



# PAPAGO MENS GOLF ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

The following Tournament Policies and Procedures have been adopted by the Board of Directors of the Papago Men's Golf Association ("PMGA" or "Club"), for the purpose of providing clarity, consistency, and fairness in the management and operation of PMGA Tournaments. These Policies and Procedures may be amended, supplemented, and/or updated from time to time by the Board.

## 1. **Definitions:**

**Board:** The duly elected Board of Directors of PMGA.

**Cash Games:** Various games, typically optional, offered in addition to the Scrip Payouts to Tournament or Flight winners; Cash Games can be gross and/or net, and may include games such as skins, cash pot games, and games for partial sets of holes (par 3s, par 5s, final four, etc.).

**Field:** The pool of players in a Tournament, Flight, or Cash Game eligible to compete for a Payout. The Field for Tournament Payouts would be all players in a non-flighted Tournament, or all players within a Flight. The Field for a Cash Game consists of all who have entered and paid.

**Member:** An active member of PMGA in good standing; must be at least 13 years old.

**Flight(s):** Separate groups within a Tournament, divided according to Handicaps.

**Payouts:** Cash or Scrip payments to qualified winners of Tournaments or Cash Games.

**PMGA Index:** Each Member's USGA index, as adjusted by a formula adopted by the Board to account for recent PMGA Tournament scores, as calculated by the PMGA Handicap Chairman.

**Scrip:** The portion of Tournament fees allocated to Payouts in the form of Pro Shop credit.

**Tournament:** Any official tournament or event organized and run by the Board/Tournament Chairman, whether at Papago Golf Course or at another course.

**Tournament Chairman:** The PMGA Board member duly appointed by the Board for this position.

**Tournament Committee:** The Tournament Chairman and any other Board member(s) duly appointed by the Board to assist in the management and operation of PMGA Tournaments.

2. **Rules:** PMGA Tournament play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and the PMGA Conditions of Competition and Local Rules. This document does not affect or modify those Rules.

3. **Guidelines; Discretion:** These Policies and Procedures are intended as guidelines that the Tournament Chairman and Committee should endeavor to apply and follow. The Tournament Chairman, the Committee, and/or the Board may modify or vary any of these Policies and Procedures, for good cause, for any given Tournament and/or for any aspect of a Tournament; provided, however, that no such modifications or variances should be utilized if the effect would be to directly favor any Board member(s).

## 4. **Flights:**

- **Size of Flights:** Where feasible each Flight should consist of 12 – 20 players.
- Players with the same handicap should be placed in the same Flight and not separated.
- **White Tee Flight Option:** At the discretion of the Tournament Chairman, in addition to the main set of tees to be played (whether blue, black, or black/blue combo), players at designated Tournaments may be offered the option to play in one or more White Tee Flights.
  - White Tee Flights are considered separate Fields for Scrip and Cash Game Payouts.
  - White Tee Flights are generally "net only," both for Scrip Payouts and Cash Games; **except:** (a) for combined Gross and Net Skins; and (b) if there are multiple White Tee Flights, the Tournament Chairman may elect to pay one or more gross places.

5. **Handicaps:** For any portion of a Tournament run on a “net” basis, each Member’s handicap will be his PMGA Index, adjusted for the slope of the tees being played; except, in certain Tournaments the Tournament Chairman may elect to use USGA rather than PMGA Indexes; and, in certain team or guest-oriented events, may use a percentage of the applicable Indexes.
- A new Member or Guest without a verifiable USGA Index will be assigned a handicap of zero; unless available evidence indicates the player should be assigned a plus handicap.
  - Any of the following players will be assigned a handicap equal to 80% of his current USGA Index, and in individual play will be limited to a net score of 68 (34 for nine-hole score where relevant):
    - A new member who has not yet posted at least two individual PMGA Tournament scores at Papago from which his PMGA Index can be calculated.
    - An existing PMGA Member who has not posted at least two individual PMGA Tournament scores at Papago within the previous twelve months.
    - Guests.
6. **Guests:**
- Non-Members may play as Guests in the Red White & Blue, From the Tips, the Member-Guest, and any other Tournament the Tournament Chairman opens to Guests.
  - The following Tournaments shall not be open to Guests under any circumstances: Team Championship; Mad Dog Melius; and Club Championship.
  - No person may play as a Guest in more than two Tournaments per calendar year.
7. **Payouts:**
- For any Payout (subject only to any exceptions specified below), whether Tournament Scrip or Cash Game, the target goal should be to make Payouts to 28-30% of the players within each Field; and in any event to not less than 25% nor more than 33% of each Field.
    - Exception: gross and net par 3 games will typically be “winner-take-all.”
  - All entry fees paid by players towards Payout pools within a Field should be paid to the winners in that Field, and should not be allocated or paid to another Field. For example:
    - Typically, \$14 of each player’s entry fee is allocated to Scrip. In a non-flighted Tournament, Scrip Payouts should total \$14 X number of players. In a Flighted Tournament, Scrip Payouts in each Flight should total \$14 X number of players in that Flight.
    - The Payouts in each Cash Game should closely equal the total entry fees for that Cash Game, subject to rounding Payouts to even dollar amounts.
  - When a Payout in a non-Flighted Tournament Field is split among gross and net winners, the percentage paid to gross versus net should be based on the percentage of players in the Field with Handicaps < 6 versus those ≥ 6; a comparable formula should be applied to team events.
  - **Percentage Allocation for Payouts:** Within a Field, the pool of Scrip or Cash to be paid should be allocated in the following percentages, subject to the discretion of the Tournament Chairman to modify them +/- 3% to produce rounded numbers or for other good cause:
    - Pay 6 places: 1<sup>st</sup> 33%; 2<sup>nd</sup> 23%; 3<sup>rd</sup> 17%; 4<sup>th</sup> 12%; 5<sup>th</sup> 9%; 6<sup>th</sup> 6%.
    - Pay 5 places: 1<sup>st</sup> 35%; 2<sup>nd</sup> 24%; 3<sup>rd</sup> 18%, 4<sup>th</sup> 13%; 5<sup>th</sup> 10%.
    - Pay 4 places: 1<sup>st</sup> 45%; 2<sup>nd</sup> 27%; 3<sup>rd</sup> 18%; 4<sup>th</sup> 10%.
    - Pay 3 places: 1<sup>st</sup> 50%; 2<sup>nd</sup> 30%; 3<sup>rd</sup> 20%.
    - Pay 2 places: 1<sup>st</sup> 65%; 2<sup>nd</sup> 35%.
  - **Ties:**
    - In the event of a tie for any place but the last place being paid, split the total Payouts for the places that tied equally among the players who tied.
    - In the event of a tie for the last place being paid: (a) if only two players are tied, split the last place Payout equally between them; (b) if more than two players are tied, pay just one of them as determined by a scorecard playoff per USGA Handicap System Manual 9-6 (in a shotgun, use whichever nine (front or back) the majority of players finish on).
    - For Cash Game scorecard playoff, start with the last hole and go backwards until broken.

8. **CTPs:**
- CTPs pay \$20 to the player closest to the pin on each of the par 3s.
  - In Tournaments with separate White Tee Flight(s), the Tournament Chairman may (a) designate one or more of the par 3s as blue tee CTPs and one or more as white CTPs (in proportion to the number of blue tee players compared to white tee players, or (b) have the blue and white tees set at the same spot on each of the par 3s and make all four available to all Tournament players.
9. **Scorecards:**
- The marker shall legibly record the player's score on each hole, and for the benefit of the Tournament Committee shall add the player's totals on the card for both nines and for the 18.
  - The player (or both players on a team, where applicable) shall check his scores on each hole and his nine-hole and 18-hole totals as recorded by the marker.
  - The marker and the player (both players, on a team) shall sign the scorecard. The Tournament Committee, in its discretion, may reject any scorecard not signed by the marker and player(s).
  - All players shall turn in their cards to a Board member **and wait** while the card is checked for legibility, completeness, accuracy, total scores, and signatures.
  - For any hole where a player picks up and does not hole out, the player shall determine, and the marker shall record, the "most likely score" the player would have made had he holed out.
10. **Hole-In-One:** PMGA has established and maintains a hole-in-one fund. A Member who has a hole-in-one in a PMGA Tournament shall receive a prize of \$200.
11. **Policies for Specific Tournaments:**
- **Team Championship:**
    - Guests are not permitted to play in the Team Championship.
    - Each scorecard must be signed by the marker and by both players on the team.
    - The winning gross team and the winning net team will represent PMGA in the AGA Team Championship, with PMGA to pay each teams' entry fee to the AGA.
    - In the event of a tie for first place (gross or net), the winning team will be determined by a scorecard playoff in accordance with USGA Handicap System Manual 9-6.
  - **From the Tips:**
    - The tees for the main Flight(s) shall be set as near as reasonably possible to the back edge of the Black Tee area on each tee box.
    - If a White Tee Flight is offered, the tees shall be set as near as reasonably possible to the back edge of the White Tee area on each tee box; or, half-way between the white and blue yardage plates.
  - **Club Championship:**
    - The Club Championship shall be a two-day, 36-hole Tournament.
    - The Defending Club Champion's entry fee shall be waived.
    - The Club Champion shall be the eligible player in the Championship Flight with the lowest two-day total gross score.
    - The President's Cup shall be awarded to the eligible player in any Flight with the lowest two-day total net score.
    - While all Members are eligible to play in the Club Championship and compete for standard Payouts, in order to compete for the titles of Club Champion and President's Cup, a Member: (a) must be an amateur; and (b) during that calendar year must have posted at least four individual PMGA Tournament scores at Papago and played in at least four PMGA Tournaments at Papago.

- The Club Champion must come from the Championship Flight, which will consist of the 12 lowest handicap players signed up for the Club Championship (with that number subject to change at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman depending on the total number of players in the Field), plus anyone else who elects the Championship Flight.
- Except for the Championship Flight, all Flights should be approximately 10 players +/-.
- The Championship Flight shall be played from the Blue tees on the first day and from the Black tees on the second day.
- Tee Times/Pairings: Saturday pairings will start with the Championship Flight (lowest handicap players first); then the First Flight (same); and so on. Sunday pairings will start with the last flight (highest gross Saturday scores first); and end with the Championship Flight (lowest gross Saturday scores last). No pairing or tee time requests will be accepted.
- In the event of a tie for first place gross at the end of 36 holes in the Championship Flight, the players who tied shall play a sudden death playoff, starting on hole #1 (or, at the discretion of the Tournament Committee and depending on front nine availability, on hole # 10). If there are more than two players in the playoff, and if two or more players tie for the lowest score on a hole, any players with a higher score on that hole will be eliminated, and those who tied for the lowest score on that hole shall continue in that manner until there is a Champion.
- In the event 36 holes cannot be completed on the final scheduled day for the competition, the Club Champion and the President's Cup winner will be determined by the total strokes through the number of holes completed by all competitors. A tie for Club Champion or President's Cup will be resolved by a scorecard playoff using a modified version of USGA Handicap System Manual 9-6, i.e. the total strokes on the last 9 holes completed, then the last 6 holes completed, then the last 3 holes completed, and then hole by hole going back as far as necessary including back to the first round.