

NAS Golf Association (NASGA)

CLUB BYLAWS

2024 – “40 Years and Still Havin’ Fun”

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Modifications for the 2024 season:

- ❖ Various re-phrasing and adjustments throughout to bring the bylaws up to date.
- ❖ Created a new Player of the Year (POTY) points scheme, more points = more fun! (Section VIII G)
- ❖ Tie break added for TOC (Section VIII G)
- ❖ Removed mention of T-scores (Section IX F)
- ❖ Updated Board member duties (Section XI)

INTRODUCTION

The NAS Golf Association was established in 1983 by the employees of National Semiconductor (NAS stands for National Advanced Systems) and is a member of the NCGA, the Northern California Golf Association. The club provides membership in the NCGA as a means for all members to obtain official handicaps recognized by the NCGA and USGA. The club also provides an opportunity for members and guests to compete in tournaments on a variety of different area golf courses. The main objective of every tournament is for all players to have an enjoyable day playing the game of golf.

The club also operates a web site (www.NASGA.com). This site is the main vehicle for communicating club news, tournament information, tournament results and player statistics. Members are urged to "bookmark it" and consult it regularly.

NASGA "Your Friendly Golf Club"

I. CLUB MEMBERSHIP

- A. A member of the NAS Golf Association is a person whose name appears on the master membership list issued monthly by the Northern California Golf Association (NCGA). A member's name that appears on this list has paid the appropriate club dues and NCGA fees.

A NASGA member has participation priority in all club tournaments and activities.

- B. A non-member shall be defined as anyone who has not paid the appropriate NASGA dues and NCGA fees. Non-members will be allowed to participate in any NASGA tournaments only when there are vacancies that club members choose not to fill by the sign-up deadline.
- C. It is the member's responsibility to notify the Treasurer of changes to home or email addresses; or contact phone number. These changes and new memberships are processed by NASGA as soon as possible by the end of each month.
- D. Club members should communicate in writing or email to the club President in regard to complaints about other club members, club policies, suggestions, or any other club business.
- E. If a banquet is included as part of the year-end event, the cost of the banquet is included for participating members in the club membership joining fee. Any banquet cost exceeding the amount collected will be added to each participating member's final tournament entry cost. Guests attending the banquet will pay the full food and beverage amount. If an end-of-year banquet is not provided, the allotted portion of the club membership amount will be returned to all member participants of that tournament. The banquet is provided to encourage all members to stay after a round of golf for our end-of-year raffle, results and awards.

II. RULES OF PLAY

- A. At all times the United States Golf Association (USGA) rules apply to all play with NASGA. Each player is expected to monitor the play and scoring of other players to ensure that we are all playing by the same rules. Any observed deviation from the rules (both USGA and NASGA tournament specific rules) should be discussed in a supportive, friendly manner with any required score corrections made before play continues. Collaboration of all players is encouraged to determine correct rules and scoring decisions.
- B. Disputes - questions on rule disputes are to be resolved by the Tournament Director and/or other club officers before tournament results are announced.
- C. *Members must keep pace during tournament play* - Slow play will not be tolerated. If the group keeps up with the one ahead (within one hole), they are in position. If they lose touch (behind one hole or

more), they are out of position and must get back into position. When groups on course are detected out of position, the group will be given one warning and urged to pick up the pace. If detected a second time, the entire group is subject to elimination from that tournament. In addition to on course pace of play monitoring, an additional check will be used. If your group finishes the round 30 minutes after the previous group, a one stroke penalty to each member of the group may be assessed. A group finishing 45 minutes or more behind is subject to elimination from that tournament. The definition of "finishes" means the scorecard is delivered to the Scoring Official.. A group may appeal any timing decision with the Scoring Official or other Club Officer who will determine if the appeal is valid.

- D. An individual member can be cited by fellow members for slow play by means of a complaint filed with the President. Refer to Section II.G for the rules regarding member complaints.
- E. Always **play the ball as it lies** (also called playing the ball "down"). Winter Rules will only be permitted when course conditions are poor and only for the play on a given day as decided by the Tournament Director. This will be communicated to all players before the start of play.
Winter Rules: a player may lift, clean and place his or her ball, within the fairway or greenside fringe of the hole being played, a maximum of 6 inches, no closer to the hole. This rule does not apply if the player's ball lies outside of the fairway or in a hazard.
- F. Lost Balls – If a ball is played and is most likely to be lost or out of bounds, a provisional ball should be played in accordance to the Rules of Golf.

In the event of very poor course conditions, the Tournament Director has the authority to rule whether a free drop (without penalty) for a lost ball following a shot not likely lost or out of bounds, may be permitted for just that day. This will be communicated to all players prior to the start of the tournament.

In a Match-play event the player of a lost ball must go back and re-play the shot with 1 penalty stroke added to the score for the hole

- G. Three complaints in writing or email to the club acting President regarding a member's conduct during tournament play will result in a warning letter to the member outlining the complaint. One additional complaint received after the letter has been sent to the member, will revoke that member's eligibility to play in tournaments with the club.
- H. Any damage to the golf course, or golf course equipment or property is the sole responsibility of the member or guest and must be paid by the player(s) responsible. If the club is directly charged by the course for any damage, the individual(s) responsible must reimburse the club for all related charges.

III. HANDICAP INDEXES

- A. Handicaps will be established and maintained by the USGA Golf Handicap Information Network (GHIN) in accordance with World Handicap System (WHS) rules and are updated nightly. Current indexes are always available through the NCGA mobile app and the GHIN website www.GHIN.com & mobile app. Every NASGA member must provide an email address which will be used by the USGA, NCGA, and NASGA for Handicap Index communications.
- B. The WHS provides a Handicap Index based on the best 8 score differentials out of the last 20 18-hole rounds posted. For new members an index can be generated with as few as 3 rounds (54 holes) posted. If interested, visit the USGA website www.USGA.org to find additional information on how Handicap Indexes are generated or contact the club Handicap Chairperson.
- C. All scores from NASGA tournaments will be adjusted for Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) as appropriate and posted by the club Handicap Chairperson to the GHIN system.

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All NASGA tournament scores will be posted as Competition (C) scores. This is based on the following USGA guidance:

The Competition score designation provides a way for Committees to evaluate if any players perform better or worse in competitive versus recreational rounds, which may be used during a Handicap Review.

- D. To ensure handicap accuracy all **members are required to post** their ESC-adjusted scores (a maximum of net double-bogey per hole) **from ALL recreational rounds played**. The score for every round played should be posted the same day as played and classified as Away scores (unless a multi-club member is playing at a Home course). The system allows members to post scores as either two 9-hole scores (front + back), one 18-hole score, or 18 individual hole-by-hole scores. All are valid but note that scores from NASGA events will be posted by the club Handicap Chairperson as 18-hole scores (there is no need to post NASGA tournament scores yourself).
- E. The club Handicap Chairperson will be the primary contact for questions regarding the World Handicap System and GHIN, such as adjusting scores for ESC, assistance posting scores recorded outside the NCGA area, or correcting scores posted in error.
- F. The WHS has features that can apply penalties to a Handicap Index in the advent of an Exceptional Score or excessive upward index movement (Hard & Soft Cap). If you feel a penalty has been applied in error, or wish to challenge the penalty, please contact the club Handicap Chairperson.
- G. Any falsification of scores or misuse of the handicap system will constitute grounds for suspension from the club.

IV. SIGN UP / DROP OUT PROCEDURES

- A. Each club member shall submit ONE PAYMENT PER TOURNAMENT, **made payable to NASGA**. Each check should be mailed to the club Treasurer (address provided on the Yearly Tournament Schedule). Additionally, electronic payment (using Zelle and sent to playgolf@nasga.com) can be made on the Club's Web site at "NASGA.com". Note that the same deadline will apply for all methods of payment. When making payments for multiple tournaments, please ensure each check is dated for the appropriate deadline.

Players are added to each tournament in the order of when payment is received or when a commitment to play is communicated to the club (Tournament Director or Treasurer). Electronic payments are registered shortly after submission. Check payments require more time to be received. It is advised that players mailing a check simultaneously send an email to the Tournament Director (tournament@nasgaofficer.com) and/or Treasurer (treasurer@nasgaofficer.com) to speed the timing for inclusion in any tournament.

If there are fewer sign-ups received on the deadline date than there are playing slots then the slots will be filled on a first received, first served basis for the remainder of the sign-up period.

Players paying for a tournament after all playing slots are filled will be added to a wait list. This will be in effect even if the signup deadline date has not expired.

The club web site has a feature called "Am I Signed Up?". This provides access to the signup sheets for each tournament. Players can view this page to confirm that they are included in a tournament, on the wait list or to confirm that a cancelation has been received. This page is also useful to see if there are openings available for any tournament.

- B. Should a member drop out of a tournament *two weeks prior to the tournament* and if the course has not received their fees by that time, the member is entitled to a full refund.

When a member drops out of a tournament less than two weeks prior to the tournament play date, that member must contact the Tournament Director for a replacement from the waiting list. If there is

no waiting list, the member dropping should contact other club members who have not signed up for that tournament to find a replacement. *It is the member's responsibility to find a replacement player.* If the member does not find a replacement, the club has the option to keep or refund the tournament fee.

If a player with an allocated slot does not show up for the tournament, that player will forfeit any fees not recoverable by the club.

If a player gives a verbal signup to play in a tournament and then doesn't pay (whether they showed up & played or not), they can't sign up or play in another tournament until payment is received for the unpaid tournament.

V. COST OF TOURNAMENTS

- A. Each tournament will be announced at least 30 days prior to the play date and the tournament fee will be set at that time.
- B. The tournament fee will be based on green fees plus cart fees (when required by the course) and either a course required prize fund or \$5. All prize money is returned to the winners of various competitions on the day of the tournament. An additional nominal charge (\$1 to \$5) may be added to the tournament or event fee to cover club operating expenses.
- C. The club's Treasurer is chartered with the responsibility of reporting to the NASGA Board of Directors the financial status of the club. Members of the Board of Directors will decide how to allocate all funds at the end of each calendar year.
- D. Return of Tournament Fees - when a player registers with the Tournament Director for the purpose of playing in a NASGA tournament, the player is responsible for all associated tournament fees. The player may forfeit all or part of the tournament fee subject to the procedures described in the Sign Up/Drop Out procedures of these bylaws. If a refund is due, the registered player will receive a refund from the NASGA Treasurer within two weeks of the date the tournament was played.
- E. No Shows/Withdrawals - the player will lose any tournament fees that are not recoverable by the club.

VI. DETERMINATION OF FLIGHTS

- A. The Tournament Director will determine the makeup of Flights for each tournament.
- B. The number of players and abilities of those participating in a tournament determine Flight make up. Every attempt will be made to have an equal number of players in all Flights (usually a minimum of 10 players in each flight). Players with the lowest tournament handicaps will compete in the A Flight, the group with the next highest handicaps will play in the B Flight and players with the highest handicaps will play in the C Flight when three Flights are required. Players with the same tournament handicap will be assigned to the same Flight.
- C. Flight assignments are not considered in the grouping of players for the play of the tournament.

VII. TOURNAMENT PRIZES & ELIGIBILITY

- A. An individual player is eligible to receive only one prize per tournament. Should a player qualify for more than one prize the highest valued prize will be awarded to that player. Prize values are ranked in order of: Flight First place, Flight Second Place, Fewest Putts, Closest to Pin. Players with the next best performance for lower valued prize category(s) will then be eligible to win those prizes.

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- B. Low Net Winners - A member must have established a handicap through the NCGA to qualify for flight placement prizes. Each player's net stroke score is used for allocation of prizes. Prizes for Flight-related awards are the same for each flight. No other individual prize shall exceed that awarded to the low net winners of a Flight. See Section VIII-E to see how your tournament handicap is determined for each tournament.
- C. Special Prizes - the Tournament Director has the option of selecting special prizes. These special prizes will apply to all players who compete and complete the Tournament. All tournaments have the following special prizes:

Fewest Putts - each player counts the number of strokes made from the putting surface (green) regardless of club used. Strokes holed from off the putting surface count as zero. Once a player has played a stroke from the putting surface, all strokes will be counted as putts until the player holes out whether or not the strokes are played from the putting surface. The player must complete and count all putting strokes until the ball is in the hole; **Gimmes are not permitted**. The player must complete a stipulated round with no incomplete hole scores to be eligible for this prize.

Closest to the Pin - the distance shall be measured from the nearest part of the cup to the nearest part of the ball. The ball must be on the putting surface. The hole used for the competition is determined prior to the start of the round. The player need not complete a stipulated round to be eligible for this prize.

- D. Prize Allocation - the Tournament Director shall determine the allocation and value of prizes based on the number of participants in the tournament. The following scheme is normally used to determine the relative value of tournament prizes:

Flight Winners (A1, B1 and C1) – Highest valued prize

Flight Second Place (A2, B2, and C2) – 50% of Flight winner's prize

Fewest Putts (FP) – 50% of Flight winner's prize

Closest to the Pin (CP) – 33% of Flight winner's prize plus change resulting from rounding other prizes to even dollar amounts.

To maintain the value of prizes to be won, the number of Flights, and inclusion (or omission) of Flight Second Place prizes are determined for each tournament by the Tournament Director.

- E. There may be designated two-day tournaments as part of the club schedule. These tournaments consist of two one-day tournaments played on consecutive days. Each one-day tournament will have independent scoring and standard prize allocations. However, an additional prize allocation will be provided for low-net totals across the two days of play. This prize allocation will be awarded as:

70% for two-day low net

30% for two-day 2nd low net

The Tournament Director is responsible for determining the two-day prize allocation. The two-day tournament prize is independent from the one-day prize allocations and therefore exempt from the "one prize per tournament" limitation mentioned in section VII.A.

- F. NASGA club members are eligible for all prizes in categories for which they qualify.
- G. Non-members (guests) are only eligible for non-flight prizes (Closest to the pin, Fewest Putts).
- H. End of the Year Recognition: Only NASGA club members are eligible for End-of-Year trophies and/or prizes. In order to qualify for these trophies or prizes, NASGA members must have played in a minimum of FIVE of the season's scheduled Tournaments. Participants in two-day tournaments will get credit for each course played.

End of Year Recognition include:

Player of the Year (POTY) - The player who accumulates the most POTY points over the year. See section VIII to see how points are earned. Winner receives a trophy and/or prize.

Tournament of Champions (TOC) - Any NASGA member can qualify for the TOC by scoring the lowest net score in their respective flight in any tournament during the year qualify for this competition. See section IX for details. In addition to lowest flight score, qualifiers must also play in at least 5 tournaments during the year. Winner receives a trophy and/or prize.

Best Putter (the “Boss of the Moss”, BOTM) - Player with the lowest average putts/round calculated from the best EIGHT (8) putting rounds of the year. Winner receives a trophy and/or prize.

Should players tie with the same average number of putts over their best eight rounds of the year, a tie break process will be used (with an option for a putt-off competition). The first tie break will be the lowest average number of putts for the four best rounds. Second tie break will be the lowest average of the two best rounds. If still tied the player with the lowest single round number of putts will be the winner.

If STILL tied, or if all involved players agree to a putt-off INSTEAD OF the tie break procedure, a three-hole putt-off competition will be arranged (rules TBD) between the tied players on the practice green of the final course played. All players in the tie situation must participate in the playoff for the opportunity to win.

Frequent Player Awards – At the discretion of the Treasurer, the club may provide NASGA logo gifts to the members who play in several tournaments. These awards may be provided after playing in 5, 10 and 15 tournaments throughout the season. The actual gift items to be provided are determined by the Board of Directors.

- I. Any checks awarded as a tournament prize are subject to the following:
If you are not present when awarded at the end of the tournament, it becomes your responsibility to collect it from the treasurer or tournament director at a future event. A new check will not be written if the current one has expired (usually 6 months for most banks). If checks that have not been cashed on our books, the club will not be responsible for replacement.

VIII. TOURNAMENT SCORING

- A. Every stroke taken (plus applicable penalties, per the Rules of Golf) must be counted on each hole. *There is no maximum number of strokes per hole (count them all!)*. Players are expected to ensure that all in their group are playing by the rules and properly counting all strokes. Any discrepancies should be raised and discussed in a friendly manner before determining the final score for any hole. Each playing group should have scores recorded on two separate score cards (typically one card in each cart) to help prevent unintentional scoring mistakes. A player who “picks up” on a hole is disqualified (DNF, Did Not Finish) for any award for that tournament except closest to pin (hole), but still gets credit for participating in the event.
- B. The Tournament Director will determine all final scores.
- C. Net Scores – Most tournaments are Stroke Play using full course handicaps. The Net score for each player determines his or her performance in the tournament. The Net score is the Gross score (all actual strokes taken plus all penalties) minus the player’s handicap for the tournament.

Some tournaments will involve Match Play or Stableford scoring and require a determination of the Net score per hole. Net scores for individual holes are determined by applying the player’s handicap to the score card for the course and the handicap rating (also called stroke index) of each hole. For example, if a player has a handicap of 8, he then gets one stroke on each of the 8 lowest handicap rated holes (usually four per nine holes). The net score for each hole is the actual number of strokes taken on the hole minus the handicap strokes given the player on the hole.

- D. Tee Selection – For each tournament, the default Tees used are the Middle or Regular Tees (usually White) for Men and the Forward (usually Red) Tees for Women. Players can elect to play further back

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of forward from any other NCGA rated Tees and receive the according handicap adjustment for that tournament.

A player must inform the Tournament Director of their Tee selection, **only if different from the default tees**, by 5pm on the **Tournament Pairings Date**. This date is the Wednesday before a weekend play date and 3 days before a weekday event. Once tournament pairings are fixed, all players must play from their assigned tees with no further changes in handicaps or flight assignments.

- E. Tournament Handicaps – Each player's handicap for a tournament is calculated using their official NCGA Handicap Index (GHIN index) on the Tournament Pairings Date, and the Tee Ratings, Slopes and Pars for the course being played.

Basically, your Course Handicap is based on the tees you play. It is set by your Handicap Index times the Slope / 113 plus the difference between the tee rating and par from those tees.

Rounding is performed only once after the complete Course Handicap calculation. The calculation is rounded with fractional strokes of 0.5 or more rounded up to the next integer value.

The first calculation made is the player's Course Handicap (CH). This is the same handicap all players use every time they play a round of golf and is used for making score adjustments and posting with the NCGA.

For a NASGA tournament an additional adjustment is made to allow for play from different tees with different Par ratings. This adjustment is relative to the Par Rating of the Middle (White) Tees, since most participants in a tournament play from these tees. This adjusted handicap is the player's Tournament Handicap (TH) used for the NASGA event on the day of play.

Course Handicap = Index x Slope / 113 + (Tee Rating – Par) for Tees Played

Tournament Handicap = Course Handicap + (Par for Tees Played – Men's Par for Middle (White) Tees)

Tournament handicaps are fixed on the Tournament Pairings Date (section VIII. D). Player handicap index changes after that date will apply to a future tournament.

Players without an official NCGA Index are not eligible for flight prizes and receive no adjustment to their Gross score in a tournament.

The following are examples of the course and tournament handicap calculations for a foursome of men and a threesome of ladies playing at a typical course (Moffett Field used for the tee examples):

Course Tee Ratings for Men and Ladies:

Tees	Rating	Slope	Par	Yards
Blue (Men)	71.6	122	72	6603
White (Men)	70.4	119	72	6338
Red (Men)	69.5	117	72	6112
Gold (Men)	66	112	69	5386
White (Ladies)	76.3	130	74	6338
Red (Ladies)	75	128	73	6112
Gold (Ladies)	71.2	118	72	5386

The Foursome of Men:

Player	Tees	NCGA Index	Course Handicap	Tournament Handicap
Desmond Jones	Blue	8.7	9	9
Bungalow Bill	White	12.8	12	12

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Maxwell Edison	Red	24.8	23	23
Pablo Fanque	Gold	32.6	29	26

Calculating Desmond's Course and Tournament Handicaps:

Man playing back from the Blue Tees

Course Handicap = Index x Men's Slope (Blue) / 113 + [Men's Rating (Blue) – Men's Par (Blue)]

Course Handicap = $8.7 \times 122 / 113 = 9.39$ plus $[71.6 - 72] = -0.4$

Course Handicap = $9.39 + (-0.4) = 8.99$ which is rounded up to **9**

Tournament Handicap = Course Handicap + $(72 \text{ (Men's Par Blue)} - 72 \text{ (Men's Par White)}) = 9 + 0 = \mathbf{9}$

Calculating Bill's Course and Tournament Handicap:

Man playing from White Tees has no additional adjustment for the Tournament Handicap.

Course Handicap = Index x Men's Slope (White) / 113 + [Men's Rating (White) – Men's Par (White)]

Course Handicap = $12.8 \times 119 / 113 = 13.48$ plus $[70.4 - 72] = -1.6$

Course Handicap = $13.48 + (-1.6) = 11.88$ which is rounded up to **12**

Tournament Handicap = **12**

Calculating Maxwell's Course and Tournament Handicaps:

Man playing up on the Red Tees:

Course Handicap = Index x Men's Slope (Red) / 113 + [Men's Rating (Red) – Men's Par (Red)]

Course Handicap = $24.8 \times 117 / 113 = 25.68$ plus $[69.5 - 72] = -2.5$

Course Handicap = $25.68 + (-2.5) = 23.18$ which is rounded down to **23**.

Tournament Handicap = Course Handicap + $(72 \text{ (Men's Par Red)} - 72 \text{ (Men's Par White)}) = 23 + 0 = \mathbf{23}$.

Calculating Pablo's Course and Tournament Handicaps:

Man playing "way up" on the Gold Tees:

Course Handicap = Index x Men's Slope (Gold) / 113 + [Men's Rating (Gold) – Men's Par (Gold)]

Course Handicap = $32.6 \times 112 / 113 = 32.31$ plus $[66 - 69] = -3$.

Course Handicap = $32.31 + (-3) = 29.31$ which is rounded down to **29**

Tournament Handicap = Course Handicap + $(69 \text{ (Men's Par Gold)} - 72 \text{ (Men's Par White)}) = 29 + (-3) = \mathbf{26}$.

The Threesome of Ladies:

Player	Tees	NCGA Index	Course Handicap	Tournament Handicap
Sweet Loretta Martin	White	11.9	16	18
Molly Jones	Red	24.3	30	31
Lil McGill (Nancy)	Gold	38.6	40	40

Calculating Sweet Loretta's Course and Tournament Handicaps:

Lady playing from the White Tees:

Course Handicap = Index x Ladies Slope (White) / 113 + [Ladies Rating (White) – Ladies Par (White)]

Course Handicap = $11.9 \times 130 / 113 = 13.69$ plus $[76.3 - 74] = 2.3$

Course Handicap = $13.69 + 2.3 = 15.99$ which is rounded up to **16**

Tournament Handicap = Course Handicap + $(74 \text{ (Ladies Par White)} - 72 \text{ (Men's Par White)}) = 16 + 2 = \mathbf{18}$

Calculating Molly's Course and Tournament Handicaps:

Lady playing from the Red Tees:

Course Handicap = Index x Ladies Slope (Red) / 113 + [Ladies Rating (Red) – Ladies Par (Red)]

Course Handicap = $24.3 \times 128/113 = 27.53$ plus $[75-73] = 2$

Course Handicap = $27.53 + 2 = 29.53$ which is rounded up to **30**

Tournament Handicap = Course Handicap + (73 (Ladies Par Red) - 72 (Men's Par White)) = $30 + 1 =$
31

Calculating Nancy's Course and Tournament Handicaps:

Lady playing up on the Gold Tees:

Course Handicap = Index x Ladies Slope (Gold) / 113 + [Ladies Rating (Gold) – Ladies Par (Gold)]

Course Handicap = $38.6 \times 118/113 = 40.31$ plus $[71.2-72] = -0.8$

Course Handicap = $40.31 + (-0.8) = 39.51$ which is rounded up to **40**

Tournament Handicap = Course Handicap + (72 (Ladies Par Gold) - 72 (Men's Par White)) = $40 + 0 =$
40.

The Tournament Director performs all these calculations to make every competition fair to players of all abilities. Player handicaps are shown on the Pairings Sheet for each tournament.

F. Tournament ties will be broken in the following manner:

1. Low Net Score- Applying a USGA recommendation, the following scorecard comparison process ("card-off") will be used to break ties:

First Test: Compare the total net scores of each player over the last nine holes. This is the total Gross score for the last nine holes minus the rounded off one-half of the players' Tournament Handicap. Lower total wins. In the event of an unusual start (tee off from 1st and 10th tees or shotgun start), the "back nine", holes 10 through 18, will still be used for the tie breaker.

Second Test: Compare the total net scores of each player over the last six holes. This is the total Gross score for the last six holes minus the rounded off one-third of the players' Tournament Handicap. Lower total wins. In the event of an unusual start, holes 13 through 18 will still be used.

Third Test: Compare the total net scores of each player over the last three holes. This is the total Gross score for the last three holes minus the rounded off one-sixth of the players' Tournament Handicap. Lower total wins. In the event of an unusual start, holes 16 through 18 will still be used.

Fourth Test: Compare the net score of each player on the last hole (18th). For this test, the strokes given per hole, is based on the players Tournament Handicaps and the Handicap Rating of the hole. This is the same as a Match Play stroke allowance distribution. Lower net score on the 18th hole wins. In the event of an unusual start, the 18th hole will still be used.

If still tied: Work backwards from the 18th hole (17th, 16th, etc.) comparing net scores using the Match Play type of handicap stroke distribution. These strokes are subtracted from the Gross score on each hole until one player has a lower net score on a hole and that player wins. In the event of an unusual start, the same sequence of holes will be used.

2. Fewest Putts - the same process for Net score (last nine holes, last six holes, last three holes, etc.) will be used to break ties for fewest putts. Total putts by each player over the indicated sequence of hole combinations will be compared. No handicaps are involved in this tiebreaker.
3. Match Play - If a match play competition ends in a tie after 18 holes, the players should continue playing until one player wins a hole (sudden death format).

If continuing play after the round is not possible a scorecard comparison tie breaking process will be applied.

Compare the total number of holes won by each player over the following sequence of hole combinations. For each test the player with the larger number of holes won (actual stroke score on holes does not matter) will be declared the winner of the match.

First test: Total holes won over the last nine holes.

Second Test: Total holes won on the six holes with handicap ratings of 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, and 17. This distributes the number of strokes given to one player as if the competition was played over only 6 holes.

Third Test: Total holes won on the three holes with handicap ratings of 3, 9, and 15. This distributes the number of strokes given to one player as if the competition was played over only 3 holes.

Final Test: The last player to win a hole, working back from the 18th hole, will be declared the winner.

If neither player wins a single hole (rare, but possible) then the match must be re-played at a site and time agreed upon by the two players prior to any further club Match Play competitions. The Tournament Director will determine the deadline for the re-play and must be informed of the specific details (where and when) of the re-play. If a re-play is not arranged before the deadline, both players will be given a loss in the competition.

4. Two-day Tournaments – If after the conclusion of a two-day tournament there is a tie for any of the two-day prize awards the first tie-breaker shall be a comparison of the 2nd day's net score. If still tied, then the card-off method described in section VIII.F.1 above will be applied to the 2nd days' scoring until a winner is identified.
- G. Player of the Year Points Earning System - The Player of the Year (POTY) is determined based on a point earning system, which awards the members (guests are not eligible) who are regular participants in club events and consistently play well in tournaments.

The Net scores for all members following a tournament are ranked ordered from lowest to highest. This ordering is independent of Flight assignments. The players that finish in the top 20% of the field (the number of members playing in the tournament), rounded up from a 0.5 remainder and including ties, will earn Player of the Year points for that tournament. For example, if a tournament has 24 members playing, the top 5 low Net score finishing players ($24 \times 20\% = 4.8$, rounded up to 5) are eligible to receive points.

Points awarded will be based on the number of eligible finishers. The player with the lowest Net score in a tournament (first place finish) receives the maximum points. The maximum point value will be equal to the number of POTY earning finishers. In the example above with a 24-player tournament the max points would be 5 points and 5 players earn points. Players will earn a descending number of points in relation to their finish place. In this example first place gets 5 points, the 2nd place finisher will get 4 points, 3rd place gets 3 points, 4th place gets 2 points and 5th place will receive 1 point. All players tied for a finish place will receive the same number of points.

With more points awarded and accumulated, movement up (and down) the ongoing POTY rankings could be more variable. Tournaments with more participants gain more POTY points as there are more competitors to out-play. This scheme will be a trial for the 2024 season.

To qualify for this award a player must participate in at least FIVE of the season tournaments (see Section VII, H). Participation in more tournaments provides the opportunity for earning more points should a player continue to finish in the top 20%.

In the event of ties for total Player of the Year points at the end of the season, the player with the lowest average of best Net scores for an equal number of tournaments played during the year will win the prize. This number of tournaments will be the fewest number played by any of the tied players. If

there is still a tie, the player who played the most tournaments over the year will be Player of the Year. If STILL tied, we will have co-winners for the year.

IX. SPECIAL TOURNAMENTS

- A. Membership in NASGA provides the opportunity to compete in annual NCGA Associate Club competitions. All special tournaments shall be decided by the NASGA Board of Directors. Currently the NCGA requires just one fee for both the qualifier and championship rounds for their special competitions. Each player representing the club in these events is responsible to pay this fee. The club will reimburse 50% of the entry fee to only the first-place qualifiers who make it through to the Championship in each special NCGA tournament.
- B. Associate Club Four Ball Net Championship (Two Person Better Ball) – This competition is open to all members, however the NCGA only allows each individual to use their full index up to a maximum of 18.4. NASGA will also use this limit for club qualifying. Club qualifying will be held at a designated tournament during the year.

Low-net team score is used to order the qualifying teams. In the case of ties, the method described above in section VIII.F.1, a card-off, will be used to determine qualifying positions. The first-place qualifier will be the team with the lowest better ball score.

The total number of teams the NCGA allows per Associate Club is determined by club membership size. Each qualifying team will be responsible for their initial entry fee. The first-place qualifying team will have 50% of the entry fee reimbursed by the club only if they qualify to play in the NCGA Championship.

In the event a suitable AC 4-ball qualifier is not able to be held due to weather or scheduling issues it may be rescheduled with new team sign-ups. If rescheduling is not practical (determined by the Tournament Director) there will be a blind draw managed by the Tournament Director for all interested teams. The first team drawn will constitute the first-place qualifier.

- C. Associate Club Championship (ACC)– A team of four golfers will be allowed to participate in this NCGA tournament. The participating players must pay the entry fee as set by the NCGA. Should the team advance to the NCGA Championship rounds, the club will reimburse 50% of the entry fee to each team member. The list of eligibility and priority is determined by the following selection criteria:
1. The players must have a USGA index of 18.4 or lower as of one month prior to the NCGA deadline for entry (The NCGA only allows a USGA index of up to 18.4 to be used for play in this tournament).
 2. The player's list is ordered by the previous club year's POTY points ranking.
 3. Players are next ranked in descending order based on the total number of club tournament rounds completed in the previous club year.
 4. Players are next ranked by ascending USGA index.

The top four players on the list confirm their availability and commit to pay the entry fee to the club at least two weeks prior to the event entry deadline or forfeit their spot to the next highest ranked player. In the event of less than four eligible and interested players, the Board of Directors will select players to fill the team or cancel participation.

- D. Tournament of Champions (TOC) - the date and location (normally the final tournament of the season) of this competition will be determined by the Board of Directors.

Any NASGA member can qualify for the TOC by scoring the lowest net score in their respective flight in any tournament during the year and play in at least five tournaments during the year (including the

tournament used for the TOC). All players who qualify for this competition but must abide by the same sign up procedures for any other tournament in order to compete. Any qualifier will have a priority sign up for the TOC. The TOC is run simultaneously with the normal stroke play tournament of the day.

Flight winners of the tournament used for the TOC and any following tournaments do not qualify for the current year TOC or the next season. Qualification starts with the first tournament of the season.

In the event of a tie finish in the TOC tournament the method described above in section VIII.F.1, a card-off, will be used to determine the Tournament of Champions winner.

- E. Some tournaments during the year (determined by the Board of Directors) may use a Stableford point format for determining the winners of each Flight. In this format net scores relative to a fixed number for each hole are used to award points for each hole played. The fixed number for each hole is the Men's par rating for the middle (usually white) tees. One point is given for a net bogie, two points for a net par, three points for a net birdie, four points for a net eagle, five points for a net double eagle (3 under par) and six points for a net 4 under par (whatever that is called!). Prize winners will be those accumulating the most points. Ties will be resolved in the same manner as the Fewest Putts tiebreaker using the number of points earned on each hole.
- F. Even though some tournaments have special formats for earning prizes, each player in every tournament may still have an adjusted gross score for the round posted with the NCGA for handicap determination purposes. Any exceptions to this will be communicated prior to the tournament.

X. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- A. NASGA shall have the following officers as the Board of Directors to direct all club activities: President, Tournament Director, Treasurer, Handicap Chairperson, and Communications Chairperson
- B. As openings become available, the Board of Directors themselves will select individuals from the club membership to fill the open positions. Any member of the club is encouraged to inform the President of their desire to serve on the Board and will be given serious consideration for a position when an opening exists.

XI. BOARD OF DIRECTORS DUTIES

No member of the Board shall use the club name or club funds for any personal gains.

The Board shall be held accountable to the club members, setting an example of integrity, honesty, courtesy and respect for other players, board members and the game of golf.

The Board shall meet on a regular basis and shall conduct an end of year review. They shall use discretion when sharing any internal Board member discussion items, until a time they become public. Especially those that directly relate to any member issues or possible policy changes.

Board members will be team players. They will be expected to work well together and be flexible when asked to perform new or existing duties that may be outside of those explicitly defined in their sections below, which may include assisting other board members with some of their duties. These are traits that are crucial for those working in small teams. Other duties may be assigned by the club president as needed.

All Board Members will assist the Tournament Director in running tournaments (scoring, tee-off arrangements, closest-to-hole marker, etc.) when needed.

The Board of Directors will have sign up priority for any and all tournaments, which they chose to participate in. This privilege is in exchange for their time and effort in running the club. The Board

members are still required to adhere to the sign-up rules including deadline dates and payment of tournament fees.

A. *President*

1. The President shall preside at all Board of Directors meetings. Exercise and perform such other powers and duties as may be from time to time assigned by the Board, membership, or prescribed by bylaws.
2. The President may sign any checks, contracts, or other instruments authorized by the Board to be executed, except in cases in which signing and execution thereof shall be expressly delegated by the Board or by these bylaws to some other officer or shall be required by law to be otherwise signed and executed.
3. The President shall contact potential courses and schedule all tournaments for the upcoming year.
4. The President shall set sign up dates & publish the final tournament schedule for the upcoming year.
5. The President will receive and read all contracts, review questionable clauses at Board meetings, sign, and return all contracts as appropriate for potential tournaments.
6. The President shall contact all scheduled courses for the current year to verify deposit amounts, deposit due dates, number of players expected, starting times, NASGA mailing address, contact, telephone #, and any anticipated price changes.
7. The President shall have final decision on any questions of rules prior to, during, or after any sanctioned NASGA tournament.
8. The President coordinates the process of staffing all positions on the Board of Directors.
9. The President shall coordinate all activities relating to the End of Year Awards.

B. *Tournament Director*

1. The Tournament Director shall execute sign up procedures as required for each tournament including tournament fees. Also, NASGA club procedures and guidelines shall be followed to limit exceptions which will help assure that all club members are treated fairly, and the club's financial exposure is kept to a minimum.
2. The Tournament Director shall establish player pairings, starting times, tournament handicaps and flight assignments for each tournament. These are to be completed by the Tournament Pairings Date. This date is set as the Wednesday before a weekend play date and three days before a weekday event.
3. The Tournament Director shall have overall responsibility for administrative duties at all tournaments. The Tournament Director may appoint helpers in addition to other club officers to help handle duties including:
 - * Sending a pairings list to each course prior to the tournament.
 - * Assuring that closest-to-hole equipment is available at the designated hole.
 - * Notifying the last group to pick up the equipment.
 - * Preparing the official scoring sheet for each tournament.
 - * Validating winning scorecards and resolving all tie-breaking instances.
4. The Tournament Director shall be responsible for setting the Tournament pairings and posting the pairings to the NASGA web site.
5. The Tournament Director shall keep all points and statistics that are applicable to both individual tournaments as well as end-of-year awards.

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6. The Tournament Director shall post the results of tournaments on the NASGA web site within two days after the tournament has been played.
7. The Tournament Director shall provide the Treasurer a list of tournament participants after each tournament with the purpose of complete funds reconciliation, including collections and deposits.

C. Treasurer

1. The Treasurer shall handle all banking transactions for NASGA, including preparation, signing, and sending all checks for club tournaments and activities.
2. The Treasurer shall reconcile the club bank account. In addition, the Treasurer and Tournament Chairperson shall reconcile all deposits and expenses after each tournament
3. The Treasurer shall control all income and expenses for all club tournaments and activities.
4. The Treasurer shall handle any and all financial disputes between the club and participating courses and any other commitments made on behalf of the NASGA.
5. The Treasurer shall submit an end of year accounting to the board of directors.
6. The Treasurer shall ensure that signature cards are signed for newly elected officers as needed.
7. The Treasurer shall maintain a roster of NASGA members issued at the end of each month.

D. Handicap Chairperson

1. The Handicap Chairperson shall be the main interface with the NCGA by submitting new membership applications, member email addresses (which individual members can modify through NCGA), and changes of address, as well as reconciling membership billings from the NCGA.
2. The Handicap Chairperson will verify/adjust and post all tournament scores using the USGA electronic posting system (GHIN).
3. The Handicap Chairperson will preserve all tournament scorecards for 12 months for potential adjustments and audits.
4. The Handicap Chairperson will ensure that the Tournament Director receives a copy of the current USGA index listings for all active members prior to tournament postings.
5. The Handicap Chairperson will send a welcome email to each new member with their GHIN number and general information about the club. This may include a link to the NASGA website, current schedule, President's letter and club bylaws.

E. Communication Chairperson

1. The Communication Chairperson is responsible for maintaining the club web site and to provide timely updates of tournament information and results, player statistics and important club news.
2. The Communication Chairperson shall be responsible for notifying all members of announcements, notices, and reminders as needed during the year via email. This will include any wait-list requirements and special changes.
3. The Communication Chairperson is responsible for recruiting new members to the club each year. Various instruments such as email, mass mailings and social media can be used to recruit new members.

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4. The Communication Chairperson shall be responsible for emailing the schedule, welcome note and bylaws to the membership at the beginning of the new golf year. This will be done with enough notice prior to the first signup deadline to also serve as a reminder.

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