

2026 DECATUR CITY GOLF CHAMPIONSHIPS OFFICIAL RULES

**All rules are subject to modification at the discretion of the Tournament Committee*

1. ELIGIBILITY

The Decatur City Golf Championships are open to adult and junior golf amateurs who meet one of the following criteria:

- Resident of the City of Decatur
- Employed in the City of Decatur
- Member of Cross Creek Golf Club
- Member of the Cross Creek Golf Club Men's or Women's League

2. DATES AND TIMES

The Decatur City Golf Championships will be held on **Saturday, July 25, and Sunday, July 26**, at Cross Creek Golf Club.

Players may make their own groups and tee times for Saturday. The last available tee time will be 1:00 p.m.

Tee times on Sunday will be determined based on Saturday results, with the first tee time at 9:00 a.m.

3. DIVISIONS

There will be five different divisions:

- Men's Division
 - Open to all Men, incoming high school freshmen and older
 - Play will be from the Blue Tees
- Senior Men's Division
 - Open to Men age 50 and older
 - Play will be from the White Tees
- Super Senior Men's Division
 - Open to Men age 65 and older
 - Play will be from the Gold Tees

- Women's Division
 - Open to all Women, incoming high school freshmen and older
 - Play will be from the Red Tees
- Senior Women's Division
 - Open to Women age 50 and older
 - Play will be from the Red Tees

4. FLIGHTS

Divisions may be divided into flights after Saturday.

When the Tournament Committee determines that a division shall be divided into flights, it shall divide the division by placing the "Top *X* plus ties" into the Championship Flight, the "Next *X* plus ties" into the First Flight, and so on. *X* shall be a number determined prior to play on Saturday, based on the size of the division.

If the last flight in a division is left with fewer than four players, those players shall be moved into the next-to-last division.

5. SUNDAY TEE TIMES

Tee Times on Sunday shall be by division and flight, in the following order: Super Senior Men, Senior Men, Senior Women, Women, Men.

Players shall be paired with others in their own flight, and play shall be in reverse order of the Saturday standings, with the leaders of each division teeing off last.

Ties shall be broken using the "first-in-last-out" method. The back-up tiebreaker shall be a coin flip.

Within each group, the player whose score was lower on Saturday shall tee off first, using the same "first-in-last-out" method to break ties.

6. ENTRY FEE AND PAYOUT

Entry Fee for all adults is \$25. Entry Fee for juniors is \$0.

Green fees for non-members shall be \$30 per day.

\$5 from each entry fee shall be used to pay for awards. The remaining \$20 from each entry fee will go into the prize fund.

Within each division that contains more than 20 adult players, \$50 will be deducted from the total prize pot. For divisions that contain more than 10 adult players, \$25 will be deducted from the total prize pot. The remaining prize pot will be divided by the number of flights within that division. Each flight will pay out its share of the prize pot to the top 3 places (50%-30-20). The money that was deducted up front will be given to the overall champion in each division. Prizes will be gift certificates to Cross Creek Golf Club.

In the event that a division has fewer than six adult participants, prizes will be awarded to the top 2 places (70%-30).

The winner of each division shall receive a trophy. The low junior in each division will receive a medal.

7. RULES OF PLAY

Rules of play are subject to change at the discretion of the committee. A rule sheet will be provided on the first day of the tournament.

Players may lift, clean, and place the ball in their own fairway only. The ball must be placed within six inches of the original location of the ball and not closer to the hole.

**Special Rule for 2026*: Players may lift, clean, and place the ball anywhere on holes 5, 8, and 9 – except within bunkers and penalty areas.*

Cross Creek Local Rules shall apply.

Except as otherwise stated in these rules, USGA rules shall apply.

8. PLAYOFF

In the event two or more players are tied for the low score in a division, those players will play a sudden-death playoff. The sudden-death playoff will be played on holes 1 and 18 in a loop, beginning on hole 18, until a winner is determined. Playoff groups may be required to “mix in” with other groups on hole 18.