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**Eleventh Season 2020 Handbook**

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## 2020 MGA Schedule

Date	Game	Flighted	MGA Cup Pts.
11-Mar-20	1-2-3 Game, Net		Y
18-Mar-20	Fronts & Backs, Net	X	Y
25-Mar-20	Stableford (Individual), Net - <b>PLAYER'S CHAMPIONSHIP (Major)</b>	X	Y
1-Apr-20	2 Best Ball of Four, Net		Y
8-Apr-20	4-Man Team Par/Bogey, Net		Y
15-Apr-20	2-Man Team Point Quota - <b>MASTERS (Major)</b>	X	Y
22-Apr-20	Individual Point Quota	X	Y
29-Apr-20	2 Best Ball on 5's, 1 Best Ball on 4's, 2 Best Balls on 3's. Net		Y
6-May-20	Odds & Evens, Net	X	Y
13-May-20	Lone Ranger, Net		Y
20-May-20	4-Man Team Point Quota - <b>PGA CHAMPIONSHIP (Major)</b>		Y
27-May-20	2 Man Team Best Ball, Net	X	Y
3-Jun-20	1-2-3 Game, Net		Y
10-Jun-20	3 Best Balls on 5's, 2 Best Balls on 4's, 1 Best Ball on 3's, Net		Y
17-Jun-20	Stableford (Team), Net - <b>US OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Major)</b> ,	X	Y
24-Jun-20	6-6-6 Game, Net	X	Y
1-Jul-20	3 Best Balls, Net		Y
8-Jul-20	2-Man Team Par/Bogey Net - <b>THE OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (Major)</b>	X	Y
15-Jul-20	Beat The Pro (Individual), Net	X	N
22-Jul-20	Carts, Net		Y
29-Jul-20	Individual Point Quota	X	Y
5-Aug-20	2 Man Team Best Ball, Net	X	Y
12-Aug-20	MGA-LGA Mixed Scramble	X	N
19-Aug-20	2 Best Ball on 5's, 1 Best Ball on 4's, 2 Best Balls on 3's. Net		Y
26-Aug-20	Lone Ranger, Net		Y
2-Sep-20	2 Best Ball of Four, Net		Y
9-Sep-20	Odds & Evens, Net	X	Y
16-Sep-20	2 Best Ball, Net		Y
23-Sep-20	Low Gross, Low Net	X	Y
30-Sep-20	<b>Ryder Cup (2-day Event) - No other MGA Event</b>		N
7-Oct-20	3 Best Balls on 5's, 2 Best Balls on 4's, 1 Best Ball on 3's, Net		Cup Playoffs
14-Oct-20	6-6-6 Game, Net	X	Cup Playoffs
21-Oct-20	3 Best Balls, Net		Cup Playoffs
28-Oct-20	Carts, Net		N
4-Nov-20	2-Man Team Par/Bogey Net	X	N
11-Nov-20	Low Gross, Low Net	X	N
18-Nov-20	Fronts & Backs, Net	X	N

## **NOTES:**

(1) CFN MGA requires a paper scorecard to be maintained, signed and attested and handed in to the Official Scorer. This protects against electronic failures of the cart scoring system minimizing the possibility of errors as well as facilitating official tournament scoring. If there is a discrepancy between the paper scorecard and the electronic score record, the paper scorecard will take precedence.

Invitations to participate are normally sent electronically 1 week in advance, through the Golf Genius system. **Players have until 5PM the Monday prior to the event to register or cancel (if previously registered) for that week's event.** Last minute no-shows affect pairings, teams and pace of play. It is very important, to keep the Official Scorers who run the weekly game up to date of any attendance changes after registration closes. Please do not contact the Pro Shop.....they do not do the pairings or manage the event. Listed below are the Official Scorers for the 2020 season along with their contact information:

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(2) In the event of weather-related last-minute cancellations, an alternate game may be played (normally two-man teams, best ball net). Teams will be formed while players are on the course to minimize delay in play. Players will be required to hole out on each hole.

(3) Dates for course aerification maintenance have not been finalized. MGA members will be notified as soon as dates are made available. Games scheduled during those days will be changed to reflect course conditions.

**Unless otherwise notified, all events are a split tee starts. Pairings will be provided to the player and the Pro Shop 24 hours prior to the round. Please use the Golf Genius app to access this information as needed.**

### GAME DESCRIPTION

GAME	DESCRIPTION
1-2-3 Game, Net	Starting on hole #1, lowest net score of the group is recorded; on hole #2, the lowest 2 net scores of the group are recorded; on hole #3, the lowest 3 net scores of the group are recorded. Starting on hole #4, the sequence repeats for the balance of the round.
Fronts & Backs, Net	Two best net scores are recorded on the course's hole numbers 1-9 and Three best net scores are recorded on the course's hole numbers 10-18.
Stableford Individual, Net	Points are earned based on individual hole score: Bogey (1 pt); Par (2 pts); Birdie (4 pts); Eagle or better (8 pts). Highest total Point score wins.
2 Best Ball of 4, Net	Two of four best net scores on each hole are recorded.
4-Man Team Par/Bogey, Net	Four man team net one best ball score against the course on each hole.
2-Man Team Point Quota	Each official MGA 2-man team member handicap is deducted from 36 and results in team target score. The goal is to meet or exceed team target score by accumulating team total points on each hole. Points earned – Bogey (1 point), Par (2 points), Birdie (4 points) and Eagle or Better (8 points). Highest final total wins
Individual Point Quota	Your official MGA handicap is deducted from 36 and results in your target score. The goal is to meet or exceed your target score by accumulating points based on your score on each hole. Points earned – Bogey (1 point), Par (2 points), Birdie (4 points) and Eagle or Better (8 points). Highest final total wins
2 Best Ball on 5's, 1 Best Ball on 4's 2 Best Ball on 3's, Net	Team best individual net scores recorded on each hole. Two best team net scores on each par 5; two best team net scores on each par 3 and one best team net score on each par 4.
Odds & Evens, Net	One best ball net of team on odd numbered holes and two best ball net of team on even numbered holes.
Lone ranger, Net	
4-Man Team Point Quota	Each official MGA team member handicap is deducted from 36 and results in team target score. The goal is to meet or exceed team target score by accumulating team total points on each hole. Points earned – Bogey (1 point), Par (2 points), Birdie (4 points) and Eagle or Better (8 points). Highest final total wins
2 Man Team Best Ball, Net	One best ball net of the twosome for each hole is recorded. Handicaps are used to determine partners.
3 Best Ball on 5's, 2 Best Ball on 4's, 1 Best Ball on 3's, Net	Team best individual net scores recorded on each hole. Three best team net scores on each par 5; two best team net scores on each par 4 and one best team net score on each par 3.

Stableford Team, Net	Points are earned based on team total individual net scores on each hole. Bogey (1 pt); Par (2 pts); Birdie (4 pts); Eagle or better (8 pts). Highest total Point score wins.
6-6 Game, Net	One best net score recorded on course handicap holes number 1-6; two best net scores recorded on course handicap holes 7-12 and three best net scores recorded on course handicap holes 13-18.
3 Best ball, Net	Three best ball net score for each hole is recorded.
2-Man Team Par/Bogey, Net	Two man team 1-best ball net score against the course on each hole.
Beat The Pro Individual, Net	Pro plays scratch (no handicap) from the blue tees. Member plays net (full handicap). Object is to beat the Pro's total score.
Carts, Net	Four man teams with A&B players in cart #1 and C&D players in cart #2. Each cart records their best ball net score on each hole.
MGA-LGA Mixed Scramble	The round starts with each player hitting a drive from their assigned tee. The teammates compare the results and select the best one. Each player then play the next stroke from that spot. This is repeated, including on the putting green, until the ball is holed. One team score per hole is recorded.
Low Gross, Low Net	Two team scores recorded on each hole (1 lowest gross score and 1lowest net). The same ball cannot be used for both scores. Full handicap used for net score.
Lone Ranger, Net	Every hole, one player in each group is assigned to be the Lone Ranger. On the 1st hole, player in position 1 in the pairings will act as the Lone Ranger. On the 2nd hole, player in position 2 in the pairings will act as the Lone Ranger. On the 3rd, player in position 3. On the 4th, player in position 4. The cycle then repeats throughout the rest of the round. Each team will count the Lone Ranger's net score PLUS one best ball net score of the others in the group. Thus, two best ball scores for each group per hole will be recorded.

# MGA Tournaments

## MGA Cup Championship

The MGA Cup Championship is an individual net score season-long event modeled after the FedEx Cup. MGA Cup participants must play from either the Gold, White or Blue tees, according to how they registered for the MGA. The tournament will be flighted and how a player is ranked within flight is determined on a cumulative points awarded. Members may register for the MGA Cup Championship at any time during the MGA Cup season by paying a \$25 entry fee. 100% of the entry fees are returned to the participants in the form of cash prizes earned by the top 12 (and ties) of each flight.

All weekly MGA golf events in which a player plays his own ball will be an MGA Cup scored event. If a scheduled MGA event is cancelled for any reason, then it will be cancelled as an MGA Cup event as well. There are 28 potential MGA Cup events in 2020 (subject to change if the schedule changes or rain-outs), **but no more than 16 rounds (those with the highest number of points earned) will count toward a participant's total points.** This method of scoring allows a player to miss some events without unduly penalizing him. However, it also rewards those that play more rounds, as they have more chances to improve their cumulative score.

The MGA Cup "regular" season is scheduled to end with the Wednesday September 23<sup>rd</sup> scheduled round. Playoffs will begin October 7<sup>th</sup>.

For the 2020 MGA season, the 3 Playoff Rounds will use the same format as the 2019 season and will give additional Playoff Strokes to the top finishers in each flight as described below:

### Playoff Format

The top twelve Players from each flight (and ties) will participate in three weeks of Playoff Rounds and will be "in the money." The Playoff Rounds will be incorporated into regularly scheduled MGA Events. If you make the playoffs you will play all three rounds. If you miss or withdraw from a Playoff Round, you will receive a net score of 999 for that round. A Player's cumulative net score from all three rounds will be adjusted with Playoff Strokes awarded based on how he finished in the regular season. At the conclusion of the third Playoff Round, the Player in each flight with the lowest adjusted cumulative net score will be the MGA Cup Champion of his flight. If there is a tie for first, there will be a playoff (format to be determined). Playoff Strokes will be awarded at end of regular season as follows:

Rank	Playoff Strokes
1	10
2	8
3	6
4	4
5-8	2
9-12	0

Example: The Player who finished first in his flight at the end of the Regular MGA Cup Season (the number 1 seed) scored a cumulative three-round net score of 195 (21 under par). His adjusted cumulative net score would then be 185 (195 – 10 Playoff Strokes). If his adjusted cumulative net score were the lowest in his flight, he would be the flight MGA Cup Champion.

## **MGA Match Play**

The field will be comprised of 64 participants: Byes or “play in” games may be necessary to accommodate a moving target number of participants.

The Field will be divided into four equally divided flights of 16 players each:

- \* Flight A - 16 lowest handicaps
- \* Flight B - 16 next lowest handicaps
- \* Flight C - 16 next highest handicaps
- \* Flight D - 16 highest handicaps

Flight assignment will be based on each player’s USGA Handicap Index in effect on the date of the flight assignment draw (end of May). Players will use their current USGA Handicap Index and calculated Course Handicap on the day of each match.

Individual matches must be played no later than the last day in each 3-week window. Matches can be played at any time up to 2:00 pm on the last day of the 3-week allotted period. This 3-week time period should be enough time to get a match played no matter the weather, vacations, illness etc. **If a match is not played within this time frame, both players will forfeit the match, unless there are extraordinary circumstances brought to the attention of the Committee. In this case, the Committee will make a final ruling on the status of the match.** Play will not be accommodated during the regular Wednesday MGA events. If both players for a match are known, the match can be played before the next 3-week time period begins if both players agree.

When weather delays force play to be suspended and the match resumes, the rescheduled match will pick it up where it was suspended. The match doesn’t start over. Contestants will have to work out the restart protocol with the Pro Shop. The very real potential for rain, lightning and wet ground closings are all reasons why players should not wait until the last day in the 3-week period to schedule their match. For their own benefit players should schedule the match with a fair amount of cushion, allowing adequate time to reschedule or restart the match. All play is from White Tees.

USGA rules will govern all play: except as modified by Local Rules (see Handbook for Local Rules).

Tie-breaking method: In the event a match finishes ‘all square’ after 18 holes, play will continue immediately, starting at hole #1, until a winner is determined. Handicap strokes will be allocated as they were for the first 18 holes. In compliance with USGA posting guidelines, each player must post their scores to GHIN.

If there are any disputes on a rule during play, the players must resolve the disagreement before play continues. Players may attempt to contact a member of the Committee to help resolve the issue. If resolution cannot be reached, play must continue and the situation reported to the Committee directly after the match. The match will not be posted as final until the tournament

committee decides on the situation, and makes any adjustments to the match, if necessary. All committee decisions will be final.

### **MGA MATCH PLAY SCHEDULE:**

#### ***Knockout Rounds 1-4 (100% handicaps):***

- Round 1 – May 31 – June 20
- Round 2 – June 21 – July 11
- Round 3 – July 12 – August 1
- Round 4 – August 2 – August 22

#### ***Semi Final Round***

- Match 1: August 23 – September 12 - Flight A winner v. Flight C winner - 80% handicap.
- Match 2: September 13 – October 3 - Flight B v. Flight D - 80% handicap.

#### ***Tournament Championship (Round 6) – Sept 15 – October 5***

- Winner of Match 1 v Winner of Match 2 - 80% handicap.

Note: The player whose name appears on the upper line of each bracket is responsible for contacting his opponent and arranging a time for play of the match.

## **MGA Championship**

New this year, we will be holding a 2-day MGA Championship. This is different than the season long MGA Cup Championship. The MGA Championship is open to all MGA members, and will be an individual stroke play total gross score (no handicaps) tournament. There will be four flights of play created from the entry field, and a winner for each flight. We are looking to hold this over a Friday and Saturday in early June. We will provide additional details and information on registration as we get nearer to the tournament dates.

## **Ringer Tournament**

All MGA members are automatically entered in the Ringer Tournament without additional charge. A Ringer score is your lowest gross score on each hole during the season and is counted toward a total gross score. The lowest Ringer score in each of two flights (flights determined by handicap) will win a cash prize at the annual awards dinner. Updated Ringer spreadsheets are posted on the Golf Genius app and on the bulletin board in the Men's locker room.

# Ryder Cup Matches

## Wednesday, September 30 – Front 9 (Holes 1 – 9) – Modified Alternate Shots Match Play

RULES: Both golfers on a team hit drives, the best ball is selected to play out the rest of the hole, the golfer whose drive was not chosen hits the second shot, and then the two play alternate shot into the hole.

- There will be no minimum drives required for each player.
- Handicaps will be based on an average of the 2 players on each team.

## Wednesday, September 25 – Back 9 (Holes 10 - 18) – 2 Man Best Ball Match Play

RULES: All golfers play the ball into the hole, the best net score for the team is used to determine team score.

- 100% Handicaps

## Thursday, October 1 – Singles Match Play

- Individual Match Play
- 100% Handicap

## General Tournament Rules

- All balls are played DOWN for the 2 days
- All players will be using WHITE tees only. The ONLY exception to this rule is if ALL 4 players in Wednesday's matches would normally play green tees; or if both players in the match play on Thursday normally play green.
- All strokes count, so all balls must be played into the cup unless the other team "gives" you the putt

# Golf Handicaps

Handicaps for all CFNMGA members will be computed in accordance with the USGA Handicap Index guidelines, utilizing the nation-wide GHIN system. The maximum allowable handicap is 36.

At the beginning of the season players will declare which tees they will play in all MGA events. **MGA members may change their tee box selection one time, before they play their third MGA event. Any future changes to the player's tee box selection require Board approval.**

In accordance with the USGA Handicap Manual and the 2020 World Handicap System, ESC hole posting is no longer in effect. Based on the course rating for each tee position, maximum recorded stroke adjustment for any hole played is limited to NET DOUBLE BOGEY, calculated as follows:

MGA members must maintain their Handicap Index in the GHIN Handicap Index system. Handicaps maintained at another participating club using the GHIN Handicap Index system will now be acceptable.

At the completion of any MGA round (unless otherwise noted) the Official Scorer will post all eligible scores (18 holes played) to the GHIN system for that events. **The Official Scorer will not post any rounds where 18 holes were not actually played. Unless otherwise indicated in the game description, incomplete rounds will not be posted.**

As per USGA guidelines, it is up to the player to make sure rounds of less than 18 holes actually played are posted as defined below for MGA events or otherwise.

9-hole score posting ► 7-13 holes completed

18-hole score posting ► 14 or more holes completed

# Guest Policy

A male overnight guest of an MGA member, who is at least 21 years of age, may participate in any MGA event, except special events, e.g. President's/Ryder Cup.

The intent here is to allow you to participate in, and not miss, the scheduled MGA event while you have a friend(s) visiting from afar, allowing them to join you in play and also to enjoy CFN and experience your MGA while staying with you. The policy is not intended to accommodate neighbors/friends/guests who live in Brunswick Forest, nearby communities or other day trip kind of people who can play at CFN almost any other time they like.

The member and guest will be in the same foursome.

While we are happy to have your guest play with us, he will not be able to participate in the weekly event (a Blind Draw will be used in his place for the team competition) or Skins game.

The MGA member is responsible for ensuring his sponsored guest is entered in the event by the cutoff date and time. Since guests cannot be entered on the CFN web site or at the CFN posting station, entering a guest in an event should be communicated via email to the CFN Pro Shop staff, with a copy to the MGA President and the person running that week's game.

Members should inform their guest about course maintenance protocols, such as pace of play and repairing their ball marks and divots. It is also recommended to repair one additional ball mark and divot as a courtesy.

Scores for guests will not be posted to GHIN as a matter of course. If, however, the guest does maintain a GHIN handicap it may inadvertently be posted. It is the responsibility of the guest to post his own score after he verifies that the score was not posted automatically by Golf Genius.

# Local and MGA Rules and Policies

USGA rules govern all CFNMGA events except as modified by Local Rules. For USGA Rules please reference the USGA Rules of Golf and the World Handicap System.

## 2020 CFN Local Rules

**Out of Bounds** - Out of bounds (OB), identified by white stakes, white lines, property boundaries or public roads is no longer played as a lateral hazard (changed in 2019). A player will now have the option of using the stroke and distance relief option under Rule 18 or Local Rule E-5 (alternative relief to stroke and distance).

When a player's ball goes out of bounds, for two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping a ball in a relief area he establishes by marking where the ball last crossed the OB boundary (ball reference point) and the point in the fairway that is nearest to the ball reference point, but not nearer the hole.

**Lost Ball** - A player who loses a ball anywhere on the course except in a penalty area, may use the stroke and distance relief option under Rule 18 or Local Rule E-5 (alternative relief to stroke and distance).

When a player's ball is lost on the course outside a penalty area, for two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping a ball in a relief area he establishes by marking where the ball is estimated to be lost (ball reference point) and the point in the fairway that is nearest to the ball reference point, but not nearer the hole.

**Note:** In either of the above cases (Out of Bounds or Lost Ball), if a player plays a provisional ball, they then cannot use Local Rule E-5 to subsequently take relief. They would either play their original ball if found on the course or play the provisional ball if the original ball is OB or lost.

**No Play Zones** - No Play Zones (NPZ) are defined by yellow stakes with green tops on holes 1, 2, 6, 7, 10, 14 & 18. Players cannot play their ball from inside a penalty area that is also classified as a NPZ. If a ball lands in a NPZ, a player must take relief under Rule 17, except for Holes 2, 6 & 18, where the player may take relief using the dropping zone on the opposite side of the yellow penalty area/NPZ(see below). Bridges that are inside an NPZ are also considered to be in the NPZ; therefore players cannot play their ball from the bridge.

**Dropping Zones** – Dropping Zones (DZs) have were eliminated in 2019 from Holes 1, 3, 8, 9, 10 & 14 (the DZ circle Hole 14 is for LGA play only, it is not sanctioned for MGA play). A player may use the DZs on holes 2 and 6 to take relief after their ball lands in a penalty area subsequent to their tee shot. On Hole 18, a player may use the DZ for any shot (including the tee shot) that lands in the Yellow Penalty Area/NPZ .

## Additional Rules for MGA Events

**Cart Path Only Conditions** - When an MGA event is played under Cart Path Only conditions, players may mark, lift, and clean their ball in their own fairway on full course or individual holes deemed as Cart Path Only, and place the ball within 1 club length of the mark but no closer to hole.

**Conditional Ground Under Repair (GUR) in Waste Area or Bunker** - If a ball lands in a waste area or bunker and lies in a washed out area due to a recent weather event such as strong rains or in ruts made because of maintenance related issues such as the edges of the waste area or bunker being machined, the player may take free relief under Rule 16 (Abnormal Course Conditions). The "A Player" in your group must agree that the condition warrants free relief. However, you may not be granted free relief if your ball is in a footprint or other depression or hole, , unless the Committee has determined that such relief is in effect (Dave Will Rule).

If it's agreed that relief in a waste area is warranted, a player must take relief in accordance with USGA rules by dropping a ball in a relief area one-club length from the reference point. The reference point is the nearest point of complete relief from the GUR, which may or may not result in a drop outside of the waste area.

However, any relief in bunkers (not waste areas), again according to USGA rules, must be dropped in the bunker within one club length of the reference point that provides complete relief from the GUR. The player also has the option in this situation to drop outside the bunker for an additional one-stroke penalty (2-strokes total).

**General Ground Under Repair** - *Due to potential course improvement maintenance, players may encounter conditions that are under repair. If a GUR condition is encountered, the player can take complete relief (including for his stance) outside the designated GUR areas within one club length of the reference point. The reference point is the nearest point of complete relief from the GUR.*

**Embedded Ball** - A player is allowed relief from an embedded ball if occurring in the general area (e.g. fairway or rough, but not in a penalty area, waste area or bunker). The embedded ball must be in its own pitch mark made from the previous stroke. If the ball lands in another pitch mark no relief is afforded.

**Conceding Putts** – The Rules of Golf do not allow for putts to be conceded (i.e. gimmies) in stroke play events. Because we play in "competitive" stroke play events each week in the MGA, there is no way to fashion an equitable "gimmie" rule that can be implemented by all players in a fair and consistent manner. Therefore, it is still the policy of the MGA that all putts that have a chance to count in tournament scoring must be holed out.

**Scoring** - Scoring for each hole is the actual number of strokes you took to complete the hole. In order to speed up play, a player may (and should) pick up and record Double bogey plus allotted hole assigned handicap stroke(s) when their actual score exceeds the USGA Handicap Index / World Handicap System (WHS) Double Bogey plus stroke(s)format.

However, a player may not pick up, and must play out the hole and record all strokes, where his gross score (without handicap) will be used in tournament scoring.

Also, a player may not pick up, and must play out the hole and record all strokes, where his net score will be used in tournament scoring. For additional information please go to the USGA Handicap Index / World Golf System site.

**Pace of Play Policy** - Your pace of play dictates the maximum pace of play for all groups playing behind you. Please be considerate to your fellow players and maintain a good pace of play. Target time for to complete an MGA event round at CFN is 4 hours and 30 minutes when carts are allowed on the course, and 4 hours and 40 minutes when playing under cart path only.

If you are playing at a pace behind the allotted time per hole, you may be asked to skip a hole. If this occurs the players involved will take a score consistent with par plus any handicap strokes they would have received on that hole.

For example – if the hole is a par 4, and you receive 2 handicap strokes on the hole; your score would be 6. Alternatively, you may play the skipped hole after your round is completed if course conditions permit.

**Rain Policy** - In case of rain, if no group has completed the round, and if conditions are such that it is unlikely that play can continue, CFN may cancel the event. If any group has completed the round, it is incumbent upon the following groups to strive to finish the round, or at a minimum, finish 14 holes.

Any round where a player completes at least 14 holes should be posted for handicap purposes. For any hole not played, a player records a par plus any handicap strokes a player would have received on that hole. These calculated scores for a team that completes at least 14 holes will be used to assess their position in the game for that day.

**Withdrawing from the Event** - If a player chooses not to complete at least 14 holes, he will be disqualified and will forfeit his \$5 entry fee. However, if any player cannot complete 14 holes due to lightning or a mid-event course “closing” and conditions are such that it is unlikely that play will continue, he will not be disqualified, and he will not forfeit his \$5 entry fee and no MGA Cup points will be awarded that day.

**Minimum Number of Players** - If CFN golf course is open, but member cancellations are significant, an official MGA Event will be conducted only if at least 20 golfers elect to play. In that situation, the above Rain Policy rules remain operable. If there are less than 20 players, the MGA will cancel the event for that day.

# Hole-In-One Insurance Club

Traditionally Hole-In-One Insurance Club exists to help defray costs the successful Hole-In-One golfer may incur after his round in an MGA Event at CFN. The initial cost to belong to the Hole-In-One Insurance Club is \$3.00.

The Hole-In-One Insurance Club only applies to MGA Events including the Ryder and Presidents Cups. Not included are "Away" Golf, Inter-club matches and North Brunswick Cup.

Monies held in the Hole-In-One Insurance Club will be awarded to the player(s) that shoot a hole-in-one on the day of the event. The successful recipient(s) can use the winnings to satisfy 'celebratory' costs, including tips, incurred at the club that day.

If there are multiple holes-in-one in any event the recipients can split the 'celebratory' costs evenly. The MGA Treasurer will deliver all the monies held by the Hole-In-One Club to the player(s) as soon as practical. Once funds are disbursed, participation in a replacement fund will require an additional \$3 from each member.

- The shot must be taken from a standard or "recognized" tee box.
- The drive does not have to land on the green.
- Hole-in-one shots involving a "temporary" green are still valid.
- The scorecard reflecting the hole-in-one must be scorer signed and attested.
- Determining the validity of the round is subject to the MGA Rain Policy.
- The MGA provides a commemorative plaque at the year-end awards banquet to any player who achieves the hole-in-one in MGA play.

# Event Sign-Up Procedures

## Sign-Up via Official Scorer Email:

Prior to the date of each event (approximately 1 week) the Official Scorer for that week's round will send an email, via Golf Genius, to **every MGA member**. In the body of the email will be option to indicate you are **playing** in that scheduled round. Each member can choose to play in that week's event, indicate that they are definitely **not playing** or ignore the email, which serves to notify the Office Scorer you're not playing.

If you choose the PLAYING option, Golf Genius will generate and send the player a confirmation email, which can be used to update your participation (NOT PLAYING) in that round up to 24 hours prior to the event. It's always a good idea to keep this email handy to use if your plans should change unexpectedly.

Remember, you can always use the Golf Genius app to change your attendance for that round. If you've any questions regarding the use of the app or are having trouble access the information for CFNMGA, please notify the Tournament & Game Director.

## Event No-Show Policy

**In 2020, the MGA is instituting suspension policy to players that do not show up to a registered event and did not inform an Official Scorer.** The No-Show policy will be in effect for all rounds held (with the exception of severe weather at the time of play throughout the season). Because of the difficulty involved and extra work incurred by the Official Scorer if not informed of a cancellation the following penalties will be imposed:

**First Offense** - Formal warning from the President.

**Second Offense** - Suspension of play - 1 round (including Majors)

**Third and Subsequent Offenses** - Suspension of play - 3 rounds.

It is the **player's responsibility** to inform the Tournament Director or Official Scorer if they are not able to attend a MGA event they have signed-up for. Attendance to an event can be easily cancelled utilizing the Golf Genius app.

It should be noted that consideration of non-compliance will be given in personal/family and/or medical emergencies and based upon the player's no-show history throughout his MGA tenure.



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