com) or on the mobile app.

Every round you play should be posted, whether the round is played during or outside of league play, and regardless of where it was played (Ken McDonald, or another course). This includes 9-hole rounds.

We always recommend posting rounds using the Hole-by-Hole method, because the system will automatically calculate your maximum strokes on each hole.

If you played 9 holes you can post using either the “Total Score” or “Hole-by-Hole option. If you played between 10 and 17 holes, the only way to post that score is to use the Hole-by-Hole option.

Maintaining an accurate handicap is important. The Handicap Chairperson will monitor all postings. Gross scores less required adjustments (see World Handicap System) must be posted after completion of each round.

**\*POSTING SCORES IS MANDATORY\***



**World Handicap System – Maximum Score on a Hole**  
(see chart at back of book)

Posting your score must follow the World Handicap System. You should *not* post *total scores* that include per hole scores that are higher than the “**Maximum Score on the Hole**,” which is known as Double Bogey plus Strokes, or Net Double Bogey.

**Net Double Bogey = Par of the hole + 2 strokes  
+ ‘pops’ for the hole.**

‘Pops’ are the handicap strokes the player is entitled to receive on that hole based on their Course Handicap.

NOTE: Your *actual score* should always be turned in for KMWGA tournaments and PODs.

If you post your score hole by hole, the GHIN system will automatically adjust your score to the maximum score for the hole for you!

### **Chip-Ins and Birdies**

Holes-in-one, chip-ins, and birdies should be recorded and attested in the single, 3-ring binder/notebook located on the League table after the completion of your round.

Prize money for chip-ins and birdies is included in your dues. During league play, each member in good standing who chips into the cup from off the green, or has a birdie is eligible for \$1.00 payout per chip-in and/or birdie. Monies are paid at the Awards Mixer luncheon. During scramble play only chip-ins apply.

The last day to record chip-ins or birdies for payout for each season is the week prior to the Awards Mixer. Chip-ins and birdies may also be recorded through the end of the season, and these will be carried over to the following season.

## **Hole-In-One**

\$1 of your dues goes toward hole-in-one payouts. All hole-in-ones accomplished during league play will be awarded at the Awards Mixer. If there are multiple winners, the payout is split equally. After any payout(s), the hole-in-one reserve will start the following season. If there is no winner, existing reserve funds will be carried over to next season.

If a hole-in-one is accomplished during the Awards Mixer or in league play after the Awards Mixer, it will be included in the following season.

## **Course Boundaries**

Ken McDonald course boundaries (out-of-bounds) are defined/marked by one of the following:

- Residential and business fences/walls that define the course boundary
- Curbing on the course side of City “multi-use-paths” on #1, #2, #5, #7, #14, #15, and #16 (short wall)
- Hittable balls on the OOB side of the curbing are OOB

- Curbing behind the green on #1, #7 and #18
- White stakes around the driving range

### **Penalty Areas**

All KM lakes as well as the canal along hole number 4 are red penalty areas. There is a drop zone on Hole 8. There are no drop zones on any of the other holes with water. As there are no red penalty lines surrounding any bodies of water at Ken McDonald, the penalty line will be considered the edge of the water. Click here for a video explanation on how to take drop from penalty areas. [Penalty Area Video \(1:29 minutes\)](#)

### **Local Rules**

USGA Rules of Golf apply. Electronic measuring devices are permissible. Play the ball as it lies. Do not move your ball unless permitted to do so by USGA Rules. If your ball is on bare ground, play it as it lies. There is *no relief* except where designated by course markers. KMWGA has adopted the following USGA Model Local Rules:

### **Lost or Out of Bounds Ball**

KMWGA has adopted USGA Model Local Rule E-5 for lost or OB Balls. This is an alternative to stroke and distance. You *may* use this rule for a 2-stroke penalty. Diagrams and further information are posted in the locker room. Rule E5.

### **Abnormal Course Conditions**

All tire ruts are to be treated as an Abnormal Course Condition. If the tire rut interferes with a player's stance or swing, a player will receive free relief from the interference under Rule 16. The definition of the area is the outermost edge of the tire rut. (Abnormal Course Condition does not apply in the bunker.)

### **Sprinkler Relief**

This allows players a reasonable line of play when putting onto the green. If a sprinkler head is in the player's line and is within two club-lengths of the green *and* is within two club-lengths of their ball, they may take "free" relief from the sprinkler head. Find a spot that is the nearest point of relief, drop your ball within a club-length, and putt from there.

### **Tie Breaker Rule**

USGA scorecard playoff rules will be used for all ties with the exception of Club Championship. The rule is: Back 9, back 6 (holes 13-18), back 3 (16-18). If still tied, then hole by hole starting with 18, 17, etc., until the tie is broken.

In NET tournaments, a fraction of each player's handicap is deducted from the gross score of that stretch of holes: last 9 deduct  $1/2$ ; last 6 deduct  $1/3$ ; last 3 deduct  $1/6$ . Fractional playing handicap is rounded (.5 rounds up, i.e.  $5.5 = 6$ ) before deducting from the gross score.

In the event of a multi-day tournament, the above rule will apply to the most recent common day the players played *and* the round counts in the event.

## **POD –Play of the Day**

- Your annual membership dues include entry into each Play of the Day to cover prize money.
- Prizes for POD will be awarded by flights.
- Ties will split the applicable award.
- Weekly winners are emailed to the membership.
- Winnings are credited to the player's account in the Pro Shop and may be used for food and beverage, or merchandise.
- Incorrect, incomplete, unsigned or unattested cards may not be accepted for that week's POD.
- *You must post your score by midnight on Wednesday to receive any POD winnings.*
- Handicaps used for POD are from the Monday prior to play.
- Maximum of 40 handicap allowed.

## **Special Events**

Opening Mixer*	November 4
Holiday Mixer/Lunch*	December 9
Rules Clinic	February 3
Spring Mixer*	March 3
Awards Mixer/Lunch & Year End Meeting*	April 28

\*On Mixer Days we encourage participants to ride in a cart

If you sign up for one of the mixers and cannot play, you must notify the Tournament Director (see page 4 for board members and current Tournament Director), a minimum of one hour prior to tee time to give her time to adjust the pairings as needed. Failure to notify her may disqualify you from participating in future mixers this current year.



## **Special Tournaments**

Tournament Committees run special tournaments. See individual tournament sections below for tournament specifics. **All Special Tournaments are flighted, with an overall winner as well as winners in each flight.** If you are unable to play the number of weeks required for a tournament, do not sign up. You must post your score by midnight on Thursday to receive any Tournament winnings.

## **Player Eligibility**

- Active members in good standing who have paid their dues and have an established handicap will be eligible to play in the first tournament of the year.
- President's Cup: A member must have played on five (5) league play days to play in the President's Cup. However, a late season member is eligible if she has played in at least 50% of league rounds from the time she joined up to the first day of the President's Cup tournament; but she must have played in no less than 2 league rounds.

- Club Championship: A member must have played on five (5) league play days to play in the Club Championship.
- A written request for exemption to the above may be forwarded to the Board with an appropriate amount of time for Board consideration-

The Tournament Committee will provide a ‘Tournament Rules’ document for each tournament including rules, scoring, prizes, tee times and play days required. If a player is unable to play, she may request a refund of her entry fee prior to the morning of the tournament start.

### **Flighting Special Tournaments:**

KMWGA strives to create fair and equitable flights for each special tournament. Hence, flights may be different sizes, pay a different number of places, and may be different from tournament to tournament.

### **Rain Cancellation for tournaments**

Tournament day cancellations due to weather will be declared only after a Ken McDonald staff member and the Tournament Director determine the course is

unplayable. We do play in the rain. If play is canceled, those responsible for canceling will notify all players in the field. If players complete 13+ holes, their equitable score should be posted. Only birdies, chip-ins and hole-in-ones made during sanctioned play count.

**\*Eclectic\*** No fee to play

Low net score per hole over 3 rounds. You don't have to play in all 3 rounds to be eligible, but of course, the more you play the better your chances of improving! And winning! Members make their own tee times. Your handicap shall remain the same for the tournament. Maximum of 40 handicap allowed.

**\*State Medallion\***

Two best GROSS and NET rounds out of four. Winner of each category will qualify to compete with all other AGA member clubs in State Medallion Tournament held in January of the next season. Maximum of 40 handicap allowed. The player's current handicap will be applied to each round submitted. Associate members may play in the State Medallion.

KMWGA pays the entry fee for members in good standing when the tournament is held.

**\*Partner Best Ball\*** – Fee: \$10.00 per team

This is a two-week tournament. Tee times will be assigned each week by the committee, with lowest combined handicaps starting first each week. The handicaps will remain the same for the tournament. Maximum of 40 handicap allowed.

**\*President's Cup\*** – Fee: \$5.00 per person

This is a **Net** tournament played over two consecutive weeks. Players must play both weeks to be eligible.

The player with the low net total over 36 holes will be the overall winner. First round tee times assigned according to handicap. Second round tee times assigned within each flight based on first week's score. Handicap will remain the same for the tournament. Maximum of 40 handicap allowed.

*\*See "Special Tournaments" section for eligibility requirements.*

**\*Club Championship\*** – Fee: \$5.00 per person

This is a **Gross** tournament played over two consecutive weeks. Players **must** play both weeks to be eligible.

The player with the low Gross total over 36 holes will be the overall winner. First round tee times assigned according to handicap. Second round tee times assigned within each flight based on first week's score.

Should a tie occur during Club Championship, the following procedure will be initiated: If there is a tie for the Overall Champion, there will be a sudden death playoff starting on hole number one. They will play until someone wins a hole. If there is a tie within the flights, it will be done as in the USGA rules.

*\*See “Special Tournaments” section for eligibility requirements.*



# KEN MCDONALD WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION



## 2025-2026 Season Calendar (8-5-25)

<b>September</b> 7:00 or 7:30 Tee Times 2 Pre-Season - Open Play 9 Pre-Season - Open Play 16 Pre-Season - Open Play 23 Pre-Season - Open Play 30 Pre-Season - Open Play	<b>February</b> 3 POD - EVENS - 8:00 Shotgun Rules Clinic 10 President's Cup #1 17 President's Cup #2 24 POD - A Wing & A Prayer
<b>October</b> 7 Pre-Season - Open Play 14 Pre-Season - Open Play 21 No Play - Overseeding 28 No Play - Overseeding	<b>March</b> 7:30 Tee Time 3 Spring Mixer - 8:00 Shotgun 10 POD - Front 9 Only & SM #3 17 POD - Center Cut 24 Club Championship #1 31 Club Championship #2
<b>November</b> 7:30 Tee Time 4 Opening Mixer - 8:00 Shotgun 11 Eclectic #1 18 Eclectic #2 25 POD - FORE!!	<b>April</b> 7 8:00 Shotgun POD - True & False 14 POD - Back 9 Only & SM #4 21 POD - Long & Short 28 Awards Mixer - 8:00 Shotgun
<b>December</b> 8:00 Tee Time 2 Eclectic #3 9 Holiday Mixer - 8:00 Shotgun 16 POD - ODDS & SM #1 23 POD - Rudolph's N.O.S.E 30 POD - Alpha & Omega	<b>May</b> 7:00 Tee Time 5 POD - Straight Up 12 POD - 4 Clubs & A Putter 19 POD - Hold the Green 26 Open Play - No POD
<b>January</b> 6 POD - Big Easy - 8:00 Shotgun 13 Partner Best Ball #1 20 Partner Best Ball #2 27 POD - Double Your Pleasure & SM #2	<u>Starting Tee Times</u> 7:00 a.m. - September 2 - October 14 7:30 a.m. 7:30 a.m. November 4 - November 25 8:00 a.m. December 2 - February 24 7:30 a.m. March 3 - April 28 7:00 a.m. May Exception: All Shotguns begin at 8:00 a.m.

## **EAST VALLEY TEAM PLAY 2025-2026**

We field an 8-member team to play Four-Ball match play against other leagues in the Southeast valley. Team players must play a minimum of twice a month during Tuesday league play. Let the team captains know if you are interested in playing.

Team Captains: Doreen Schroeder/Rebecca Duwe

November 10	Dobson Ranch
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December 8	San Marcos
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January 5	Gold Canyon
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February 9	Ken McDonald
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March 30	Bear Creek
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April TBD	Papago
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# World Handicap System - Handicaps 0-54

## Ken McDonald RED Tees

### Net Double Bogey + Strokes

The chart shows handicap ranges and your max score on the hole.  
 Net double bogey takes the place of Equitable Stroke Control

Hole/Par Yards/Hcp	Handicap/Strokes		Hole/Par Yards/Hcp	Handicap/Strokes
<b>1/4</b> 325/11	11-28 7 29-46 8 47-54 9		<b>10/5</b> 461/4	4-21 8 22-39 9 40-54 10
<b>2/5</b> 447/3	3-20 8 21-38 9 39-54 10		<b>11/3</b> 127/18	18-35 6 36-53 7 54 8
<b>3/4</b> 355/5	5-22 7 23-40 8 41-54 9		<b>12/4</b> 321/12	12-29 7 30-47 8 48-54 9
<b>4/5</b> 473/1	1-18 8 19-36 9 37-54 10		<b>13/3</b> 157/16	16-33 6 34-51 7 52-54 8
<b>5/3</b> 142/17	17-34 6 35-52 7 53-54 8		<b>14/4</b> 320/8	8-25 7 26-43 8 44-54 9
<b>6/4</b> 337/9	9-26 7 27-44 8 45-54 9		<b>15/5</b> 476/2	2-19 8 20-37 9 38-54 10
<b>7/4</b> 312/13	13-30 7 31-48 8 49-54 9		<b>16/5</b> 415/10	10-27 8 28-45 9 46-54 10
<b>8/3</b> 153/15	15-32 6 33-50 7 51-54 8		<b>17/4</b> 308/14	14-31 7 32-49 8 50-54 9
<b>9/4</b> 348/7	7-24 7 25-42 8 43-54 9		<b>18/4</b> 305/6	6-23 7 24-41 8 42-54 9

