

Liga Golf Copa MX - Official League Rules (Revised 2026)

League Announcement – WHS Handicap System & GLS Scoring

Liga Golf Copa MX will use GLS 100% for scoring, standings, and handicap tracking through the official World Handicap System (WHS). WHS evaluates scores hole-by-hole rather than only total score, helping create more accurate handicaps and fairer competition. Handicaps are based on a player's best scoring differentials and become more accurate as additional rounds are entered.

1. League Format & Match Structure

- 11 regular-season matches per conference.
- Each player is scheduled to play all 11 opponents within their conference.
- Each session includes a 14-day make-up window.
- Back-to-back league weekends do not extend the 14-day window.
- Top 3 players from each division advance to the playoffs.
- Conference winners receive first-round byes.
- Playoff seeding determines matchups (3 vs 6, 4 vs 5).

2. Points System

- Win: 2 points
- Tie: 1 point
- Loss: 0 points
- Missed Match: Player receives 0 points; opponent receives 1 point.
- Committee may rule 1 point each when both players fail to reasonably accommodate a make-up match.

3. Attendance & Missed Match Policy

- Players must notify the league no later than Wednesday at 5:00 PM prior to the scheduled weekend match if they cannot attend.
- Proper notification preserves the right to complete the match within the 14-day make-up window.
- Failure to notify by Wednesday at 5:00 PM may result in an automatic forfeit and award of 1 point to the opponent.
- Maximum missed matches allowed per season: 2.
- A third missed match will be considered a forfeit.
- Emergency, serious medical situations, family emergencies, or extraordinary circumstances may be reviewed by the committee if it causes a 3rd missed match.
- The committee reserves the right to approve or deny a make-up match
- All committee rulings are final.
- As a courtesy, players who reach 2 missed matches will be notified that a third missed match may trigger league penalties.

4. Match Scheduling & Locations

- Matches are generally scheduled on weekends.
- Players may coordinate alternate dates within the 14-day window.
- Players may play at another course if approved and reported to league management.
- No make-up matches beyond the 14-day window except approved emergencies.

5. Live Scoring & Scorecards

- GLS live scoring is mandatory.
- One player must enter scores live via the GLS app.
- Another player must maintain a physical scorecard provided by the league.
- Both players must sign the scorecard.
- If a committee member is not present, a photo of the signed card must be submitted.

6. Ball Rolling & Course Conditions

- Ball rolling permitted only in the fairway when approved.
- Maximum movement: 6 inches or scorecard length forward/backward in the same cut of grass.
- No clean and place in rough or bunkers unless approved.
- Improving a lie near tree roots is prohibited and may result in a penalty.

7. Out of Bounds & Provisional Balls

- Players must hit provisional balls when appropriate.
- USGA rules apply unless modified by league policy or course-specific rules.

8. Putting Rules

- Putts inside 16 inches are gimmes.
- Putts outside 16 inches must be holed out.
- No exceptions.

9. Tee Boxes & Pace of Play

- Blue tees or designated equivalent.
- Target yardage range: 6,300–6,800 yards.
- 3-minute lost-ball search limit.
- Ready Golf encouraged.

10. Handicap System (WHS)

- GLS and WHS are the league's official handicap systems.
- Handicaps are calculated using hole-by-hole scoring.
- WHS limits unusually high hole scores through Net Double Bogey adjustments.
- Handicaps reflect a player's demonstrated scoring potential, not a single bad round.
- More entered rounds create more accurate handicaps.

11. Weather Policy

- Committee determines weather-related postponements.
- Weather make-ups must occur within the 14-day session window whenever possible.

12. Sportsmanship & Conduct

- Respect all players, committee members, and league decisions.
- Unsportsmanlike conduct may result in penalties or league removal.
- Multiple complaints may trigger committee review.
- Committee decisions are final.