



BDC WEST 2026 – OFFICIAL RULES PACKET



36-Hole Championship • May 9–10, 2026

Palm Desert, California

1. Tournament Overview

BDC West 2026 is a two-day, 36-hole event played Saturday and Sunday. Friday is an optional practice round with Si.

The overall champion is determined by total points earned across:

- General Play
 - Net Skins
 - Yellow Ball
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2. Schedule, Courses & Tee Times

2.1 Friday, May 8 – Practice Round

Tee Time: 2:00 PM

Course: Desert Willow – Mountain Course

Format: Rotating 2-Ball Better Ball (Full Friday details appear in Appendix A.)

2.2 Saturday, May 9 – Indian Wells Players Course

Tee Time: 9:20 AM

Tees: White

2.3 Sunday, May 10 – Desert Willow Firecliff Course

Tee Time: 9:00 AM

Tees: White

3. Scoring Definitions

Gross Score: Actual strokes taken

Net Score: Gross minus handicap strokes

All scoring formats use net scoring.



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4. General Play Rules

Maximum score per hole: net double bogey

Daily points awarded: 3 – 2 – 1 – 0

5. Net Skins

- Skins use net scores
 - 1 tournament point awarded to the player(s) with the most skins
 - Ties all receive 1 point
 - If no skins are won, no point is awarded
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6. Yellow Ball Game

6.1 Rotation

The Yellow Ball rotates in handicap order (lowest → highest) and continues in that same order across both days.

No reset after Saturday.

6.2 Bonuses

+1 point for any net birdie or better with the Yellow Ball.

6.3 Penalty

Losing the Yellow Ball results in –1 point.

6.4 “No-Guts, No-Glory” Rule

A player may choose to keep the Yellow Ball in their pocket for a hole, but that decision must be made before the hole begins.

Once the tee shot is struck, the Yellow Ball is officially in play.



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7. On-Course Prizes (No Tournament Points Awarded)

7.1 Overview

On-course prizes are played Saturday and Sunday only.

Each day includes:

- Two Longest Drive holes
- Two Nearest the Pin holes

7.2 Prize Rules

- Longest Drive: Ball must finish in the fairway
- Nearest the Pin: Ball must finish on the green
- If a prize is not won, it carries over to the next eligible par 5 (LD) or par 3 (NTP)
- Each player must bring:
 - 1 Nearest the Pin prize
 - 1 Longest Drive prize
 - Prizes should be golf-related, ideally from your local course, and under \$20

7.3 Prize Assignments by Day

Saturday – Indian Wells Players Course

Longest Drive: Holes 6 & 18

Nearest the Pin: Holes 4 & 13

Sunday – Desert Willow Firecliff Course

Longest Drive: Holes 13 & 18

Nearest the Pin: Holes 3 & 14



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8. Handicap + Tweaks

8.1 Player Handicaps

Matthew: 7.3

Nick: 16

Nandan: 19.5

Lee: 16 (Sat/Sun only)

8.2 Adjustment Rules

After each official round:

- 3 strokes better → -1 stroke next round
- 3 strokes worse → +1 stroke next round
- Adjustments are cumulative

9. Ties & Determining the Champion

9.1 Ties

General Play: USGA tie-breaks

Skins: All tied players receive 1 point

9.2 Champion

Highest total points wins.

Tie-breakers:

1. General Play points
 2. Yellow Ball points
 3. Skins points
 4. Sunday back-nine net score
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Appendix A – Friday Practice Round Details

A.1 Notes

No points
No skins
No Yellow Ball
No on-course prizes
Warm-up round with Si

A.2 Friday Pairings – Rotating 2-Ball Better Ball

Holes 1–6

Team 1: Matthew + Si
Team 2: Nick + Nandan

Holes 7–12

Team 1: Matthew + Nandan
Team 2: Si + Nick

Holes 13–18

Team 1: Matthew + Nick
Team 2: Si + Nandan

Team score each hole = best net score of the two partners.
