

**MESQUITE MENS
GOLF ASSOCIATION
(MMGA)**



POLICIES & RULES

February 28, 2018

Table of Contents

I. Personnel Positions

A. Board of Directors

1. President	4
2. Vice President	4
3. Secretary	5
4. Treasurer	5
5. Board Member	6

B. Committee Chairmanships

1. Golf Operations	6
2. Tournament	7
3. Rules	8
4. Membership	8

C. Other League Positions

1. Web-site Coordinator	8
2. League Play Check-in	9
3. Mesquite Cup Tournament Coordinator	9

II. League Play

A. League Play (General)

1. General	10
2. Format	10
3. Fees	10
4. Eligibility	11
5. Conduct	11
6. Prize Allocations	11
7. Handicap Posting Requirements	12
8. Posting Scores	12
9. Score Card Responsibilities	12
10. Sign-Up Procedures	13
11. Check-In Procedures	13
12. New Member Sponsorship Award	13
13. Newspaper Articles	14

B. MMGA Tournament Play	
1. General	15
2. Eligibility	16
3. Tournament Conduct	16
4. Prize Allocations General	17
5. Prize Allocations to Participants	17
Appendix 1 - League Tournaments	18
Appendix 2 - Mesquite Cup Tournament	19
Table of Changes	22

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

Personnel Positions

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
- h. Perform special assignments

Personnel Positions

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

Personnel Positions

- 3) Contact dinner establishment one year in advance for menu and head count. Insure 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; with the exception of Mesquite Cup and “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

Personnel Positions

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.

Personnel Positions

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

3. Mesquite Cup Coordinator

- a. Represents the MMGA in coordinating with the Oasis Men's Golf Club in the planning and execution of the Annual Mesquite Cup competition.
- b. Coordinate with the Director of Golf Operations to establish the dates of the Mesquite Cup competition.
- c. Coordinate with the MMGA Treasurer for funding of the annual Mesquite Cup competition that may include breakfast or lunch.
- d. Performs any other duties necessary for the successful completion of the Mesquite Cup competition.

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, Casa Blanca, 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.

League Play

- 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.

League Play

- 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, and 3) the most forward tee (e.g., Red at Falcon Ridge) can be used by a player over the age of 80. 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 SNGA updates a member’s handicap index on the 1st and 15th of each month. 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.
- 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,

League Play

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 Jim Petrick either the night before or the morning of play if they are canceling. Players that fail to properly notify Jim Petrick of a cancellation will be assessed a \$10.00 fee.
- c. A member can also sign up by contacting MMGA President Jim "Bubba" Petrick; via email (bubbaprints@aol.com) or telephone (702-346-2655).
- d. However; because we 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.

League Play

- 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.

13. Newspaper Articles

The Director of Golf Operations (or anyone chosen by the board of directors) should continue the tradition of writing up golf articles for each week and forwarding them to the local newspapers via email:

For DVT use bmullins@dvtn.com.

For Mesquite Local News use sfrehner@mesquitelocalnews.com.

League Play

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.
- d) Mesquite Cup Competition – conducted in late February/early March. See Appendix 2 for further information.

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”.

League Play

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 6 rounds of league play during the past 12 months to qualify to play in the Club Championship, the President's Cup, and the Spring Masters.
 - 2) The member must have played 3 rounds of league play during the past 12 months to qualify to play in the Mini-Tournaments and the "Summer FedEx" Competition.
 - 3) The member must be a member in good standing to compete in the Mesquite Cup competition.
- 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.

League Play

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	\$2,400
2. President's Cup	\$ 500
3. Spring Masters	\$ 500
4. Mesquite Cup	Up to \$2,000
5. Mini-Tournament	\$ 150
6. Summer "Fed-Ex" Cup	\$ 300

- 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.

Appendix 1

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. One week prior to the tournament, send the members via email the tournament format and rules. This format and rules should include prize award tie-breakers.
5. If possible, assign tee times ahead and publish on Web.
6. If needed, obtain member handicaps for the course being played from either the SNGA website or the MMGA handicap chairman.
7. If needed, obtain appropriate score sheet for final postings and score cards from course ahead of tournament.
8. 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.
9. Request as much help from members as needed.

MESQUITE CUP CHALLENGE

PURPOSE: Is to provide for an annual friendly competition and social event between the Oasis Men's Golf Club and the Mesquite Men's Golf Association.

CHAMPION: Previous year's winning association.

CHALLENGER: Previous year's non-winning association.

HOST: This will alternate between associations annually and will be the association that entertains the second day of the Mesquite Cup.

TEAMS: Two man teams fielded by both associations. Each two man team shall have **no more than 10 handicap strokes between them**. Number of teams is determined by the number of tee times negotiated at each participating course, but not to exceed 36 teams (72 players) from each side.

RECURRENCE: The Mesquite Cup matches will be played between mid February and the end of March **annually**.

CALCULATIONS: Strokes are calculated from the full 18 hole handicap (current SNGA) per player.

FORMAT: All competition will be **Match Play** and played from the White (Silver) tees. Each association course will have two venues, each for nine holes. The back nine holes (#10 through #18) must be played as Individual Match Play.

OPTIONAL FRONT NINE VENUES

Two Man Scramble – Strokes (if necessary) will be calculated by taking the difference between the handicaps of the “A Player” of each team and multiplying that number by .125 (12.5%). Round this number to the nearest whole stroke. That is the number of strokes given to the team with the higher handicap “A Player”. These strokes will apply to the lowest (hardest) handicap holes. **One point** is available per match

Alternate Shot – Strokes (if necessary) will be calculated by taking the difference of the total handicap of each two member team and multiplying that number by .125 (12.5%). Round this number to the nearest whole stroke. That is the number of strokes given to the team with the higher total handicap. These strokes will apply to the lowest (hardest) handicap holes. Each team will decide before the first tee which player will drive the ball on the odd holes (#11, 13, 15, 17) and which player will drive the ball on the even holes (#10, 12, 14, 16, 18). **One point** is available per match.

Two Man Best Ball Low Net – Strokes (if necessary) will be calculated by taking the difference of the handicaps of the low handicap player and each other player in the foursome and multiplying that number by .5 (50%). Round this number to the nearest whole stroke. That is the number of strokes given to the player with the higher handicap. These strokes will apply to the lowest (hardest) handicap holes. All players will play their strokes (if available) off the low handicap player. **One point** is available per match.

MUST PLAY VENUE

Individual Match Play – Strokes (if necessary) will be calculated by taking the difference of the handicaps of the two opponents and multiplying that number by .5 (50%). Round this number to the nearest whole stroke. That is the number of strokes given to the player with the higher handicap. These strokes will apply to the lowest (hardest) handicap holes. **One point** is available per match.

First Day – On holes #1 through #9 at the non-Host team's course, the non-Host team will have the option of selecting one (1) venue from the

OPTIONAL VENUES

On the back nine, holes #10 through #18, **Individual Match Play** must be played. There is a total of **3 points** per foursome.

Second Day – On holes #1 through #9 at the Host team’s course, the Hosts will have the option of selecting one (1) venue from the two remaining unselected **OPTIONAL VENUES** from Day One. On the back nine, holes #10 through #18, **Individual Match Play** must be played. There is a total of **3 points** per foursome.

Pairings – The Champion association will supply the Challenger association with a list containing two man teams no later than one week prior to the first day of matches. The Challenger association will pair their two man teams against the Champion’s teams with **no more than 6 handicap strokes difference** between the two team totals. These pairings will be completed and returned to the Champion association no later than four days prior to the first day of matches.

Rules – USGA rules for match play will apply except where superseded by local score card rules. Any rules discrepancies will be resolved by the rules committee consisting of two members appointed by each association. Any unresolved rules discrepancies will be decided by the Professional at the course being played.

Winner – The association with the most points at the competition’s end will be declared the Winner. Should there be a tie; the Champion (previous year’s winner) will be declared the Winner. Possession of the Mesquite Cup trophy belongs to the winning association until determined by the next challenge.

Press Release – The press release will be prepared by the Host team and be submitted to the news media.

Cup Presentation – The **Host** team shall sponsor a party for the participants on the final day of competition to present the Mesquite Cup trophy to the winning team.

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.