



COMMUNICATION:

The major means of communicating with the members is by the MPWGA Website: <http://www.mpwga.com> and the MPWGA President's Email. Emails to the members are used to communicate information regarding tournaments, deadlines, President's Message, and any other information needing attention. Members without Internet access need to contact the Membership Chair.

CHANGES TO THESE RULES:

The Standing Rules will be reviewed each calendar year and changes may be recommended by the membership and/or the Board.

1. Changes will be passed by a simple majority vote of the Board. The President Ex-Officio will vote only in the event of a tie.
2. Changes and their effective date will be communicated to the membership via the President's Message or an email to all MPWGA members and will be posted on the MPWGA website.

TUESDAY PLAY-DAY EVENTS:

USGA Rules and the USGA Handicap System will govern MPWGA rules of play and handicaps.

1. Once the Golf Association Calendar has been determined, the Board will review and approve the Tuesday Play-Day Schedule for the coming year. Any major changes to the schedule will be reviewed by the Board.
2. A player must be a paid member of MPWGA in good standing with an established GHIN 18-hole handicap to be eligible for competition on official play days. Maximum course handicap to be applied for all play days is 36. All players should check in at the Golf Shop at least 20 minutes prior to tee times.
3. Weekly Signup:
 - a) Sign-up by Wednesday noon for the following Tuesday Play-Day via the ForeTees Reservation System. Note: Special Events may have specific sign-up requirements and deadlines.
 - b) A minimum of twelve (12) players must complete play in order to constitute a field in which sweeps will be paid on a schedule Tuesday Play-Day. The field of play may be divided into flights according to the handicap index, with the players divided evenly or along natural breaks in the entries.
 - c) Pairings will be determined by the Weekly Event Chair and her Committee.
4. Cancellation of any tournament is at the discretion of the Weekly Event Chair, Special Events Chair and/or the Golf Shop.
5. Each player is responsible for the correct usage of her handicap and attesting her own score. The Weekly Event Chair will be responsible for posting all applicable Tuesday Play-day scores.

6. Settling ties – For stroke play, when ties need to be settled, they will be done by comparing the hardest handicap hole, the second hardest handicap hole, etc., until the tie is broken. (See #8-e below.) For match play, because play-offs are not feasible, ties will be awarded. This method will be used for Tuesday Play-Days unless noted on that day's scorecard. Special Events may use other methods for settling ties as determined by the Special Events Chair and will be communicated accordingly.
7. In consideration of all concerned, the pace of play must be reasonable. Guidelines for Pace of Play are located on our MPWGA Website.
8. General Guidelines for Prize Money Payouts: In order to provide consistency and credibility to the weekly prize money allocations, the Weekly Event Chair and her Committee should follow these guidelines as closely as possible when determining payout amounts.
 - a) The "Prize Money Pool" should be separate and distinct for each flight and should consist only of the aggregate entry fees paid in by the entrants in that flight. All monies collected on any Tuesday will be distributed that same day with no carryover of money.
 - b) Special tournament events may have a different payout plan as needed.
 - c) At least one third (1/3) of the field should get a payout.
 - d) The amount paid by the player to participate in a play-day event should be the least amount of payout.
 - e) In the event of ties, the money for the positions is added together and divided by the number of ties or, the tie will be broken by scorecard playoff.
9. Players have the option to play from multiple tee choices at both MountainView and The Preserve. This option is flexible week to week. Tees must be selected when members sign up for each Tuesday golf date on ForeTees. Red Tees will remain our regular association tees for all Gross format games or tournaments. To qualify to win in Gross format games or tournaments, members must play from the Red Tees on the date of that event. Special Events will be exempt from this policy as Special Event Tournaments will offer only tee selection(s) chosen by individual Tournament Chairs.

TUESDAY PLAY-DAY AWARDS:

If disqualified for some infraction of USGA Rules of Golf during a sanctioned event, no award(s) will be given for that event. However, if a player withdraws from the game of the day, the awards listed may be recognized if the score for that event is posted.

1. **Breaking 100, 90, 80, 70:** Members will be given a Break Pin for breaking 100, 90, 80 or 70 for the first time on a Tuesday stroke play day or in an MPWGA tournament (players must *putt out* and no pick-ups are allowed.) Members are responsible for notifying the Weekly Event Chair of this achievement.
2. **Ringers:** Ringers is a game whereby a player's best gross score is tracked on each hole over the course of the year. A player's Ringer score is automatically recorded by Golf Genius when scores are posted on Tuesdays. Members will be recognized for best aggregate scores on each course. The awards will be flighted at the discretion of the Ringers Ad Hoc Committee.
3. **Chip-Ins and Birdies:** Members will be recognized for their accumulated per hole birdies and chip-ins on Tuesday Play-Days or in MPWGA tournaments. Members must write their birdies and chip-ins on appropriate cards provided at the end of the round. Birdie/Chip-In cards are located in the Golf Shop at Mountain View and in the Women's locker room at the Preserve. These games must be post-able games.

4. **Eagles:** Members who score an eagle from regulation tees on Tuesday Play-Days or in a Major Tournament will receive a check for \$25.00. Eagles will also be recognized with an "Eagle Pin".
5. **Holes-in-One:** A member making a Hole-in-One from regulation tees on a play-day or in an MPWGA tournament will receive a check for \$75.00 and a pin.

ALL MAJOR TOURNAMENTS:

To be eligible to play in a major tournament, a member must have played and posted six (6) MPWGA play-day events within the prior twelve months to the entry date of the tournament. The MPWGA President may make exceptions to this requirement in extraordinary circumstances. If a play-day event is cancelled, a player will receive credit toward this play-day requirement. If a player withdraws or is disqualified during the first day of a two-day tournament, she will not be eligible to play the second day.

1. **Club Championship:** A two-day gross score tournament. Participants must play both days. Scores will be posted with a "T". A non-Tournament option will be provided for non-participants on the Tuesday Play-Day of the tournament at the discretion of the Club Championship Tournament Chair.
2. **President's Cup:** A two-day low net score tournament. Participants must play both days. Scores will be posted with a "T". The maximum course handicap allowed is 36. A non-Tournament option will be provided for non-participants on the Tuesday Play-Day of the tournament at the discretion of the President's Cup Tournament Chair.
3. Pairings will be done in straight low-to-high index order with starting hole assignments in low-to-high order starting on the first hole.

OTHER TOURNAMENTS:

ACE of the Month/Year:

The monthly event determines a low gross and a low net winner. Monthly Ace winners are limited to one win in low gross and one win in low net events from April through March (they may occur in the same month.) The maximum course handicap allowed is 36 for net winners. An annual playoff among the monthly winners will determine the year's winners in both the gross and net categories. ALL ACE Event pairings will be done in straight low-to-high index order with starting hole assignments in low-to-high order starting on the first hole.

AGA Women's State Medallion:

This is an annual, statewide tournament hosted by the AGA for the low gross and low net winners determined from a series of four qualifying rounds played at AGA member clubs. The AGA recommends all four qualifying rounds be played at the same course. To be eligible, a player must play a minimum of two out of four (4) qualifying rounds.

1. The maximum course handicap to be used for the net scores will be 36.
2. Gross supersedes net.
3. Pairings will be done in straight low-to-high index order with starting hole assignments in low-to-high order starting on the first hole.

4. In the event of a tie for either gross or net (after completion of the qualifying rounds), an 18-hole playoff should be held within two weeks of the final qualifier to determine the winner. If an 18-hole playoff is not feasible, a scorecard playoff will be used per AGA recommendations.
5. The MPWGA will pay the tournament entry fees, along with a stipend to help offset travel expenses, for the winning MPWGA members who represent our Club in the statewide tournament.

Robson Challenge:

This is an annual tournament hosted by Robson Communities, Inc.

1. The team will consist of: the golf professional; MPWGA President; Chair and/or Co-chair for the Robson Challenge; and, MPWGA members (the number of players on each team is determined by the Hosting Team.) The maximum handicap allowed is 40.
2. Current handicap requirements (from Robson Challenge Committee):
The combined 12 person team must have a total handicap of 225-270 (adding all handicap indexes).
3. Any MPWGA Member with six (6) or more Play-Days in the 12 months prior to the event is eligible to participate. They will be asked to sign up, and 'the spots' on the team will be determined by blind draw. The MPWGA President may make exceptions to this in extraordinary circumstances.

OUTSIDE EVENTS:

In the interest of providing additional opportunities for our active members wishing to participate in competitive events in the greater Tucson area, information is provided on our website about:

- Catalina Cup ~ partnered match play, gross and net scores
- Ironwood Cup ~ partnered match play, net score only
- Kachina Cup ~ ABCD Formats
- Southern District (SDWGA) ~ various formats
- City League ~ individual stroke play, Stableford points

MEMBERSHIP HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS:

1. Prospective members shall have an established USGA-approved Handicap Index. If a prospective member does not have a current USGA Index, she must establish a handicap by submitting at least five 18-hole scorecards from a rated course, properly attested and dated within the previous twelve months to the Membership Chair. If the player already has a USGA handicap from another course, it should be transferred into the MPWGA system. The GHIN system issues official handicaps which are updated to our MPWGA website on the 1st and the 15th of every month.
2. Handicap services will be available to women golfers who are property owners or renters in HOA#1, HOA#2, or are approved by the MountainView/Preserve Director of Golf.
3. The Handicap Committee may conduct periodic random audits of posting of players' scores to maintain integrity of the handicap system. Failure to do so could result in the MPWGA losing its license to issue USGA handicaps for MPWGA members.
4. Penalties: If a member's name shows up on a random review, she will be contacted, asked to post her score, and reminded posting should occur immediately or as soon as possible after the round. If she has a valid reason for not posting, (e.g., did not play according to the rules of golf or cancelled), the reason is logged and the occurrence is not recorded as a failure to post. Absent a valid reason for not posting, it will be recorded as her first warning for the calendar year. If after contact she fails to post within a reasonable amount of time, a penalty score may be posted in her scoring record. If she appears again on a random review, she will be given a second warning for

the calendar year. Failure to post that score and any future appearances on a random review may be penalized in accordance with USGA recommendations.

5. Penalties are intended to protect the field in any handicapped event in which a member may participate. Extenuating circumstances should be considered before a penalty score is applied. Note: Acceptable timeframe for posting a missing round is affected by timing of handicap calculation revisions.

POSTING SCORES:

Members will follow these guidelines for posting or not posting scores:

1. Members are required to post **all non-Play-Day** scores whenever they play. If they cannot post a score, they should utilize the "Not Posting?" link on the MPWGA home page to notify the Handicap Chair. By completing all of the information on the form, including the valid reason for not posting (e.g. did not play enough holes to post a nine-hole score or did not follow the Rules of Golf and why), the member will eliminate the risk of being assessed a penalty score for not posting.
2. Post an **eighteen-hole** score when at least **thirteen** holes have been played. For the holes not played, record par plus any applicable handicap strokes.
3. Post a **nine-hole** score when at least **seven** holes have been played. For the holes not played, record par plus applicable handicap strokes. The GHIN System will automatically combine nine-hole scores to create an eighteen-hole score. The combining of nine-hole scores may be any combination of nines, e.g., a front nine tee score combined with a back nine middle tee score. A nine-hole score will be retained within a player's scoring record until it is older than the oldest eighteen-hole score in the record.
4. **Uncompleted Holes:** If a player 'picks up' on a hole, she will record the score *she most likely* would have made. That score, however, must not exceed her Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) limit.
5. When a hole is not played, a player's score for the hole is par, plus any applicable handicap strokes to which she is entitled, based on her full Course Handicap. This also applies to any hole that the player does not follow the **Rules of Golf**.
6. If "mulligans" are included in a Special Events tournament format, for posting purposes the score for the hole is par plus any applicable handicap strokes to which the player is entitled, based on her full Course Handicap. REMINDER: "Mulligans" are not provided for in the Rules of Golf. If a player chooses to redo a shot during normal play, she must post her score counting the original stroke and the penalty stroke.
7. **Conceded Strokes or Putts:** The player will post the score *she most likely* would have made on that hole, not to exceed her ESC (Equitable Stroke Control).
8. **DO NOT POST SCORES** when you play alone, when the competition limits the number or types of clubs used (such as a three-club tournament), or when the majority of the holes are not played under the Rules of Golf (such as a Scramble or Scotch).

EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL (ESC):

For handicap purposes, players are required to adjust their individual hole scores (actual or probable) when they are higher than the maximum number she can post. This keeps an exceptionally bad hole from changing her handicap. There is no limit to the number of holes on which a player can

adjust her score. ESC sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's course handicap as shown below:

Handicap Maximum Strokes Per Hole

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| 9 or less | Double Bogey |
| 10 – 19 | 7 |
| 20 – 29 | 8 |
| 30 – 39 | 9 |
| 40 and above | 10 |

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD:

The method for determining the MPWGA Most Improved Player (MIP) shall be determined by the MIP computations provided by the GHIN System for the year beginning January 1 through December 31. The Handicap Revision dates of January 1 and December 15th will be used for the computation, and any penalty scores posted in a player's scoring record will be excluded in the calculation of the player's handicap index. The Handicap Committee will review the scores to check for anything that might affect the calculation, including any handicap reductions or adjustments.

To be eligible, a player must:

1. Be a paid member of MPWGA for the entire year January 1st through December 31st.
2. Have an established handicap as of January 1st and have played and posted at least 12 MPWGA Play-Day events on the MountainView or The Preserve Golf courses during the calendar year.
3. Have posted a total of 48 or more 18-hole scores during the calendar year (including the 12 MPWGA Play-Day events).
4. NOT have appeared more than once on the Failure to Post log during the calendar year.
5. Pass the review of the Handicap Committee. The committee may consider other factors and always has **final** authority in selecting their Most Improved Player.