



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.

PASSWORDS:

The President of MPWGA is the sole internal custodian of all passwords related to MPWGA business. She will ensure a current list of passwords and those with password access is recorded. She will also ensure this list is reviewed as needed by the Board (at least annually) for providing password access and for password changes.

TUESDAY PLAY-DAY EVENTS: USGA Rules of Golf and the World Handicap System/Rules of Handicapping 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.
3. Weekly Sign-up:
 - a) Sign up Wednesday by 3:00 PM for the following Tuesday Play-Day via the ForeTees Reservation System. All requests for sign-up or cancellations after that time must be submitted to the Weekly Events Committee. (*Add or Remove a Tuesday Play Date* form is available on the MPWGA website.) Handicap Index for the Sunday before Tuesday Play-Day will be used. 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 Play-Day will be distributed to the winners and deposited into their HOA2 credit book accounts.
 - 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 Play-Day 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 a player is disqualified for some infraction of USGA Rules of Golf or Rules of Handicapping during a sanctioned event, the player will receive no award(s) 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. **Chip-Ins and Birdies:** Members will be recognized for their accumulated birdies and chip-ins on Tuesday Play-Days or in MPWGA tournaments. Members must clearly indicate any Birdies and Chip-Ins on their scorecard. These must be post-able games.

3. **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".
4. **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.
 - Holes-in-one should be reported to our league AGA representative with the following information: Date of HIO, name of Golf Course, tee used with yardage, club used, witness name, and a photo.

MAJOR TOURNAMENTS:

Major Tournaments are defined as the Club Championship and the President's Cup. 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 "C" (Competition). 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 "C" (Competition). The maximum course handicap applied 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 handicap order starting on the first hole.
4. Major Tournament winners will be responsible for organizing the next year's event.

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 during the calendar year (they may occur in the same month.) The maximum course handicap applied 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 handicap order starting on the first hole.

AGA State Medallion Club Team Tournament:

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 handicap 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 for the winners, along with a stipend to help offset travel expenses.

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 Dolls ~ ABCD Team composed of players from different clubs
- Southern District (SDWGA) ~ various formats
- City League ~ individual stroke play, Stableford points

MEMBERSHIP HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS:

1. Prospective members shall have an established USGA Handicap Index. If a prospective member does not have a current USGA Index, she must establish a handicap by submitting at least three 18-hole scorecards from a rated course, properly attested and dated within the previous twelve months to the Handicap Chair. If the player already has a USGA handicap from another Club, it should be transferred into the MPWGA system. The GHIN system issues official handicaps which are updated to our MPWGA website each Sunday.
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 Chair will 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.

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 **fourteen** holes have been played. For the holes not played, record par plus any applicable handicap strokes (Par + Pops).
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 (Par + Pops). The GHIN program 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. **Holes Not Played:** When a hole is not played, a player's score for the hole is Net Par, which is par plus any applicable handicap strokes to which she is entitled (also known as Par + Pops). This also applies to any hole that the player does not follow the **Rules of Golf**.
5. **Maximum Hole Score (Par + 2 + Pops):** For handicap purposes the maximum hole score a player can post is limited to a Net Double Bogey, calculated as Par + 2 + any handicap strokes (Pops) awarded on the hole.
6. **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 maximum hole score of Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + Pops).
7. **Conceded Strokes or Putts:** The player will post the score *she most likely* would have made on that hole, not to exceed her maximum hole score of Net Double Bogey (Par + 2 + Pops).
8. If "mulligans" are included in a Special Events tournament format, for posting purposes the score for the hole is Par + Pops (par plus any applicable handicap strokes to which the player is entitled). 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.

9. **DO NOT POST SCORES** when you play alone, when the competition limits the number or types of clubs used (such as a five-club tournament), or when the majority of the holes are not played under the Rules of Golf (such as a Scramble or Scotch).

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARD:

The method for determining the MPWGA Most Improved Player (MIP) shall be determined by the MIP computations provided by the USGA GHIN program for the year beginning January 1 through December 31. The Handicap Revision dates of January 1 and December 31st 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. (The 12 MPWGA Play-Day events count toward the 48 posted scores.)
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.