

# GOLD TEE ELIGIBILITY

*The Gold Tees are designed for use by players not able to drive the ball more than 170-180 yards. Their use allows players with shorter tee shots, the ability to approach the greens from landing areas with clubs that equalize competition with players using the white and blue tees. Their use should speed play, make competition fairer, and the game more enjoyable for all.*

For SCC Men's Club Tournaments, any player whose **AGE** as of (Jan. 1, 2019) plus **Course Handicap** from the White Tees equals **85** may play the Gold Tees. (For example a 65 year-old player with a 20 handicap may play the Gold Tees.) But to play the Gold tees you must be at least 62 years old.

A player may change from the White to Gold (or Gold to White) tees at any time of the year when handicap adjustment makes him eligible. **BUT BE SURE TO INDICATE CHANGING TO THE NEW TEE ON TOURNAMENT SIGN-UP SHEETS AND SCORE CARDS.**

Players eligible to play from the Gold Tees are not required to play from the Gold Tees.

Gold tee players will have their handicaps adjusted in tournaments to reflect play from different tees according to Section 3-5/1 of the USGA Handicap System. For Southington Country Club it will be a 4 shot adjustment. Gold Tee players will get 4 net strokes less in tournaments where there is competition with players using the White Tees.

When entering scores into the computer, please be sure to enter your scores from the tees you played. Gold Tee players should have their scores **DEFAULT** to the Gold tees when entering so that they do not have to change the Tee Designation every time they enter scores.

When playing in a tournament, Gold Tee players need to indicate that on the score card.

## **HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS FOR PLAYERS COMPETING FROM DIFFERENT TEES**

The USGA guidelines, for equating handicaps, calls for the use of the difference between the course ratings from the different tees to be rounded to the nearest whole number.

For SOUTHINGTON CC use the following adjustments to handicaps when competing from different tees:

BLUE TEES 68.6 V WHITE TEES 67.6	1.0 Difference	1 STROKE ADJUSTMENT
WHITE TEES 67.6 V GOLD TEES 63.2	4.4 Difference	4 STROKES ADJUSTMENT
BLUE TEES 68.6 V GOLD TEES 63.2	5.4 Difference	5 STROKES ADJUSTMENT

You may either reduce the player's course handicap from the forward tee by the adjustment or increase the players course handicap fro the back tee by the adjustment. This should result in a fairer game.