

PACIFIC WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.

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SUBJECT: Maintaining Golf Courses To Their Course Ratings

Golf courses are rated on their measured length and playing difficulty under normal conditions. If the length or playing difficulty changes materially, handicaps will be distorted. A difference of 18 yards for women and 22 yards for men will change the yardage ratings by 0.1 of a stroke.

Section 15, Course Management, U.S.G.A. Golf Handicap System and Golf Committee Manual, recommends and describes balancing the placement of tees and holes under normal and abnormal conditions.

To further assist Superintendants during extreme weather conditions where temporary modifications of the course are required, the U.S.G.A. recommends the following procedures:

TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS : 3 MONTHS OR LESS DURATION

1. **WET COURSE:** Move tees forward from permanent marker 5 yards or more to compensate for a lack of normal roll.
2. **DRY COURSE:** Move tees back of permanent marker 5 yards or more because of excess roll.
3. **TEMPORARY GREENS:** Move tee markers back on other tees to make up for lost yardage if 18 yards plus. Recommend the use of standard cup in temporary greens. Hole-in-one is recognized on temporary greens only if standard cup used.
4. **TEMPORARY TEES:** Move tee markers back on other tees to make up for lost yardage of 18 yards or more.

If the yardage on the course cannot be made up by adjusting on other holes, notify club officials. They will either ask for a temporary course rating from their Association or decide that scores should not be posted until the course returns to more normal playing conditions.

The Pacific Women's Golf Association has a permanent office at 889 Pacific Street, Monterey, Ca. 93940, Phone: (408) 373-PWGA, Office Manager, Dorothy Holliday. Please contact us with any questions, suggestions or comments.

*Compliments of Ken Sakai!