

## **MPMGA Policies**

### **Hole in One Policy:**

Annually, the Board will determine an award amount of golf shop credit to be given to players who score a hole-in-one during a member event.

### **President's Cup - Past Presidents Recognition:**

Past Presidents of the MPMGA will be invited to attend the lunch accompanying the President's Cup Tournament at no charge. If playing in the tournament, they will not be required to pay an entry fee.

### **Cancellation of Scheduled Weekly Event:**

Due to inclement weather or other reasons, the Tournament Committee will determine the playability of the course on the day of the scheduled event. The Tournament Committee will have sole discretion in canceling or continuing the event. Whenever possible, timely notification will be provided to the members. Golf course management retains the right to cancel the event without MPMGA input.

### **Frost Delay Policy:**

Regular weekly events without Luncheons:

- If the frost delay is 2 hours or less, no adjustment will be made to the event.
- If the frost delay is more than 2 hours, the event may be cancelled or it may be truncated to a 9-hole event. Flights will be divided between the separate nines, if this happens. Entry fee and payouts will be normal.
- Regular Weekly Events with Luncheons
- If the frost delay is one hour or less, no adjustment will be made to the event.
- If the frost delay is over one hour but less than or equal to two hours, the event will be reduced to 2 nine-hole events beginning when the course is open for play. Hole assignments will be adjusted so that flights are divided between the nines. Entry fee and payouts will be normal. The luncheon following will proceed as scheduled at the conclusion of golf (or noon, if golf is done earlier).
- If the frost delay is more than 2 hours the event will be cancelled. The luncheon will proceed as scheduled at noon.

### **Use of Non-Conforming Equipment:**

- As members of the MPMGA, we are required to follow the rules of the USGA since our events are tournaments and our handicaps are USGA approved. The use of non-conforming equipment is not allowed in any USGA sanctioned event at any level.
- Therefore, playing in any MPMGA sponsored event with a non-conforming club or ball will result in disqualification for that event. Repeated offenses by any individual may result in removal from the MPMGA.
- A player in doubt as to the conformity of a club or ball should consult the USGA or the local golf professional.

### **MPMGA Membership:**

- All players must have paid their MPMGA dues and AGA handicap fees, and have an established AGA or USGA handicap or a provisional handicap assigned by the Handicap Committee before being eligible to play in any MPMGA event.

### **Event Sign-up:**

- For regular Thursday Men's Club events, members sign up using the ForeTees Reservations website from three weeks in advance until Friday at noon before the event. Once signed up on ForeTees, the member may still delete the event request up until 3:00 pm on Friday prior to the Thursday event.
- If a member wishes to withdraw after the Friday 3:00 pm deadline, efforts must be made to contact the Tournament Committee with that request no later than Sunday noon. (There is a late-notice function on our website.) Withdrawal after that deadline may result in the member's ineligibility to participate in the next regular Thursday event.
- Special Events will be announced in advance on our website, and members may go to the ForeTees website to enter before the deadline. Any required entry fees will be charged to the player's member account. Members may also be asked to sign up on ForeTees for scheduled luncheons. Sign-ups must be completed by the announced deadline as a final count is needed for ordering food.
- If it is necessary to limit the field in an event to fewer than those who signed up, the first priority will be those who met the sign-up deadline. After that, if further limitation is necessary, the event chairman may use the order of sign-up as a basis for determining who plays -- unless communicated initially that a different process, i.e. lottery, will be used.

### **MPMGA Pace of Play Policy:**

- All MPMGA-sponsored events should be completed in four hours or less.
- It is the responsibility of the Special Events Coordinator or Tournament Director to manage pace of play as it pertains to his individual events. However, pace of play is considered to be a shared responsibility among all members of MPMGA.

#### Member Responsibilities:

- Each member is expected to take an active role in maintaining a good pace of play.
- Each group is expected to stay connected to the group in front of them.
- Each player should be aware of their group's position and should encourage playing partners to take the necessary action to close the gap when falling behind.
- Unless the rules of a specific game prevent it, members are expected to play "ready golf". Each player should execute his shot within 40 seconds.

### **Scorecard Requirements:**

- Members are asked to use the Golf Genius Live Scoring app, if possible.
- Players should also keep an accurate, legible, paper scorecard and compare all scores to the Live Scoring at the end of the round. The paper scorecard must be submitted as soon as possible by following the instructions printed on the official card. In the event that the verified paper scorecard and Golf Genius scores do not match, the higher score will be considered valid.
- In all club stroke-play events, with the exception of the Club Championship, the maximum score on any hole will be net triple bogey, unless otherwise specified. When that score is reached, the player picks up his ball and moves on.

## **Posting and Payout:**

- MPMGA uses Golf Genius as its tournament events coordination software. All "postable" rounds will be posted to GHIN by the Tournament Committee through Golf Genius.
- The Tournament Committee posts official tournament results on the MPMGA website. The final list of winners, which will include scores and payout amounts, will be provided to the golf shop.
- All payouts will be in the form of credit to each member's homeowner's card.
- The payout schedule shall be in accordance with the following guidelines:
  1. The "prize money pool" will be separate and distinct for each flight and will consist only of the aggregate entry fees paid in by the entrants in that flight plus or minus any allocations determined by the Board of Directors. All monies collected and allocated for any event will be disbursed for that same event. There shall be no carryover pool.
  2. The payouts to the winners in any flight will be solely based upon the "prize money pool" collected and allocated for that flight.
  3. For payout purposes, entrants shall be defined as individuals or 2-man or 4-man teams.
  4. The "prize money pool" size will vary from event to event dependent upon number of entries. Payouts are determined by a percentage table used by all tournament directors. Special events and the Bashes have enhanced payouts and a separate percentage table used by those tournament directors. The enhanced table pays moderately more for each place, but also pays a larger percentage of the field. Both tables are available upon request.
  5. For regular Thursday Men's Club events, in the event of a tie, money for tied positions will be combined and split evenly.

### **Selection of Alternate Tees:**

- The Club will maintain a list of the preferred tees for each member that will automatically be used to assign the player to their tee choice each Thursday when the member signs up -- if tee choice is permitted for that particular Thursday game. This includes the following tee choices by course:
- Purple-Green at Preserve and Purple at Mountainview; Green at both courses; or Red at both courses.
- Occasionally, we have flights that are determined by which tees are played; the Club Championship and President's Cup are two examples. But at times we have regular events that are set up this way, too. We recognize that, at least initially, we will not likely have enough Red-tee players to include in that type of format. So those players will be flighted with Green-tee players.

### **Tournament Tiebreaker Policy:**

In the event of a tie in match play or stroke play in which a winner is required, the following procedures shall be used for all MPMGA-sponsored events: (Any competitions requiring the use of tiebreakers should be identified in advance. The type of tiebreaker to be used, if different from those below, shall be communicated in advance.)

**Match Play:** A match which ends "all square" should be played off hole by hole until one side wins a hole. The playoff should start on the hole where the match began. Handicap strokes should be allowed as shown on the card.

**Stroke Play:** In the event of a tie in a handicapped stroke-play competition that requires a winner, the USGA method -- last 9 holes, last 6, last 3, then final hole -- will be used unless otherwise stated.

## **Handicap:**

The duties and responsibilities of the Handicap Committee are delineated in the USGA Handicap System "Rules of Handicapping," which is available on-line at [www.azgolf.org](http://www.azgolf.org).

The effectiveness and fairness of the handicap system depends on players posting all scores, both home and away. For M-PMGA events, individual eligible scores are posted to the GHIN Handicap System by the Tournament Director. A local computer program audits and compares the daily tee sheets from the Golf Shop with the scores posted to the GHIN Handicap System. A member who fails to post his score on the day of play receives a next-day email reminder to post.

The Handicap Committee may post a penalty score for those players who fail to post their score. If the member fails to post an unusually high score, a penalty score equal to the highest of his last 20 scores will be posted. If a member fails to post a lower score, a low penalty score will be posted.

The MPMGA strongly supports the USGA concept of "peer review". Each member can access other members' scores to determine that accurate scores have been posted. The Committee is required to look for indications of a player manipulating scores to influence his AGA/GHIN Handicap Index and relies on peer review by all members to ensure that everyone posts accurate scores. The Committee stands ready to assist members in the peer review process in any way possible. In an effort to ensure that everyone's handicap is fair to all competitors, the Committee has established a "watch list", as recommended by the AGA. The Committee monitors each weekly MPMGA event for scores of -4 net differential or lower, which is deemed an exceptional score.

If a member scores two -4s or lower within a three month period, he will be placed on the watch list and will receive a letter acknowledging that he has achieved two exceptional scores. The purpose of the letter is to inform the member that if he scores another exceptional score soon thereafter, the Committee will evaluate his scores and handicap index to determine if his index needs to be adjusted to better reflect his scoring potential.

If the Committee determines that an adjustment is required, another letter will be sent advising the member of the handicap reduction decision, allowing appeal to the Handicap Committee.

**Code of Conduct:**

The MPMGA believes that all players should be treated with dignity and respect. All players should conduct themselves in a way that shows consideration for others and the game. Improper conduct includes, but is not limited to:

Misuse of golf clubs in a way that could potentially cause harm to the player himself, other players or the golf course. Abusive or profane language that might distract the play of others or be offensive to nearby residents. Displays of temper that might affect the play or enjoyment of the game by other players. Blatant disregard for etiquette concerning the game or care for the course.

If a player receives multiple credible complaints, he will be asked to appear before the Grievance Committee to give an explanation as to the accuracy of the complaints and what action he feels is necessary to prevent further complaints.

If there are second or third occurrences, the player will be notified in writing. If a player fails to respond to that written notice, it will be deemed to be an admission to the improper behavior. At this point, the Board will review all of the material gathered and will advise the player if he is considered to be in violation of the Code of Conduct based on the overall pattern of behavior. If the overall pattern shows no violation, the process will start over. If the player is found to be in violation of the Code of Conduct, he may face discipline as outlined in Article IV, Section 2 of the MPMGA Constitution.

**Grievance Committee:**

The MPMGA Grievance Committee, which is chaired by the Vice-President, includes the Tournament Chairman, the Handicap Chairman, and the Rules Chairman. This committee will resolve allegations brought to the Committee's attention regarding the conduct of an MPMGA member during an MPMGA event. The Committee will investigate the allegations and interview all relevant parties in order to attempt to come to a satisfactory resolution. The Committee considers these matters to be confidential and will proceed accordingly.

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