

Metropolitan Golf Club

General Policies as revised 8/5/15

1. Dues and Initiation Fees

- a. New applicants shall pay an initiation fee set by the Board of Directors plus the current yearly dues.
- b. The yearly dues will include the prevailing NCGA assessment.
- c. Membership renewal period will be from October 1 to December 31. After December 31 renewing members will be required to pay the initiation fee in addition to the current yearly dues amount.
- d. A notice of dues and due dates shall be emailed to each member no later than October 1 of each year.
- e. The Treasurer and Membership Chair will meet between the 1st and 15th of January to determine delinquent members. If a delinquent member's dues are not paid by January 15, they shall be removed from the active membership roll. A notification will be emailed at the last known email address.

2. Tournaments

- a. All tournaments will be played under current USGA Rules of Golf with the exception of golf course or Metropolitan Golf Club local rules.
- b. Pace of Play/Undue Delay – Players shall play without undue delay. Undue delay is not permitted between completion of a hole in match play and the playing from the next teeing ground, as well as during play of a hole. A group is considered out of position if at any time during the round the group is behind their allocated time (15 minutes per hole) and/or a group of competitors have a hole open ahead.
- c. All tournament play will be played from the tee markers as placed by the course management the day(s) of the tournament.
- d. In any tournament when a player becomes eligible for more than one prize, they must select one and abandon all others except for skins games and special prizes.
- e. In the event of a tie for 1st place, ties will be broken as follows: The winner shall be determined based on the best net score (low gross for low gross prize or low gross flights) for the last nine holes. If a tie still exists, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the last six holes, the last three holes and finally the 18th hole. The definition of the last nine holes will be holes 10 through 18 no matter which nine is played first. Multi-day tournament ties will be broken using the scorecard from the last day. Match play tournaments will be settled by sudden-death continued play beginning on the hole following the 18th hole played.
- f. The maximum number of players representing MGC in NCGA qualifier events is limited by the NCGA policy based on the number of members in the golf club on January 15 of the year of the tournament.

- g. All players chosen to represent MGC in NCGA tournament qualifiers must be over the age of 18.
- h. All players qualifying to represent MGC in NCGA tournaments, and to be Club Champion and Senior Club Champion must have played in a minimum of 4 MGC events in the past 12 months of the tournament.
- i. MGC will pay the NCGA registration fees and green fees for those players representing the club. In addition, a stipend will be offered those players for events at the Monterey venues. The amount will be determined by the Board of Directors.
- j. At least 75% of tournament registration fees will be used for prizes, trophies and payment toward qualifier tournament registration and travel expenses. A minimum of 25% of players will receive a prize.
- k. MGC will hold the following tournaments each year: NCGA Zone Qualifier, NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier, NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier, NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier, a Club Championship and a Senior Club Championship.
- l. **NCGA Zone Qualifier** – a 36 hole, two-day, individual stroke play tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links with the entire field playing from the blue tees. The four low net winners (regardless of flight) will represent MGC in the NCGA East Bay Zone Qualifier tournament, and if successful, the Championship. All players will play to a maximum 18.4 GHIN index. The Zone Qualifier is a club major tournament.
- m. **NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier** – an 18 hole, individual stroke play tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links. The tournament may be divided into flights as determined by the Tournament Committee. The overall low net winners will represent MGC at the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier, and if successful, the Championship. The Net Amateur is a club major tournament.
- n. **NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier** – a 36-hole, two-day, two-person team, best-ball format tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links with men playing from the blue tees and women from the white tees. The low net team(s) regardless of flight will represent MGC at the NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier, and if successful, the Championship. Team handicaps will be established using the NCGA tournament formula which states “play will be 90% (men) and 95% (women) of the course handicap using a maximum handicap index of 18.4 for calculation. If the partner’s course handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10% reduction will be applied to their course handicaps.
- o. **NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier** – an 18 hole, two-person team, best-ball format tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links with the men playing from the white tees and women from the red tees. The low net team(s) will represent MGC at the NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier tournament, and if successful, the Championship. Team handicaps will be established using the NCGA tournament formula

which states “play will be 90% (men) and 95% (women) of the course handicap using a maximum handicap index of 18.4 for calculation. If the partner’s course handicaps differ by more than 8 strokes, an additional 10% reduction will be applied to their course handicaps

- p. **Club Championship** – a 36 hole, two day, individual stroke play tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links. The field will be broken into two flights. Winners of each flight will have names engraved on perpetual plaques. The Club Championship is a major tournament.
 - i. The Club Champion will be the low gross score winner of the President’s Cup Flight (blue tees).
 - ii. President’s Cup Flight (blue tees) net score flight for players with a GHIN index of 11.0 or less. Players with an index of 11.0 or higher may choose to play in the flight but will play with an 11.0 index.
 - iii. Director’s Cup Flight (white tees) net score flight for players with a GHIN index of 11.1 or higher.
- q. **Senior Club Championship** – an 18 hole, individual stroke play tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links. Men will play from the white tees and women from the red tees. Winners of each flight will have names engraved on perpetual plaques.

- 3. **Player of the Year** – Each year the club will recognize one member as “Player of the Year”. Player of the Year is determined by a points system based on overall net finishing position (regardless of flight) in designated club tournaments. The Player of the Year’s name will be engraved on a perpetual plaque.

4. **Tournament Policies – Metropolitan Golf Club Local Rules**

- A. **Rule 6-8 Suspension Of Tournament Play Due To Adverse Weather Conditions Or Darkness** - All stroke play tournaments for the MGC are either 18 hole (one day) or 36 hole (two day) events. Every attempt will be made to play these events as stipulated. This includes bringing the entire field off the course for adverse weather conditions and asking players to wait a reasonable amount of time (up to 2 hours) to see if play can be restarted.

If the entire field cannot complete 18 holes that day and the entire field has completed at least 9 holes. That day's competition will become a 9-hole event and each player's 9 hole score will be used to calculate the official results for that day. This means that if the event is a one-day tournament, winners will be determined by their 9-hole results and if the event is a two day tournament the nine hole results will be added to the day two results to determine the winners.

If a tournament day is played with a shotgun start, and therefore the field does not play the same 9 holes, the first 9 holes played will be

calculated in relation to par and then netted based on one-half of the players 18 hole handicap.

If the entire field cannot complete 9 holes in a one-day event the tournament will be cancelled and entry fees refunded.

If the entire field cannot complete 9 holes on the first day of a two day event that day will not count and the event will be conducted as a one day tournament held on day two. If the entire field cannot complete 9 holes on day two then day one results (if any) will be used to determine winners.

If there are no day one or day two results the event will be rescheduled if possible. If players cannot play in the rescheduled event their entry fees will be refunded.

B. Rule 13-4 Stones in Bunkers

Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

C. Rule 14-3 Distance-Measuring Devices

A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g. gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used. Cell phones are not allowed as a measuring device.

D. Rule 20 Lifting, Dropping and Placing

Regarding hole #2 and #6 lateral water hazards on left side of fairway, if the player chooses relief (under Rule 26-1c) with penalty and two club lengths from the point the ball crosses the hazard puts the ball in the cart path immovable obstruction (Rule 24-2), the player may assume the nearest point of relief is on the fairway side of the cart path.

E. Rule 24-2 Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green (such as sprinkler heads)

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2.

In addition if a ball lies through the green and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball

lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on the putting green

F. Rule 25-2 Aeration Holes

Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

G. Rule 26-1 Water Hazards Ball Played Provisionally

If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in the water hazard, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in rule 26-1.

If the original ball is found outside the water hazard, the player must continue play with it.

If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under rule 26-1.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.