

**MESQUITE MENS
GOLF ASSOCIATION
(MMGA)**



POLICIES & RULES

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Personnel Positions

I. PERSONNEL POSITIONS

GENERAL Principle

All Board members will assist other Board members in the conduct of their responsibilities.

A. Board Member Positions

1. President:

- a. Assign Directors in accordance with the By Laws
- b. Assign/select committee's to accomplish special task i.e. Mesquite Cup, website.
- c. Conduct Board meetings
- d. Assist in preparing budget
- e. Oversee the League Day Check-in Assistant in the performance of his duties.
- f. Responsible for:
 - 1) Maintenance of league play sign-up sheets, 3 in number.
 - 2) Contact applicable golf course 48 hours prior to date of play to confirm number of players and tee times
- g. Coordinate with the MMGA Treasurer the collection and disposition of all league daily entry fees collected on play-days throughout the year
- h. Assist in sign up for league play

2. Vice President:

- a. Assist the President in the performance of his duties
- b. Act as President when he is not available
- c. Assist in sign up for league play
- d. Perform special assignments

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3. Secretary:

- a. Develop an agenda for Board meetings with inputs from the other Board Members
- b. Record and publish minutes. Send to Webmaster for electronic posting on the website for all members to read.
- c. Assist in sign up for league play
- d. Prepare ballot for Board member election and email to membership.
- e. Responsible for maintaining and updating membership lists to include phone number and email addresses. Forward any changes to the Webmaster for posting on the league website.
- f. Receive from Treasurer new membership information and add to membership listing.
- g. Perform special assignments

4. Treasurer:

- a. Be responsible for banking transactions. Maintain in a local bank, a savings account, a checking account, and if able certificates of deposits, for storage of MMGA League funds, fees, and dues.
- b. In absence of Membership Director, receive new member applications and fees. Forward the information to Secretary and Director of Golf Operations as appropriate.
- c. Collect renewal and new member fees for deposit in League bank accounts.
- d. Collect league play money, and other fees, for following distributions:
 - 1) daily league prize money to Golf Operations Director
 - 2) tournament prize monies to Tournament Director
 - 3) valets (generally \$1 per member on day of play)
- e. When requested, prepare and submit financial reports to board members.
- f. Prepare annual budget, with assistance from others, for first board meeting in Oct/Nov timeframe.
- g. Assist league members as needed in the procurement of the Mesquite Golf Pass and the Mesquite Gaming Pass.
- h. Assist in league play sign up
- i. Perform special assignments

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5. Board Member

- a. Meet whenever the President calls a meeting of the Board to decide rule and policy issues (usually two or three times per annum).
- b. Assist other board members as needed.

B. Committee Chairmanships

1. Golf League Operations:

- a. Negotiate contracts for the league play at the area's various golf courses, in April and October of each year. Contact out of state golf courses for playing dates during summer and the entire month of September, while local courses are over seeding, as well as any other opportunities throughout the year.
- b. Receive from Treasurer new member information and enroll new members in the SNGA handicap system
- c. Obtain current GHIN handicap numbers from new members, if they have them, or establish new GHIN numbers via the SNGA handicap system.
- d. Be knowledgeable of how the handicap system works
- e. Input daily member scores into SNGA handicap system to include the use of ESC regulations where appropriate.
- f. Provide handicaps for league and tournament play for all tee's we are playing; black, blue, silver, white, gold
- g. Write golf articles on league play and tournaments and submit to the local newspapers
- h. Collect prize money from Treasurer for daily league play payouts
- i. Determine low net winners in league play using local established guidelines for fair distribution. Distribute prize money to low net winners by next playing days.
- j. Negotiate with the golf course for the Club Championship Tournament, to include tee times.
 - 1) Order winning trophies, towels etc. for the Club Championship
 - 2) Obtain the "Most Improved Player" from the SNGA computer program and order trophy and present at annual Club Championship Dinner

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- 3) Contact dinner establishment one year in advance for menu and head count. Ensure dinner accommodations are set up ahead of time to include banner, table arrangements, and awards.
- k. Conduct Summer “Fed-Ex Cup” tournament.
 - 1) Collect entry fees and give to Treasurer for deposit in bank
 - 2) Distribute points/standings on a weekly basis and publish.
 - 3) Award one low net (\$25) each play day during summer and award final prize money to Cup winners at the end of August.
- l. Forward to the MMGA website coordinator the league play scheduling information, including all changes, for posting on the MMGA website.
- m. Assist in sign up for league play
- n. Perform special assignments

2. Tournament:

- a. Direct all tournaments except the “Summer Fed-Ex” competition.
- b. When needed, select members to assist in the conduct and execution of tournaments.
- c. Between October and May of each year, conduct two League tournaments, Major or Mini, per month. The exception of this is either February or March when the Mesquite Cup is played. During that month only one League tournament will be held.
- d. Coordinate with the Director of Golf Operations the dates and tee times for League tournaments during the October to May timeframe.
- e. Notify the MMGA Website Coordinator of any changes to the tournament schedule.
- f. Obtain tournament prize monies from the Treasurer on a monthly basis.
- g. At the completion of each tournament, assist the MMGA President in the awarding of tournament prize monies to the members.
- h. Submit tournament announcements and results to all members via email.
- i. Assist in sign up of members for league play
- j. Perform special assignments

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3. Rules:

- a. Be knowledgeable of USGA rules of golf
- b. Be knowledgeable of the local rules of golf at the courses for league and tournament play
- c. Resolve all rules of golf disputes for league and tournament play
- d. Assist in sign up for league play
- e. Perform special assignments

4. Membership:

- a. Collect membership applications and record in data base include phone number, address, current GHIN. Following a probationary period, a new membership application will be forwarded to the full Board for either acceptance or rejection.
- b. Send membership application data and e-mail address's to:
 - 1) Director of Golf Operations for SNGA enrollment
 - 2) MMGA Treasurer
 - 3) MMGA Secretary
- c. Send membership data by mail to members that do not use the internet
- d. Procure Mesquite Golf Pass when required (Now done by Treasurer).
- e. Send info package to new members to include welcome, schedule, and reminder that MMGA Constitution and By-Laws, Rules and Policies are on the website for review.
- f. Assist in sign up for league play
- g. Perform special assignments

C. Other Member Positions

1. WEBSITE Coordinator

- a. Update and maintain the MMGA website (www.mesquitemensgolf.com).
- b. Assist members with technology issues as able.

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2. League Day Check-in Assistant

a. Assist the MMGA President by:

- 1) Maintain the daily sign-up sheet by checking in the participating members for that day's play and adjusting for level number of players in each group.
- 2) Collect the daily player's fee and course payment receipt from members
- 3) Prior to League play, turn over to the President or Treasurer the monies collected from the members

League Play

II. LEAGUE PLAY

A. League Play (General)

1. General

The MMGA plays league golf on Tuesday and Thursday of each week all year round. Tuesday play is primarily played at the Falcon Ridge golf course (MMGA's home course) and Thursday is generally rotated between the local courses of Oasis Canyons, Casablanca, and Palms. Occasionally, Palmer, Conestoga, Coyote Springs, or St. George, Utah golf courses are scheduled for play. During the entire month of September, when the local golf courses conduct annual re-seeding operations, the MMGA schedules league play at the various St. George, Utah golf courses.

2. Format

- a. League play format will be stroke play.
- b. League play is played under all USGA rules and any local course rules.
- c. There are no given putts.
- d. On all the courses, any desert area, not marked as a lateral hazard or out of bounds is played as a lateral hazard in order to speed up play.

3. Fees

- a. MMGA/SNGA Annual Fees – Currently \$30 per annum payable to the MMGA Treasurer
- b. Mesquite Golf Pass – Currently \$150 per annum (1 Jan – 31 Dec). The pass can be bought at either Falcon Ridge or Oasis Golf Courses and entitles the card holder to reduced fees year round at various golf courses in the area, including Utah. The pass also includes free rounds of golf at various area golf courses during the summer months.
- c. Mesquite Gaming Pass – Currently \$65 per annum (1 Oct – 30 Sep). The pass can be bought at either Casa Blanca or Palms Golf Courses. The pass entitles the card holder to reduced fees year round at these two golf courses.

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- d. Daily Fees – Currently \$10 per round. Breakdown of fee is as follows:
1. \$7 – for league prize monies on the day of collection.
 2. \$1 – for valet tips on the day of collection.
 3. \$2 – for other major and mini MMGA tournament prize monies, operating costs, and other expenses, e.g., website provider fees, hole sponsorship at charity events.

NOTE: Guests are not required to pay the \$10 daily fee.

4. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible to play in weekly league play, the member must be in good standing. A medical deferment should be taken into consideration.

5. Conduct

- a. All players in each group are responsible for pace of play.
- b. Excessive slow play may result in denial of play in the future at that course.
- c. A collared shirt is mandatory on all courses.
- d. The dress code is different at each course so check to see where you can wear denim.

6. Prize Allocation

- a. Prize amounts for league play are determined by the number of players who have play on that particular day and only net scores will be eligible for prize money. Players will be divided into three (3) groups that will be based on handicaps and will be divided so that the numbers in each group are as equal as possible. The more players per group, the more places paid out and the higher amount for each spot.
- b. The goal is to try and pay out to 25% - 30% of participating players.
- c. If a new member does not have an established handicap, he is ineligible for net prize money until a handicap is established. To be eligible for the NET prize money the player must have a current established GHIN handicap index from another course handicap system, or from the MMGA/SNGA system.

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- d. The member must play from his authorized tee box to be eligible for a prize. The Director of Golf Operations (for normal league play) or the Tournament Director (for special tournaments) will establish the standard tee and optional tees as described below for play. Optionally the following exceptions are available to members: 1) The back tee (e.g., Black at Falcon Ridge) can be used by any member at his discretion, 2) the senior or forward tee (e.g., Gold at Falcon Ridge) can be used by a player over the age of 69 or with a handicap index of over 20) the most forward tee (e.g., Red at Falcon Ridge) can be used by a player over the age of 80 or a handicap index over 30. Handicaps will be adjusted for the purpose of net prize awards based of the tee being played.
- e. Failure to complete any of the 18 holes played, by either “x-ing” out or failing to putt out (i.e. taking a gimme), makes the player ineligible for a cash prize.

7. Handicap Index Requirements

- a. Membership with the MMGA automatically enrolls a member in the Southern Nevada Golf Association (SNGA) (www.snga.org). The SNGA is a participant in the GHIN golf handicap system.
- b. All members of the MMGA must have an established handicap index to compete for league and tournament cash prizes.
- c. New members without an official handicap index will be required to play 5 rounds of league play golf before a temporary handicap index can be established by the SNGA.
- d. The Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) system is utilized in determining handicap indexes.
- e. The member’s handicap index is updated daily via the SNGA and the World Golf Association Network. The updated handicap index can be viewed online at www.snga.org.

8. Posting Scores

- a. All league play scores will be posted on the SNGA web-site by the Director of Golf Operations. The scores will be reviewed for accuracy. When required, an ESC adjustment of the player’s score will be made before being entered into the SNGA handicap records.

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- b. If a member plays a round of golf outside of MMGA league play, the round should be entered into the handicap system, utilizing the ESC scoring system, to maintain the integrity of the member's handicap index. This can be done by the member himself or with the assistance of the Director of Golf Operations.

9. Score Card Responsibilities

- a. All playing members **MUST** review their score cards for individual hole scores and total score.
- b. All cards must have the player's last name and first initial on it.
- c. All cards must be signed by at least two players verifying the scores are correct.
- d. All cards must indicate the tee box the player hit from; eg. "B" for Blue, "W" for White, "G" for gold, and "R" for Red.

10. Sign-up Procedures

- a. The MMGA has a unique procedure for members to play league play. There are sign-up sheets/books for each Tuesday and Thursday play. The MMGA President maintains these sign-up sheets/books.
- b. Each player is **strongly** encouraged to sign up in advance, using the sign-up sheets/books, to guarantee their tee time. Not showing up to play after signing up is discouraged because it could result in the loss of future guaranteed tee times with area golf courses due to poor attendance. Players must notify the MMGA President either the night before or the morning of play if they are canceling. Players that fail to properly notify the MMGA President of a cancellation will be assessed a \$10.00 fee.
- c. A member can also sign up by contacting MMGA President via email or telephone.
- d. The MMGA must notify the course 48 hours prior to playing as to the number of players. You may not play if the allocated number of players is full.

11. Check-in Procedures

- a. Check in time for each day of play is a minimum of ½ hour before designated tee time.

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- b. MMGA players will pay the his green fees directly to the pro shop desk utilizing his Mesquite Golf Pass or his Mesquite Gaming Pass as applicable to obtain a discount.
- c. The player will then present his green fees receipt, along with daily fee (currently \$10) to the Check-in Assistant. At this time, he will be informed of the starting hole and playing partners. Most league play days will have a shotgun starting format.

12. New Membership Sponsorship Award

- a. Any current member who sponsors a new member will receive a free round of golf at a Tuesday or Thursday League Play event of their choosing.

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B. MMGA LEAGUE TOURNAMENTS

1. General

- a. MMGA will conduct regular tournament competitions throughout the year. Formats for these tournaments vary and will be promulgated by the Tournament Director to the members via email prior to the competition.

Examples of these tournaments are:

1) Major Tournaments

- a) Club Championship – medal play competition conducted in mid-November over a two day period. Members will be separated by handicaps into flights. Prizes will be awarded in low net categories. The overall “low net” AND “low gross” winner names will both be engraved on the Club Championship trophy. The “low gross” winner is not eligible for cash payout.
- b) President’s Cup – medal play competition conducted in late January over a one day period. Members will be separated by handicaps into flights. Prizes will be awarded in low net categories.
- c) Spring Master’s – medal play competition conducted in early April over a one day period. Members will be separated by handicaps into flights. Prizes will be awarded in low net categories.

2) Minor Tournaments

- a) Mini-Tournaments – conducted between October and May on a not to interfere with the four tournaments listed above. Mini-tournaments are conducted in various formats as determined by the Tournament Director.
- b) Summer “Fed-Ex” Competition – conducted between June and August in a format similar to the PGA “Fed-Ex Cup”.

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2. Eligibility

- a. To be eligible to play in these tournaments, the individual must be a member in good standing, have an established handicap, or a handicap approved by the Director of Golf League Operations.
 - 1) The member must have played 12 rounds of league play during the past 12 months, prior to the specific tournament, to qualify to play in the Club Championship, the President's Cup and the Spring Masters.
 - 2) The member must have played 6 rounds of league play during the past 12 months, prior to the specific tournament, to qualify to play in the Mini-Tournaments and the "Summer Fed-Ex" Competition.
 - 3) For all tournament play (major and mini) players are required to play from the tee box assigned to their quarterly flight updates.
- b. A medical or dire circumstance will be considered by the Board to waive this requirement.
- c. As defined above (II.A.6.c), an established handicap is either a) a current established GHIN handicap index from another course handicap system, or b) from the MMGA/SNGA system (II.A.7.c).

3. Tournament Conduct

- a. The Tournament Director shall conduct, monitor, and/or assist in all tournaments, he can select individuals to run the tournaments if he chooses.
- b. The Board recommends that members be involved in selecting the type of tournament for minors and beat the Heat.
- c. The major tournaments are individual stroke play, with the exception of the Mesquite Cup, which is match play against the Oasis Men's Golf Club.

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4. Prize Allocations General

- a. The following MMGA added monies are maximum and should be adjusted for the majors if less than 40 players participate to \$10 per participating player

Tournaments:

MMGA Added Prize Money:

1. Club Championship	\$2,500
2. President's Cup	\$ 500
3. Spring Masters	\$ 500
4. Mini-Tournament	\$ 150
5. Summer "Fed-Ex" Cup	\$ 1000

- b. Tournaments above may also receive a portion of the \$10 daily fee to add to the tournament prize monies.

5. Prize Allocations to Participants

- a. 30% of the tournament participants should benefit in the prize money. The prize money will be allocated towards net awards, since we are a handicap league in which the majority of our membership is higher handicap players. The allocation of prize money and additional prize money supplied by the Association for tournaments can change depending on circumstances at that time.

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MMGA TOURNAMENT CHECK LIST

1. Confirm the tournament date with the Director of Golf Operations. Ask course if shotgun is possible.
2. If you have KP's, advise course to have available.
3. Make sure course has KP's ready on the day of tournament.
4. If needed, KP measuring tapes can be obtained from the Director of Golf Operations. Ensure measuring tapes are returned after the tournament.
5. One week prior to the tournament, send members via email the tournament format and rules. The format and rules should include prize award tie-breakers.
6. If possible, assign player groups and starting holes ahead of the tournament and send to members via email.
7. If needed, obtain member handicaps for the course being played from either the SNGA website or the MMGA Director of Golf Operations. There is a time saving advantage if you use the handicap sheets rather than going on line to look up each member's handicap.
8. If needed, obtain appropriate score sheet for final postings and score cards from course ahead of tournament.
9. Obtain the tournament prize monies from the MMGA Treasurer prior to the tournament. Determine prize money payouts and have ready for awarding at the end of the tournament. Tie-breaker rules should be published prior to tournament day.
10. Request as much help from members as needed.

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11. Verify pin placements with golf course management to ensure pin placements are “fair” for amateur competition. (i.e. front right pin location on hole #10 at Falcon Ridge)
12. All tournament score cards must be rechecked for valid score results before being posted.

Table of Changes

Date	Description of Change
1 Oct 15	Update of the 1 Nov 11 Rules and Policies Statement
1 Feb 16	Changed II.A.12 to implement the New Sponsorship Award Renumber rule II.A.12 to rule II.A.13
15 Mar 16	Changed rule II.B.2 tournament eligibilities from 24 months to 12 months. Adds rule II.A.6.d – League Play prize eligibility (playing from wrong tees)
1 Oct 16	Adds the position of Board Member to Section I.A. Establishes the Committee Chairmanship Positions of Golf Operations, Tournament, Rules, and Membership in Section I.B.
1 Nov 16	Adds rule II.A.6.e – League Play prize eligibility (gimmes and x-outs)
25 Jan 17	Update to Section II-A-3-d, Daily Fees
28 Jan 18	Updated the various references in the document to remove “gross payout” and modified explanations to reflect changes to net payouts. Updated annual costs for handicap and Mesquite Golf Pass to reflect 2018 fee increases. Added statements to encourage the use of signup sheets rather than email to Bubba. Updated club championship rules to include placing the low gross champions name on the championship trophy and included statement that low gross winner is <u>not</u> eligible for cash payout.
25 Nov 20	Updated Appendix I, tournament check list, to include verifying pin locations for “fair” locations. Changed requirements for playing from “forward” (red) tees so that players over 80 or with a handicap index over 30 can play forward tees if they want to.
2 Dec 20	Added additional items to the tournament check list.
5 Nov 21	Updated Section II-B MMGA Tournament Play. Changed the requirements to participate in major tournaments from 6 rounds to 12 rounds in the previous 12 months. Changed the requirements to participate in mini-tournaments from 3 rounds to 6 rounds in the previous 12 months.
5 Nov 21	Updated Section II-A-10 Check-In Procedures. Removed Jim “Bubba” Petrick’s name and replaced it with MMGA President.
22 Jan 22	Updated II-A-7-e to remove reference to handicaps being updated on the 1 st and 15 th of each month. Article was changed to reflect that handicaps are updated daily by SNGA. Removed II-A-13 which referenced posting articles in the local newspaper.
1 Feb 23	Added tee’s members must play during all tournament play in Section II, A, 4, 3
13 Oct 24	Updated prize money allocations on Section II, B, 4 on page 17. Removed all reference to Mesquite Cup Tournament in the document since it is no longer played.
