

the Team Competitions Chair will select the final five (5) players to complete the 9 player roster. If any of the top 4 players from the immediately preceding year's POY standings decline the invitation, those spots will be filled at the discretion of the Team Competitions Chair in the form of additional Captain's picks. The team will be presented to the WMGA Board for approval.

- 4) For the Griscom Cup competition, Independent Members are eligible for consideration. There is no restriction as to the number of Independent or Junior Independent Members who may be invited to join the Griscom Cup team.
- 5) The Junior Chairman will recommend the six players for the Junior Intercity team, subject to approval by the WMGA Board.

VI. INTERCLUB TEAM MATCHES

General

- 1) The Team Matches Committee will consist of one board member, who will serve as Team Matches Chair, and one board member from each of the three districts who will serve as District Captains.
- 2) Rules and schedules for team match play will be formulated by the Team Matches Committee, subject to the approval of the WMGA Board.
- 3) A team will consist of five players and alternates, and a Member Club may enter no more than three teams.
- 4) A series will consist of six teams and there will be no limit to the number of series. Any vacancies in a series occurring prior to the completion of the schedule for the current year will be filled by moving up teams in the order of their standings at the end of the previous year. The last series must have a minimum of four teams, but no more than six. If the number of teams in the last series warrants, one or two "combined teams" may be formed in order to have at least 4 teams in the last series.
- 5) Five matches will be played on successive Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing at the end of April or in the

beginning of May. Such dates will be determined by the Team Matches Committee with WMGA Board approval.

- 6) The Team Matches Committee will ensure that every effort is made to not:
 - a) schedule matches at the club of the team that is in first position in its series, nor
 - b) require the team that is in first position in its series to play any other team on its home course.

These standards do not apply to a series with fewer than six teams. However, if two teams from the same club are in the same series, they will play each other on their home course.

- 7) Upon conclusion of the five Interclub Team Matches, the team in first place in its series after five matches will automatically advance to the last position in the series above. The team in sixth place in its series after five matches will automatically drop down to the first position in the series below. This will be the pre-season order of team standings used at the start of the following season. All ties for series positions will be resolved according to the methodology described in "Ties for Series Position" on page 26.
- 8) The winner of the first series in each district will compete in the Interdistrict Playoff. The team winning the most points becomes the Champion team, and its club will hold the Founders Trophy for one year.
- 9) At the discretion of the WMGA Board, a team or player may be disqualified for refusal to comply with the Rules of Team Matches or with decisions of the Team Matches Committee.
- 10) Proper golf attire must be worn at all WMGA events. Players must adhere to the dress code regulations of the host club. Players should review the Notice to Players or host club website for guest information. Members whose dress is deemed inappropriate by the WMGA or host club may be denied participation in the match.
- 11) In the event that a team wishes to protest a ruling of the Team Matches Committee, the protest must be made in writing (via email) to the Chairman of the Team Match Committee within one week of the ruling.

- 12) The WMGA Team Matches Committee reserves the right to modify any of the rules or penalties in this book governing Team Matches.

Procedure for Entering Returning Teams

- 1) A Member Club must state in writing (via email) its intentions to enter a returning team, a returning second team, or returning third team to the WMGA no later than September 26, 2019. A returning team must have a minimum of five (5) players.
- 2) A Member Club must submit by February 7, 2020 its Final Team Entry Form (FTEF). It shall be the responsibility of the Met Rep and Team Captain to verify their players are listed on the FTEF in ascending order of their USGA Handicap Index as of the previous season's final revision date. The order of players with the same USGA Handicap Index will be listed at the discretion of the Team Captain. After this date, any additions or changes to the FTEF must meet the requirements listed in "Eligibility Rules for Teams and Players" on page 19, #2 d, e, and f, and be submitted in writing (via email) to the District Captain before April 1st, except in 2020 it is April 15, 2020.

Procedure for Entering a New Team

- 1) A Member Club must submit a New Team Registration Form (NTRF) stating its intentions to enter a new team, second team, or third team to the WMGA office (teammatches@wmga.com) no later than September 25th. The NTRF can be found on the WMGA website (wmga.com). Each new team will be automatically placed on the waiting list based on the order of when the WMGA office receives the NTRF email.
 - a) A Member Club entering a new team must list a minimum of seven (7) players.
 - b) A Member Club entering two (2) teams must list a minimum of fourteen (14) players. The first five (5) players on the FTEF may only play on the First Team.
 - c) A Member Club entering three (3) teams must list a minimum of thirty (30) players. The first ten (10) players on the FTEF may not play for the Third Team.

- d) A Member Club must submit its FTEF by February 7, 2020.
- 2) If there is an opening in the last series prior to September 26, 2019, the first team on the waiting list will automatically be added to that series.
- 3) The first team on the waitlist and a Member Club that submits an NTRF will be added to the last series, if and when there is an opening.

Eligibility Rules for Teams and Players

- 1) A Member Club entering a team must be prepared to:
 - a) Grant one of the scheduled team match days for the team it has entered;
 - b) Grant one Tuesday and one Thursday if it has entered two teams; and three days (at least one Tuesday and one Thursday) if it has entered three teams;
 - c) Approve a time of 8:30 A.M. for the start of matches on its scheduled day(s);
 - d) Grant a separate starting time for each two-ball match; and
 - e) Pay Member Club dues of \$200 annually, prior to April 1, 2020.
- 2) The following members are eligible to compete in team matches:
 - a) Current WMGA members who renew their memberships by December 16, 2019.
 - b) New members to the WMGA who pay membership dues by December 16, 2019.
 - c) Junior members with an active USGA Handicap Index of 25.0 or under based on the previous season's final revision who are registered by December 16, 2019.
 - d) A player who joins a Member Club after December 16, 2019 meets the WMGA Team Match eligibility requirements, and has paid her WMGA membership dues by April 1st, except in 2020 it is April 15, 2020.
 - e) Current WMGA members who change clubs by April 1st, except in 2020 it is April 15, 2020.

- f) Inactive WMGA members who are reinstated to Membership by April 1st, except in 2020 it is April 15, 2020.
- 3) A player belonging to two clubs may represent only one club in the matches each year.
- 4) A team comprising players from multiple clubs may be created by the District Captain and identified as a “combined” team.

Rules for Team Matches

General

- 1) Matches will be eighteen holes with Nassau scoring; scoring one point for the first nine holes, one point for the second nine holes, and one point for the eighteen holes. In the event of a tie for any point, each player will receive one half point. All matches will be single matches.
- 2) USGA Rules will govern all play.
- 3) Each District will have a District Captain who reports to the Interclub Team Matches Chair. The District Captain will appoint a Series Captain for each Series. Each team will appoint a Team Captain. Detailed information for Team Captains and Series Captains, including their responsibilities, can be found on the WMGA website (wmga.com).
- 4) All players should be familiar with the WMGA Rules for Team Matches.

Day of Play

- 5) Players must play in the order in which they were listed on the FTEF as provided in “Procedure for Entering Returning Teams or a New Team” on page 18. Each player who plays in a wrong position based on the makeup of the team on that day will forfeit three points to the opposing team.
- 6) A team should be fully assembled and ready to tee off at its scheduled starting time. Each player must be present and ready to tee off at her scheduled time, with the intent to complete the match. If a player arrives, ready to play, with the intent to complete the match, within 5 minutes after her scheduled starting time, she loses the first hole and the

match will continue on the second hole. If a player arrives later than 5 minutes after her original starting time or is not ready to play within 5 minutes of her original starting time, she is disqualified, and her team must default the last match scheduled. Telephone calls to the match site do not excuse a player from this rule.

- 7) In the event a player is disqualified prior to the start of her match, all players on the opposing team who have not yet teed off will shift down one tee time, with the final (now unopposed) player winning by default. In order to win by default, an unopposed player must be ready to play on time; otherwise, neither side wins any points in that match.
- 8) In the event a player is disqualified prior to the start of her match; her team is considered to be playing short because it is competing with less than five players. **In addition to losing the defaulted points, the team playing short will receive a one point penalty.**
- 9) If a player withdraws from a match before its completion, any points she has won will be credited to her and any remaining points will go to her opponent.
- 10) If a club has 2 (or 3) teams the first 10 (or 15) players must play in order and on the correct team. If the first team plays short for any reason other than a situation that is approved before or after the match by the Team Match Committee, the second team will be considered to have played out of order and will forfeit all points won. This principle applies to the third team if that club has 3 teams. Also, if playing short occurs with the second team that has a third team, the same situation exists and the third team is deemed to have played out of order and will forfeit all points won.
- 11) There will be no agreement to discontinue play and split unearned points. Players who do so will be subject to disqualification for a period to be determined by the Team Match Committee.
- 12) Subject to the rules of the host club, a player may use a golf cart. In addition, and if required by the host club, a caddie must also be taken and will be assigned by the caddie manager, if a caddie is available. A player may be

responsible for both cart and caddie fees at the discretion of the host club.

- 13) The WMGA Pace of Play Policy leaves the responsibility of maintaining the pace of play with the player. If the player is in the first group in the field, she needs to play without undue delay. If the player is in a following group, she needs to keep up with the group in front of her. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action against the player's team.

Day of Play - Sanctions and Penalties for Regular and Rescheduled Team Matches

- 14) Five players shall constitute a team in all matches. A team is considered to be "playing short" if the team competes with less than five players.
 - a) A team that is playing short must field its players starting from the #1 position. In addition to losing the defaulted points, the team playing short will be penalized one point. The one point penalty for playing short will be deducted from the total points of the penalized team for that match day and on each match day that such penalty occurs.
 - b) As a courtesy only, in the event that a team (A) knows prior to the day of the match that they will be unable to field a full team, they may concede the missing player(s) match(es) by 8 PM the evening prior by contacting the Team Captain of the opposing team (B) with a telephone call and a follow-up email copying both the Series Captain and District Captain. A telephone call alone will not suffice as all parties need to be notified in writing (via email), since once a match is conceded, the concession cannot be rescinded. The Team Captain of the opposing team (B) who is notified should copy all recipients on the defaulting email acknowledging receipt.

Note 1: If a match has been conceded and then it is rescheduled, the concession is irrevocable.

Note 2: If a match has been conceded, the team playing short will lose the defaulted points and receive

a one point penalty. **If a team plays one, two, or three players short, the penalty for playing short is just one point.**

Note 3: In the event of a concession or forfeit of a match by a team, such team playing short should draw a dash on the line next to the position conceded. The opposing team that wins a match by concession or forfeit writes "unopposed." If a club has two teams participating in Team Matches and player 4 and/or 5 on the first team wins by concession, they cannot move down to play on the second team. The same applies to a club with three teams; players 6-10 may not move down to play on the third team.

Note 4: Additional WMGA members may be invited to play the unopposed spots. These player(s) can play at the end of their team's remaining scheduled matches. Additionally, a team that has a bye may, by coordinating with the Series Captain and host club, send players to play the available tee times.

- 15) A team unable to field any players or only one player for a match will be disqualified from competing during the remainder of the current season and will be placed at the bottom of the last series behind any waiting team from the previous year. The team will forfeit all previously won points and each opposing team in the series will receive fifteen points.
- 16) A team playing short for the majority of its matches will be given an official warning. At the end of the season, if the team is deemed to have played short in the majority of its matches for a consecutive year, it will be placed at the bottom of the last series behind any waiting team(s) from the previous year.

Withdrawal of Team

- 17) If a team withdraws after the completion of scheduling or during the matches, each opposing team in the series will receive fifteen points; earned points will be forfeited. The team that withdraws will be placed at the bottom of the last series behind any waiting team(s) from the previous year.

- 18) A team withdrawing before or during team matches for two consecutive years will be prohibited from entering a team for the following year. It may then enter as a new team at the bottom of the last series, behind any waiting team(s) from the previous year.

Delay or Cancellation of Play

- 19) Bad weather is not of itself a good reason for discontinuing play. There will be no cancellation of play unless the course is deemed unplayable by the host club. If the host club is agreeable, play may be delayed until later in the day.
- 20) When a course is deemed unplayable, the Series Captain will arrange with the host club for another day. In the event the club is unable to grant another day before the Interdistrict Playoff, a neutral course will be obtained.
- 21) If a player arrives at the site with the intent to play, but the course is deemed unsuitable for carts, the following will apply:
 - a) If a caddie is available and the player is unable to walk, she must concede her match. However, her team does not move up its players, nor will her team receive a penalty point for playing short.
 - b) If there is no caddie or cart available prior to the start of the match and the course is open, the player is not required to carry her bag or use a pull cart. The match will be rescheduled. If both players are willing to walk/pull/carry their bags, the match MAY be played as originally scheduled. If one player does not want to walk/pull/carry, the individual match will be rescheduled on a date determined by the Series Captain in conjunction with the host club.
- 22) If the course is deemed unplayable before the matches are scheduled to begin and remains unplayable, an incomplete team will not be penalized. If the course is reopened, a team must be ready to play, with the intention of completing the round; otherwise, that team will be penalized in accordance with "Rules for Team Matches" on page 20.

- 23) If play is suspended after a match has begun, the match will be resumed from where it was discontinued only if resumption occurs on the same day.
- 24) If play is cancelled, those matches that have been completed will count. A match which is won by default or concession is deemed to be a completed match. All others will be rescheduled.
- 25) When a club has two or three teams, if one team completes its matches on a given day and the other team's matches are rescheduled, those players who completed matches are ineligible to compete on the rescheduled team's roster.
- 26) When a club has two or three teams and ALL are rescheduled, a club should treat the eligibility of its players as if the rescheduled matches are being played on the same day (even if they are being played on different days).
- 27) The correct order of play and eligibility for clubs with two teams when one of the regularly scheduled matches is cancelled shall be determined as follows: In the event the first team has a makeup match and the second team has completed their match, the first team will consist of players who have not already competed in this match and whose position on the FTEF is less than the first player on the second team and whose position on the FTEF is greater than the fifth player. For example, at Match 3, second team players #7, 8, 10, 11, and 13 competed. When the first team reschedules their match, they may ask players #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 16, etc. up to the last player listed on the FTEF. In the event the second team has the makeup match and the first team has completed their match, the second team will consist of players who have not already competed in the match and whose position on the FTEF is greater than the player in the fifth position who competed on the first team. For example, at Match 5, if the first team plays with #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, then the second team may play with players #7, 8, 9, 10 up to the last person listed on the FTEF.
- 28) For the rescheduling of matches for a club that has three teams the same principles as outlined above apply, but we strongly suggest you contact your District Captain for verification of the correct order of play and player eligibility.

Ties for Series Position

- 29) FOR ALL POSITIONS IN ALL SERIES (EXCEPT IN SERIES 1, FIRST POSITION): If two teams tie for a position in a series, the team winning the most points when those teams played each other will be placed in the higher position in the series for the following year. If two teams tied when they played, or if more than two teams tie for a position in a series, standings for the following year will be determined based upon each team's TOTAL BACK 9 POINTS when those teams played each other. If teams continue to be tied, the POINT TOTAL of the players in the 5th position for each team will be compared. If still tied, the POINT TOTAL of the players in the 4th position for each team will be compared and so on, until the tie is broken.
- 30) In the case of more than two teams tying, ties are to be broken by the Team Match Committee.
- 31) TIES FOR FIRST POSITION IN SERIES 1: A date and a neutral course will be designated for an eighteen hole playoff. If teams are still tied at the end of eighteen holes, a sudden-death playoff will take place as described in the "Interdistrict Playoff" below.

Interdistrict Playoff

Eligibility

The first five listed players must have competed in at least two of the current season's regular matches. All other listed players are eligible, even if they have not played in any regular matches.

Competition

This will be an eighteen hole Three-Ball Match Play competition on a neutral course. The neutral course will be chosen from the three districts on a rotating basis. In the case of a tie for First Place, the teams who are tied will have a sudden death playoff. A starting time for the playoff will be designated by the Team Match Chairman. Each position will play one hole. If a team is ahead after the first hole, it is deemed to be the winner. If the teams are still tied, play will be continued by the entire team, one hole at a time, until the tie is broken.

VII. AWARDS

- 1) Prizes or certificates will be awarded for major tournaments.
- 2) The number of certificates awarded will be based on the number of competitors in the field.
- 3) A player may receive only one prize or certificate in a tournament, EXCEPT Medalist in Match Play Championships.
- 4) Prizes or certificates will be awarded in the following order: 1st Gross, 1st Net, 2nd Gross, 2nd Net, et. seq. The player will not have a choice should she qualify for both a gross and net award.
- 5) In non-trophy tournaments, there will be an equal distribution of certificate winnings for players who are tied. The results will be reported as "tied."
- 6) The 1st Gross and 1st Net winners will have the choice of a prize or certificate. The Tournament Manager will send an email with the prize option and certificate value following the tournament. All prizes and certificates will be mailed.
- 7) The winner of a trophy is responsible for its safekeeping while in her possession. She must return the trophy, engraved (costs covered by the WMGA), cleaned, and polished, to the office no later than May 1st of the following tournament season.
- 8) The WMGA Player of the Year Award recognizes the member who competed in at least four WMGA tournaments (either Class A or B) and earned the most points in designated events during the season, including either the Match Play Championship or the Stroke Play Championship. The point system approved by the WMGA Board can be found at wmga.com and the final decision of the Player of the Year Award rests solely with the WMGA Board.
- 9) The WMGA "B" Player of the Year Award recognizes the member who competed in at least four WMGA tournaments and earned the most points in designated events during the season, including either the "B" Match Play Championship or the "B" Stroke Play Championship. The point system approved by the WMGA Board can be found at wmga.com

and the final decision of the “B” Player of the Year Award rests solely with the WMGA Board.

- 10) The Lann Trophy will be awarded to the member who had the season’s lowest eighteen hole gross score for a WMGA Class A stroke play round. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by taking into account the difference between the USGA Course Rating and the score returned.
- 11) The Board of Directors Cup will be awarded to the member who had the season’s lowest eighteen hole gross score for a WMGA Class B stroke play round. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by taking into account the difference between the USGA Course Rating and the score returned.
- 12) The Player of the Year Trophies, the Lann Trophy, the Board of Directors Cup, the Judy Bell Award, and prizes for holes-in-one made during the year will be awarded at the Annual Meeting.

VIII. CODE OF CONDUCT AND OTHER POLICIES

Code of Conduct

- 1) Each member is expected to conduct herself in a manner that fosters good sportsmanship, good fellowship, and respect for individual dignity. Each member is likewise responsible for the integrity of the venues at which we conduct our competitions and our business, and pledges by becoming a member to actively promote the best interests and traditions of the game of golf and the welfare of this Association.
- 2) Any conduct on the part of a member which is considered detrimental to the best interests of the game, the welfare of the WMGA, or is in contradiction to the objectives, Bylaws, rules, or other policies of the WMGA or the host club, or deemed to be serious misconduct, may subject the member to disciplinary action, including revocation of entry from a tournament.
- 3) Such conduct will be brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Committee of the Board, consisting of the Vice President of Competitions, the Vice President of Marketing

and Communications, and the Interclub Team Match Chairman. The Disciplinary Committee will review the conduct and recommend appropriate action to the Board. Pending Board approval of the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation, the member may not be permitted to participate in any WMGA competition. Upon Board approval of the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation, the member will be notified of the decision in writing (letter form via U.S. mail or pdf attachment) and will be afforded the opportunity to appeal and submit in writing (letter form via U.S. mail or pdf attachment) any information she deems relevant within seven (7) business days of the date the decision letter was received. The Board will review the appeal and render a decision within seven (7) business days from the receipt of the appeal letter. The Board, in its sole discretion upon a 2/3 vote of those voting, may reprimand, suspend, or expel a member for just cause and its ultimate decision is final.

Dress Code Policy

Proper golf attire must be worn at all WMGA events. Players must adhere to the **dress code regulations** of the host club. Players should review the Notice to Players or host club website for guest information. Members whose dress is deemed inappropriate by the WMGA or host club may be denied participation in the tournament.

Electronic Devices Policy

Electronic communication devices **MUST** be turned off. They may not be used anywhere on club grounds, except in a player's car. If the club policy is more restrictive, all players and spectators **MUST** comply.

EXCEPTION: When electronic communication devices are permitted on the golf course, players may use electronic communication devices in the case of an emergency or in accordance with Rule 4.3. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action.

Hold Harmless Policy

Tournament participants agree to hold the WMGA, its agents, servants, and employees, harmless and free from all claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of any loss, damage, or injury suffered by said member in connection with any tournament entered.

Photographic Policy

The WMGA reserves the right to photograph/video participants in and at WMGA events. These photos/videos may be used in conjunction with WMGA promotions including promotional materials, publications, WMGA website and/or WMGA social media accounts.