

PINEWILD MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (PMGA)

RULES OF PLAY

1. **Rules Decision:** Only members of the PMGA Rules Committee are authorized to make a rules decision. If in doubt as to procedure and a rules committee member is not present, play a second ball under USGA Rule 20.1C(3) and ask for a ruling when the respective round is complete.
 - a. **Rules Committee:** PMGA Executive Committee President, Vice President, Play Day Chairman, Tournament & Rules Chairman.
2. **Format:** As indicated on the scorecards. A second scorecard should be kept to verify the official scorecard. Return signed and attested scorecard to the locker room.
3. **Play Day Participation:** The minimum of players for a play day is 20 players. The play day will normally be cancelled if less than this number of players register for the event.
4. **Handicap:** Players will use 100% of their USGA handicaps, unless specific events list a different requirement. Handicaps will be listed on the scorecard.
5. **Competition Tees for PMGA Events:**
 - a. The following are authorized tees for general PMGA events: Black, Blue, Blue/White Hybrid, White, White/Gold Hybrid, Gold, Gold/Red Hybrid (Holly only), or Red.
 - b. Members may play from different tees on each course. For example, White tees on Holly and White/Gold tees on Magnolia.
 - c. All members will register with the PMGA Executive Committee their PMGA primary tee selection for each course at the beginning of each year. Email your selections to PMGA@pinewildcc.com. This selection should be the tees normally played for PMGA events. (Exceptions may be made per event by the committee).
 - d. If no notification is received, the member will default to the tees they were signed up for the previous year.
 - e. Any member wishing to change his tee registration must do so in writing to the PMGA Executive Committee by sending an email to PMGA@pinewildcc.com. The PMGA Executive Committee will maintain a copy of all written requests to change tees.
 - f. A second request to change PMGA tee selections within the same calendar year must be submitted to the PMGA Executive Committee and must be approved by the PMGA Executive Committee President. No changes will be granted after any event/tournament sign-up period has started. It should be understood that changing tees several times



within a season will be extremely unusual; we believe that medical issues may create a need to move forward to enjoy the game.

- g. A Red tee flight was established by the PMGA to allow seniors and higher handicap players to compete in a separate flight. To join this flight and play from the Red tees, competitors must have a combination of age and course handicap equal to 90 or higher. (ex, 74 years old and 18 handicap = 92). If you meet these criteria and wish to be a Red tee player, you must declare yourself as such by emailing your selections to PMGA@pinewildcc.com.
- h. For PMGA scramble/shamble play, all players will play from one designated tee.
- i. For PMGA Team Play (ABCD) and Peer Play events, players will play from their registered tees. The player's handicap will be adjusted accordingly.
- j. For PMGA tournaments (Holly Challenge, Medal Series, Blazer, Armed Forces Cup), rules for each will indicate specific tee allowance(s), scoring, and payouts for each respective event.

6. Flags: Yellow=Back, White=Center, Red=Front

7. Putts: All players must play each hole out completely; hole all putts.

8. Play Smart and Safe: When preparing to hit a shot, PLEASE ENSURE the fairway or green is clear of players!!!!!! There is **NO** excuse to hit into a fellow PMGA member.

9. Scoring for all PMGA events: World Handicap System (WHS) rules apply with respect to scoring. Specifically:

- a. Maximum score during PMGA play: Net Double Bogey. After reaching this number, players will “pick-up”, enter this score on their cards, and move to the next hole.
- b. For example: The handicap for Magnolia #1 is 7 and par is 5.
 - 1) Player A has a playing handicap of 6. The maximum score he can take on this hole is 7 (double bogey, no stroke).
 - 2) Player B has a playing handicap of 10. The maximum score he can take on this hole is 8 (double bogey plus 1 stroke due to hole handicap).

10. Scoring and Payouts

- a. Scorers will be as fair and equitable as possible in determining payouts.
- b. For PMGA team events (ABCD), scoring and payout will be by team.
- c. For PMGA Peer Play events, flights will be determined based on the number of participants playing from each tee (e.g., White, White/Gold, Gold, Gold/Red, or Red). A separate flight will only be formed if there are 6 or more competitors playing from a specific tee. If any flight has less than 6 players, those players will be included in the



flight most equitable to their skill and handicap level and their handicaps adjusted accordingly (e.g., Gold/Red or White/White/Gold).

Example: 5 white tee players and 3 mixed tee players would be combined into one flight of eight players. The same rules apply for gold and red tee players.

If on a given day, there are not enough players to create separate flights, all players will be in one flight.

- d. Prize money splits will be determined based on number of participants and will use (to the maximum extent possible) the total amount of entry fees collected that Play Day. The goal for payouts for PMGA Play Days is to pay 1/3 of the field. This applies to both team and peer play events. The lowest prize money payout amount is \$5.
- e. Payouts for team play (ABCD including scrambles and shambles): Payout to approximately 1/3 of the field from the total prize money minus \$20 for closeups. Example: 15 teams participate, five teams will cash. When determining the payouts, it starts with an amount for the first-place team and works down to the last team cashing. The goal is to pay all amounts collected.
- f. Payouts for Peer Play: Each flight will have their own pool prize money, i.e., only the entry fee funds collected from each flight's players will be distributed to that flight's players. When there is a "combined" flight due to not enough specific tee players to form their own flight, entry fee funds collected from all the combined flight's players will be distributed to that flight's players. When determining pay outs for "Gross" and Net" winners within a flight, there will be a greater apportionment of prize money allocated to "Net" places versus "Gross" places. The ratio is dependent on the total numbers of players grouped in each flight. To cover the close-up payouts (\$20), a percentage will be used to allot money for the close-ups. Example: 32 players, flight one 8 player (25%), flight two 16 players (50%) and flight three 8 players (25%). Flights one and three would pay \$5 each and flight two would pay \$10 to make up the \$20 for close-ups.

- 11. Ties:** Will be decided by the recommended USGA scorecard playoff procedure. First tie breaker is the back nine holes, then the last six holes, then the last three holes, and finally the 18th hole. If there is still a tie, the last six of the front nine holes, then the last three, and finally the last hole. If there is still a tie, a winner is decided by chance (a coin toss).

12. Pinewild Club Policies – Golf – Local Rules

- a. For local Pinewild Club rules governing play, see www.pinewildcc.com/member section.

