

# **Pertinent Information Bulletin** **2017 Revision**

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## **TOURNAMENT INFORMATION**

This is your golf club. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any Board member.

### **SMGC WEBSITE**

The club does have a website that has club information, news, tournament updates, tee times, results, and an archive of all the newsletters. This website allows you to obtain a tournament message when weather conditions are marginal and course playability is in doubt. The website offers online signing up for tournaments and is the preferred way for members to sign up for future tournaments. The web address is <http://www.smgc.us/>.

### **SIGN-UP AND CUT-OFF DATES**

Notification of when you can start to sign-up and the cut-off date for each tournament will be listed on the website. After the cut-off date, or when the tournament is fully subscribed, or other information, are to be handled through the Director of that tournament.

## GUESTS

Guests will be accommodated only upon approval by the Tournament Director. Guests will be charged full tournament entry fee; however, they will not be eligible for tournament prizes. This policy does not apply to the Member/Guest Tournament. Guests cannot be entered if the field is full.

## POSTING OF STARTING TIMES

Starting times will be posted on the SMGC website by 12:00 p.m. on the Thursday preceding the tournament date.

## FLIGHTS

Members will be assigned to flights according to the GHIN HANDICAP INDEX (GHIN) system. The Tournament Chairman will try to keep the handicap flights as equal in number as possible. Members without an official GHIN INDEX because of less than five (5) recorded scores may be assigned to a non-handicap flight. NOTE: All handicaps based on less than ten (10) recorded scores may be adjusted to include the differential of that tournament. This could result in your handicap being adjusted up or down for that tournament.

## REPORTING TO THE FIRST TEE

You are requested to report to the tournament starter at least 30 minutes in advance of your scheduled starting time ready to play. Failure to be ready to tee off at the starter's time may result in a 2 stroke reduction in your handicap for that tournament or disqualification, if applicable.

## NO SHOWS

There will be a 3 stroke reduction in your handicap in the NEXT TOURNAMENT that you play in for your failure to notify the Director in charge of that particular event, or the Pro shop of the course that is being played, a minimum of 60 minutes in advance of the start of the tournament. (Exceptions will be reviewed by the board.) You will be financially responsible for the cost of the entry fee for the tournament you do not show up for. (Exceptions may be made at the discretion of the Tournament Director).

## POSTING OF SCORES AND SCORCARD SUBMITAL

The player is responsible for turning in his signed and attested scorecard to the scorer's table in a prompt manner at the conclusion of their round. Scores shall be posted for you by the Handicap Chairman.

## TIE BREAKING PROCEDURES

For the Net Qualifier, Zone, NCGA Two-Man, Club Championship and Directors Tournament, ties may be broken by sudden death play-off on the same day at the tournament site if possible. If not possible, and for all other tournaments, we will use the USGA method of matching cards.

## TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Official winners of all tournaments will be posted on the SMGC website.

## PRIZE DISTRIBUTION

Gift certificates will be distributed by the Tournament Director or his designee at the next tournament event that the winner attends. Trophy tournament prizes must be claimed the day of the tournament.

## WINTER RULES

When designated by the Tournament Director the following procedure will be followed: Except in a hazard, you may mark, pick, clean, and place ball within one club length, no closer to the hole. Ball lying off green may not be placed on green. The Committee reserves the right to adjust the slope and rating to account for altered playing conditions.

Always assume the tournament is played with the ball down (i.e. as it lies) unless explicitly stated otherwise by the Tournament Director.

## SLOW PLAY

SLOW PLAY WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. Appropriate penalties will be assessed by the Tournament Director as deemed necessary. These will range from warnings, to stroke penalties, to disqualification: (Rule 6.7 Undue Delay). The Board of Directors constitutes a Slow Play Committee with the Vice President as Chairman. This committee will assign club members who have received two warnings to a "Slow Play Club", restricting these members to late start times in Tournaments.

## HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE

All members are covered by hole-in-one insurance. If a member scores an ace in an 18 hole club tournament, the Club (to cover celebration costs) will cover the expense of one drink per player in that tournament. Any member scoring a witnessed hole-in-one, at any time, will receive a trophy upon prompt notification to the Board.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP QUALIFIER

In order for a member to play in the Club Championship, he must have played in a minimum of two (2) events in the past year, excluding NCGA qualifiers.

## HANDICAP INFORMATION

The "heart" of a good tournament is an equitable handicap system that reflects your present potential. The NCGA/USGA Handicap System with Equitable Stroke Control is used. It has 2 basic rules:

1. Know and play by the Rules of Golf.
2. Post your adjusted gross score, Course Rating and Slope for every round of golf played at home or away.

Every member must post an adjusted gross score for every 18 hole round of golf played under the Rules of Golf in match, stroke or best ball play. When you do not post a score, the Handicap Chairman will proceed as follows: First, he will record either a 'Pen' (the lowest differential in the players last 20 scores) or the actual score, whichever results in the lowest differential. Second, if a player is habitual in failing to post scores, or if a player's Index is not indicative of his ability, the Handicap Chairman may change that player's Index by written notification to NCGA.

## NON-TOURNAMENT SCORE POSTING PROCEDURE

NCGA uses GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network) to gather scores posted and process the data to generate our Handicap Indexes and produce our Monthly reports. This is a nationwide system and will allow you to post at the course played, in most all cases.

The following information is always needed to post a score.

NCGA/GHIN member number, date round played, adjusted gross score, course rating and slope, type of round (Home, Away, Tournament).

#### Rounds played at Sunnyvale

Post your adjusted gross score using the computer terminal located in the Pro Shop or use the NCGA website ([www.ncga.org](http://www.ncga.org)). Follow the instructions at the computer terminal or website to post your score.

#### Rounds played at other courses

Select "GUEST" and follow computer instructions.

If you cannot post using the above procedures or need to have a posting error corrected please contact the Handicap Chairman as soon as possible. It is important to keep this data current and correct so that your index is as accurate as possible.

#### NEW MEMBER SCORE POSTING

NCGA/GHIN membership numbers will be available as soon as the membership applications are turned over to the Handicap Chairman for set-up in the computer. This number will be sent to the new member in the New Member Information Package. New members can start posting immediately; remember to use the equitable stroke control rules. If you have questions or need help please contact the Handicap Chairman.

#### FISCAL YEAR AND DUES

The fiscal year of the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club runs from November 1st to October 31st. The dues of the members shall be one hundred and twenty (\$120.00) dollars per year, and they are payable between September 1st and December 30. However in order to participate in or collect any prizes after the current Club Championship year, a member's dues must be paid. Also, any member not paying by the December 30 deadline will be required to pay a penalty fee of fifteen (\$15.00) dollars. Checks are payable to the Sunnyvale Men's Golf Club. No cash, please. Members leaving the area, who notify the board in writing prior to leaving, will be accepted back into the club without having to pay an initiation fee.

#### MEETINGS

The Board of Directors meets regularly throughout the year as needed. There will be an Annual Meeting held during August or September of each calendar year (time and place will be available on the website). The purpose of this meeting shall be to elect Board Members for the next fiscal year and to deliver annual committee reports. Other meetings may be held, as required, throughout the year. They shall be posted on the website. All members are encouraged to attend these meetings.

#### SUNNYVALE COURSE INFORMATION

The golf course is under the jurisdiction of the Sunnyvale Department of Parks and Recreation. We do not have privileged starting times by being members of our Club. Residents of Sunnyvale have the preferred times. We are restricted to having one tournament a month at Sunnyvale.