

2018 PGANY CLUB RULES & REGULATIONS

ARTICLE 1: Membership Fees

Membership Fee for 2018 is One Hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the year. Membership Fee must be paid no later than May 1st. This fee covers expenses such as: your GHIN Index card, trophies, course reservations, and other expenses associated with the club's year round activities. New members accepted after May 1 should pay the required membership fee. Membership fees shall be refunded in full in the event a member chooses not to participate in the PGANY tournament BEFORE the start of the first tournament of the season. Membership fees will be forfeited should any member decide to withdraw his/her membership AFTER the first tournament of the season. MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT FULLY PAID THE MEMBERSHIP FEES will play as guests and are not eligible to win any trophies or awards.

ARTICLE 2: Schedule

A complete tournament schedule will be posted in our website at www.pgany.net. Venues, tee-off times, tournament chairman and directions to the golf courses will be posted as well. Members must be at the golf course at least one (1) hour before the scheduled starting tee time.

ARTICLE 3: Tournament Fees

All tournament fees must be paid in full before the tournament starts. The fee for each tournament will range between \$85 – \$90. An amount of \$10.00 in the tournament fee will be used for credit towards the Annual Awards Night or for credit towards the last tournament fee of the season. If a member failed to attend the Awards Night for whatever reason, the total deposit will be forfeited. Members must see the Tournament Chairperson for payment and instruction UPON ARRIVAL at the golf course.

A full green fee charge will be assessed against a player who confirmed participation in a tournament but did not show up. The player who confirmed but cannot show up can call the tournament director not later than the 7 PM on the Wednesday of the tournament week. Proof of a real, unavoidable emergency may be considered by the tour director

ARTICLE 4: Tournament Officials

The President, Vice-President, Tournament Director, Rules Committee Chairman and the Handicap Chairman will compose the tournament committee. These officials will have sole jurisdiction in the enforcement of the rules and regulations throughout the tournament. They have the absolute authority to make decisions and recommendations within the guidelines set forth in the Rules and Regulations. Decisions made by tournament officials are FINAL.

ARTICLE 5: PGANY Venue

Terrace on the Park is the regular awarding venue and must be reserved early every year for the November awards dinner. A yearly total of 13 golf courses which includes the President's Cup tournament must be posted in the PGANY Souvenir Journal. The PGANY-FIGNA tournament and other fund-raising tournaments attended by PGANY members are not part of the PGANY tournament.

ARTICLE 6: Membership Meeting

There are four general membership meetings in a year: opening season meeting in March, Journal meeting in July, Awards Night meeting in October and the Christmas exchange Gift details in December. The officers can call their special meetings as need arises.

ARTICLE 7: Conduct and Behavior

Members must follow the rules of golf etiquette (refer to your Golf Rules in Brief). These rules shall be applicable to any member or guest player who is found guilty of conduct unbecoming. A conduct is considered

“unbecoming” if it is detrimental to the best interest of the tournament. It includes, but not limited to unsportsmanlike conduct, indecent gestures, unnecessary delay of play, inciting a fight, violation of golf course rules and golf course signs. The tournament officials will determine appropriate penalties, if any. If a membership suspension is necessary, a general membership meeting will be called and the members will vote on the issue.

ARTICLE 8: Handicap and Tournament Play

- All PGANY tournaments will be played in accordance with USGA rules and any local rules applied by the host club or Course.
- The tournament format for the season will be STROKE PLAY (count ALL strokes made until the ball is holed) unless otherwise decided by the tournament committee.
- Scorecards must be signed by scorer and witnessed by a tournament participant.
- For tournament play, the maximum course handicap to be used will be; Men 36.0 and Women 40.0.
- NEW AND RETURNING PGANY MEMBERS who are holders of the previous year’s verifiable USGA handicap index issued by PGANY or other MGA registered golf clubs will be able to use their existing handicap index.
- NEW MEMBERS without verifiable handicap index cards will be subject to the System 36 handicapping system until a valid USGA handicap index is established and made available
- All tournament scores will be submitted for posting to the GHIN handicapping service and will be adjusted in accordance to the USGA Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) adjustment rules for handicapping purposes

<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum Number</u>
9 or less	Double Bogey
10-19	7
20-29	8
30-39	9
40 and above	10

To learn more please visit: https://www.usga.org/HandicapFAQ/handicap_answer.asp?FAQidx=9
And
<http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicap-manual.html#!rule-14367>

- PGANY tournament play will consist of ONE division; REGULAR players, SENIORS and LADIES.
Regular – Men with handicap index 18.0 and below, irrespective of whether they are 62 years old and over will play on white or blue tees as unless otherwise designated by the Tournament Director
Senior – Men with handicap index over 18 and are 62 years old and over will play on white or forward tees (Red) as unless otherwise designated by the Tournament Director.
Ladies will use the ladies’ tees or as designated by the Tournament Director.
- Designation of the tee boxes will be made on a course by course basis as determined by the Tournament Chairman and Handicap and Rules Chairman. We will try and institute the “Tee it Forward” initiative brought forth by the PGA of America and the USGA.

To find out more please visit: <http://www.pga.com/pga-and-usga-step-new-sets-tees-in-nationwide-tee-it-forward-initiative>

ARTICLE 9: PRIZES AND AWARDS

TOURNAMENT WINNERS

Each tournament will have three (3) winners, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for players with the lowest net score (gross score minus course handicap) in each tournament. In tournaments other than stroke play, the tournament committee will decide.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR (PERPETUAL TROPHY)

Awarded to the player who accumulated the most number of points at the end of the season.

Please refer to the POY System Chart at www.PGANY.net for point distribution. The chart is distributed to the members on a regular basis.

Points are reset after the regular tournaments and bonus points are awarded to the top ten players. Playoff tournament points are doubled.

CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS (PERPETUAL TROPHY)

Awarded to a member that has the most FIRST PLACE win of the season (regular and playoff). In case of a tie, the player with the most best runner-up finished will determine the Champion of Champions

CLUB CHAMPION (PERPETUAL TROPHY)

This trophy is awarded to the player who has shown consistent play throughout the season by having lowest AVERAGE NET score. To qualify, we will select ONLY the player's best six (6) lowest net 18 hole tournament scores for calculation. The lowest final average calculation of each player's 6 rounds will determine the Club Champion.

NOTE: The PERPETUAL TROPHY, winners will have their names engraved on the trophy and will keep the trophy for a year. If the member wins the same perpetual trophy three (3) consecutive times he/she shall keep the perpetual trophy.

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR TROPHY

Awarded to the rookie who has accumulated the most number of points at the end of the season and ONLY rookies are eligible to win this award. The points accumulated by the rookies will be tabulated separately using the same point system in determining the Player of the Year award. Rookies are not eligible to win the Player of the Year, Champion of Champions, Club Champion award and the most improved player award.

MOST IMPROVED PLAYER TROPHY

Awarded to the player who has improved his/her golf skill attested by the handicap index from the start to the end of the tournament season. This is calculated using the USGA method in determining the clubs most improved player.

For more information please visit: <http://www.usga.org/Handicapping/handicap-manual.html#!rule-14414>

Other SURPRISE awards maybe given at the end of the season during the Annual Awards Night.

ARTICLE 10: LOCAL CLUB RULES

- **AERATED COURSE:**

If the course is aerated, lift cleaned and placed (winter rules) shall be in effect. The ball shall be marked prior to lifting and cleaning and shall be placed no closer to the hole and no more than a scorecard width from the marker. The option for this rule shall only be in effect as directed by the Tournament Chairman and the Rules Chairman.

- **BUNKERS - FAIRWAY OR GREENSIDE:**

Foot prints in the bunker or uneven raking, the player may lift his ball, rake the sand of the footprint or the uneven sand and place his ball closest to original lie. The intent to rake or smooth the bunker must be made aware to the playing competitors before proceeding.

- **HAZARDS:**

If the player is unable to cross water or land hazard on his/her first tee shot, and the player deems that he does not have the ability to do so with the subsequent shots. The player may drop on the other side of the hazard and will be penalized for stroke and distance (2 shot penalty). He will be hitting his/her 4th shot from the drop area.

White stakes (out of bounds) - If a player hits it out of bounds (OB) or may be close to it, he/she should hit a provisional ball and declare it to his/her competitors. If the player does not want to invoke the provisional shot then the player may drop where the ball first went in as long as it is unanimously agreed by his/her playing competitors and proceed with stroke and distance penalty (2 shot penalty).

- **LOST BALL:**

If a player thinks he/she may have lost the ball (woods/shrubs etc..) he/she should hit a provisional ball and declare it to his/her competitors. If the player does not want to invoke the provisional shot then the player may drop where the ball first went in as long as it is unanimously agreed by his/her playing competitors and proceed with stroke and distance penalty (2 shot penalty).

- **FAIRWAY DIVOTS:**

If a player finds their ball on the fairway but ends up in a divot, the player is allowed to move the ball out of the divot no more than the width of a scorecard and no closer to the hole. This only applies when playing the fairway designated for the hole that they are actually playing on. The player must notify at least one of his/her playing competitors before proceeding.

- **PACE OF PLAY:**

Pace of play falls under Rule 6-7 (Undue Delay; Slow Play). **PLAY READY GOLF!** The group lagging behind and told to "pickup" their ball and skip a hole by the course Marshall or Ranger will be assessed double par + 2 stroke penalty for the hole skipped. Be aware of your position with regard to the group in front - it is your responsibility to keep up with the group in front. Here are some tips on improving the pace of play.

- **Move promptly:** Proceed quickly to your ball and be ready when it's your turn to hit. Do not wait until it is your turn to play before putting your glove on.
- **Play promptly:** Take 30 seconds, maximum, to hit your shot. Do not wait until it is your turn to play before calculating your yardage and selecting your club. Let shorter hitters hit first even if you have the honor on the tee box. If you think you have a 50% chance of hitting the group ahead of you, then you most likely have a 95% chance of not getting it there. In most cases, it will roll more so than fly on the carry.
- **Be quicker on the greens:** Read it. Hit it. Tap it in. Go to the next tee. Look at your own line of putt while the other players in the group look at theirs (within the bounds of normal etiquette).

- **Do your housekeeping on your own time:** Start the round with tees, markers, balls and a ball-mark repair tool in your pocket. Replace headcovers while you walk or on the next tee. Write down scores on the next tee. Don't make others wait.
- **Be cart smart:** Drop off your partner and drive to your ball. When you leave the cart, take three clubs, not one. Don't wait in the cart while your cartmate hits and then drive to your ball. Get out and walk to your ball with a few clubs. Park behind greens.
- **Be a good teammate:** Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Once in the fairway, help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Volunteer to fill in a divot or rake a bunker for another player if needed. Be ready to attend the flagstick for others.

To learn more about the Rules and Etiquette of the game visit: <http://www.usga.org/content/usga/home-page/rules/rules-and-decisions.html#!rule-01>

ARTICLE 11: INCOMPLETE ROUNDS

When weather conditions or darkness threaten a suspension of play or unforeseen circumstances, the following procedures will be used to determine the winners:

- If the last group of players has completed more than 9 holes. The tournament scoring used will be the total number of holes completed by the last group. For example, the last group played only 12 holes, the tournament will become a 12-hole tournament and net score will be based on the 12 holes and handicaps will be adjusted as such.
- If the last group of players did not complete 9 holes, the tournament will be cancelled or re-scheduled depending on the Tournament Committee and PGANY Officers' decision.