

# Tournament Rules

1. All tournaments must be played with at least one Association member who can attest the score.
2. A member must sign his own name on all tournament sign-up sheets. Golf course management or employees or another member cannot sign up a member for a tournament.
3. All participants in a tournament must be on the first tee at the assigned starting time. If a person is late (or absent) for a team match, his partner can start play without him, and he can join the match upon arrival. If late for an individual match (e.g. club championship tournament) the absent player will forfeit his match after his opponent has played the tenth hole. Holes not played by the late person are lost.
4. A member who signs up to participate in an Association team tournament, is assigned to a pairing and fails to play is automatically suspended from participation in a team tournament for one year from the date of the infraction. A member may appeal his suspension by appearing before the Board of Governors to explain his lack of participation.
5. Members who realize that they cannot show up for a tournament after pairings have been posted must inform the Tournament Chairman immediately, if a suitable substitute cannot be found, the expectant absent member can still be subject to suspension.
6. Four-Man Scramble and Mixed Scramble tournaments will be played on Saturdays and Sundays. Prizes will be awarded for each day in proportion to the number of teams playing on each day.
7. An Association tournament shall not be considered official unless sixty percent of the players scheduled to play complete play.
8. In order for a Date-of-Play tournament to be considered an official tournament, a minimum percentage of the total MGA membership must sign-up AND complete the required round/rounds of play as follows:

DOP Individual event – Minimum required 10%

DOP Team Event – Minimum required 20%

9. Prize Money payouts for tournaments that are played with low member participation may be reduced at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
10. All tournament participants must be prepared to accept an assigned starting time between 6:00 am and 11:00 am. For members with permanent starting times, every effort will be made by the golf course management to assign a tournament starting time as close as possible to the member's permanent starting time.
11. All Association tournaments will be played from the white tees unless otherwise posted.

\*Members who's age plus their White Tee handicap is equal to or greater than 90 may choose to play from the Gold or Forward Tee. In addition, any member age 75 or older may also choose to play from the Gold or Forward Tees.

Any member choosing to play from the Forward Tees MUST follow all MGA guidelines as posted.

12. All Association members must play and record at least twelve (12) eighteen-hole rounds at OHCC, within the USGA handicap posting year for this region. Five (5) of the 12 must be scheduled tournaments (one of which can be a scramble).
13. All stroke play tournament position ties will be broken as follows:
  1. If two teams (or individuals) tie for first place, the first and second place prizes will be split evenly.
  2. If three or more teams (or individuals) for the first place, the first, second and third place prizes will be split evenly among three or more teams (or individuals). There will be no second or third place prizes.
  3. If two or more teams (or individuals) tie for any position other than First Place, the order of finish will be determined by matching of cards.

Matching of cards will follow USGA guidelines as follows:

For any Multi-Round event, scores will be matched beginning with the score for the final round of play submitted. Any remaining ties will then move to a matching of scores for the final 9 holes, remaining ties will go to the final 6 holes, remaining ties will go to the final 3 holes. If any ties remain after that point, we will move to matching scores beginning with the #1 handicap hole and proceed until the tie is broken.

For any Single Round event, matching of cards will begin with the final 9 holes and then move to the final 6 holes, final 3 holes and then to the #1 handicap hole if necessary, until the tie is broken.

4. In all tie situations, the minimum prize awarded will be a \$5 gift certificate.
12. All match play tournament ties will be broken by going extra holes, starting with the first hole.
13. No tournament credits will be given to members who are participating in the qualifying rounds for the Club Championship Flight of the Club Championship tournament.
14. Age eligibility requirements for the Seniors Tournaments are Seniors, 55 years and above and Super Seniors, 65 years and above, as of the tournament starting date. Players over the age of 65 can only sign up for one age group and must select which group they elect to participate in.
15. No tournament is considered a “qualifier” or “qualifying” event or tournament unless indicated as such in the tournament name. (ie – Club Championship Qualifying or Ryder Cup Qualifying)