



**ARIZONA GOLF ASSOCIATION
COMPARISON OF MEMBERSHIP IN AGA VS A HANDICAP SERVICE VENDOR**

Description	Benefits/Services with AGA	Benefits/Services With Handicap Service
Program Cost	\$25/35	Varies
<u>CLUB RELATED SERVICES</u>		
USGA License to Issue Handicaps	Automatic through AGA Membership	Must apply directly to USGA
USGA Handicap Calculation Service	YES	YES
Only required to pay membership dues At one club in the state	YES	VARIES
Ability to post scores either at club or over the Internet at home	YES	MOST ARE INTERNET ONLY
Club Website to manage club activities	YES	VARIES
Tournament Administrative Software and Support (TMS)	YES	VARIES
Have your Handicap Revision automatically emailed to you on the 1st and 15th	YES	VARIES
Computer and Label Printer Provided	YES	MUST PROVIDE OWN COMPUTER
Course Ratings (no charge to AGA Member Clubs)	YES	\$1,000
Course Measuring Services (no charge to AGA Member Clubs)	YES	\$1,000
Have Course Ratings Updated Immediately following re-rate so Handicap Indexes calculations use the most up to date ratings	YES	NO-USUALLY UPDATED ANNUALLY
Resource for Information on Everything Golf Handicapping, Rules, Tournaments, etc	YES LOCAL ACCESS	HANDICAP ONLY-NATIONAL ACCESS
Ability to post scores one time for all club memberships in Arizona (USGA system requires posting of ALL scores)	YES	NO
Ability to post scores one time for memberships outside Arizona (IGN)	YES	NO
Handicap Certification Seminars and Compliance Assistance	YES	NO
Ability to easily verify handicaps for Member Guest Events	YES	NO
Monitor the Members Within Arizona and provide Assistance to minimize sandbagging issues	YES	NO
Assist clubs in increasing membership	YES	NO
Participation in Club Team Championship	YES	NO
Technical Support/Replacement for Computers	YES	NO
Assistance to Handicap Chairmen in Managing and Responding to Individual Handicap Issues	YES	NO

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BENEFITS AND SERVICES TO INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS		
Gift for Joining/Renewing (Effectively makes membership \$15.00)	\$10.00 Value	VARIES
Discounted Tee Times at Participating Facilities (Must Show Member Card)	YES	NO
Participation in AGA Tournaments & Championships	YES	NO
Participation in Senior and Mid-Am Series Events	YES	NO
Participation in AGA Member Days	YES	NO
Access to Club Events that require entrants to be members of AGA	YES	NO
Subscription to AGA Magazine Arizona the State of Golf 4x per year	YES	NO
Membership in the Access AZGolf Membership Upgrade--special discounts & promotions (beginning in 2010)	YES	NO
Participation in the Access AZGolf Rewards Program (beginning in 2010)	YES	NO

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LOCAL AND NATIONAL SERVICES PROVIDED BY STATE ASSOCIATIONS		
Advocates for amateur Golf in Arizona (water issues, environment awareness, etc)	YES	NO
Licensed by the USGA to Issue Handicap Indexes -Monitor and protect the Handicap System to prevent ability to "buy" a handicap	YES	NO
Licensed by the USGA to rate golf courses in Arizona (must be amateur association)	YES	NO
Assist Golf Courses in Addressing Issues of Water Use and Allocation Limits	YES	NO
Representation on National USGA Committees to Represent and Address Outstanding Issues (Handicap, Course Rating, Amateur Status, etc)	YES	NO
Representation on National Organizations that shape the future of the game: GCSAA, NCA, NGCOA, NGF, IAGA, GWAA, IGN, Golf 20/20	YES	NO