

Procedure for addressing suspected Rules Infractions during DVMGC play.

Membership in the DVMGC is the *Member's Implied Consent* that they will play in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf, and the Policies of the DVMGC. Golf is a game of Honor, and it shall be **ASSUMED** that all Members know the Rules and are conducting their play, and that of their guests, accordingly.

In order to protect the integrity of our contests, keep our play fair to all Players, and avoid escalating misunderstandings, the following policy has been adopted by the Board of the Deer Valley Men's Golf Club.

1. If a suspected breach of the Rules of Golf is witnessed, the person making the Claim, (the Claimant), should address the situation directly. If this is not possible, the Claimant shall notify a member of the Board or the Monitor, of the suspected infraction at the end of play.
2. Claims not made within a reasonable amount of time after close of play, will not be considered.
3. The Claimant shall prepare a brief written description of the suspected infraction, with as much detail as possible, to identify the infraction, and the individual suspected of the breach.
4. At least two Board members will review the Claim and determine its merit and severity.
5. If the Claim does have merit, the two Board members will attempt to discuss it, in person, with the individual(s) as soon as possible in a non-confrontation manner.
 - a. Example: "What can you tell us about what happened on Hole #X?"
6. If the explanation shows that the **Claim is without merit**, the Board members will thank the individuals and drop the matter.
7. If the explanation shows that the **Claim does have merit**, the Board members will confer and determine the next steps.
 - a. The Board members may decide to:
 - i. Drop the matter with no action.
 - ii. Counsel the Player in the correct application of the Rule in question.
 - iii. Issue a verbal warning to the Player.
 - iv. Have the Player forfeit any winnings resulting from the Breach.
 - v. Issue a written warning to the Player.
 - vi. Subsequent breaches can result in the Player being temporarily suspended from Club play.
 - vii. Chronic breaches can result in the Player being permanently suspended from Club play.
8. The decision of the Board members is final.