

Join Us For

The Happy Hundreds at Hualalai

What is Happy Hundreds?

With the understanding that not all golfers are created equal, and with the further understanding that the vast majority of non-professional golfers rarely break 100 with even the most creative of scoring, we have decided to provide a playing environment for those golfers among us who think practicing on the range is little more than a waste of perfectly good swings, who know that gambling on our golf game is tantamount to throwing money in the toilet, and who understand that we are playing against the course (which always wins) rather than against each other (which would be futile, given that we always lose.)

Thus, for those at Hualalai who want to play golf with others who readily admit their own incompetence and lack of ambition to shoot their age (unless they're centenarians) we present THE HAPPY HUNDREDS.

There are only two inviolable rules:

1. You may not take a Happy Hundreds game seriously. We're only there for the fun of it, we don't bet, and we do our best not to throw snits when we screw up since we screw up so often that the combined snit time of any given foursome of snitters would be double the normal time for a round of snitless golf. Thus, purely for the purposes of keeping the game moving, we discourage snits. This does not, of course, preclude any player from whining about their game in the bar after the round.
2. Any player who breaks 100 in two consecutively played sanctioned rounds must move back one tee box until such time as their score exceeds 100 for one round. Once said player has failed to break 100 from said further-back-tee box, said player may move back to said player's normal tee box. Given that we often play only nine holes on a single day, a combination of two consecutives 9-hole rounds shall be considered one 18-hole round.

Beyond the above, things become much more flexible. To wit:

Given that Happy Hundreds Golfers are averse to practice and warming up, each member who skips such time and stroke wasting activities shall be entitled to "hit 'til you're happy" off the first tee. (This is further explained under Happy Hundreds Rule 87, Section G, Paragraph iii, with the decision following the 1893 Double Bogey Championship controversy ruling.)

Each player shall be entitled to one mulligan per each nine holes. Should any player find it necessary to have another mulligan, the awarding of such additional mulligans shall be voted upon by the playing foursome or fraction of a foursome, majority ruling. Any

player who is refused a mulligan by such a majority may feel free to complain to the bartender when the round is over, who may take such action as said bartender deems fair. (See Rule 46, Section M, Paragraph xviii, as interpreted after the 1934 “incident” with which we are all too familiar.)

On most of our holes we have a narrow band of leveled but unplanted ground between the areas of rough and the raw lava from which our paradise originally was carved. In Happy Hundreds play, that narrow band shall be deemed a “man made obstruction” and any player whose ball inadvertently comes to rest on said narrow band shall be entitled to a free drop into the adjacent rough. (See the Rules Committee decision based on the construction of Interstate 90 through the Twelfth Fairway of our Participating Course outside Sioux Falls, South Dakota)

Other variations from regular rules of golf may from time to time be invoked, so long as one member of the Playing Foursome can cite a Happy Hundreds Rule (along with said Rule’s Number, including Section and Paragraph) which would govern said situation.

Finally, no Happy Hundreds score may be posted for the purposes of establishing a playing handicap. If you can’t figure out why, we’re not going to tell you. (See Rule 1, Section A, Paragraph i, the 1967 State Secrets ruling governing)

If all the above makes sense to you, you’re a Happy Hundreds Golfer.

If it all looks like nonsense but seems as if it might be fun anyway, you’re a Happy Hundreds Golfer.

If you’ve never come off the course not caring that your game sucks, you’re probably not a Happy Hundreds Golfer, but that doesn’t mean you’re beyond the pale. It just means you should come out and have a good time with the rest of us whose game sucks.

After all, it’s just a game.

Isn’t it?