

PINEWILD MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (PMGA)

RULES OF PLAY

Revised August 2021

1. **Rules Decision:** Only members of the PMGA Rules Committee are authorized to make a rules decision. If in doubt as to how to procedure in stroke play, 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 round is complete. If in doubt in match play, you and your opponent(s) must decide by agreement during the hole being played or decide to request a ruling from the Committee when the match 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 scorecards to the men's locker room or designated Scoring Area.
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. For PMGA scramble/shamble formats, all players will play from one designated tee. Every attempt will be made to include at least one Red tee player in every group.
- h. For PMGA Team Play (ABCD) and Peer Play events, players will play from their registered tees. The player's handicap will be adjusted accordingly.
- i. 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; i.e., **Players must hole all putts.** The only exceptions are under the conditions of paragraph 9.a.1) below and conceding putts during Match play.

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:**

a. **Stroke Play (most PMGA events):**

- 1) Maximum score per hole during PMGA stroke play is nine (9). To help speed up play, the player who finds himself in such a position may "pick up" if not holed out in 8 shots and ENTER A SCORE OF 9 ON THE CARD for the hole. No "x" will be required on the card. The player will still be in the running for possible low gross or net prizes.
- 2) When posting the score in GHIN, adjust the score to NET Double Bogey (see examples below), or enter the hole-by-hole scores and have the GHIN system adjust for you.

b. **Match Play:**

- 1) There is NO maximum score per hole in match play. Continue to play until the outcome of the hole is decided. You may post a legitimate match play score to GHIN but it is not required.
- 2) If posting the score in GHIN, adjust the score to NET Double Bogey (see examples below), or enter the hole-by-hole scores and have the GHIN system adjust for you.



- c. Net Double Bogie GHIN score posting examples: 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 post on this hole is 7 (double bogey, no stroke).
 - 2) Player B has a playing handicap of 10. The maximum score he can post 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 verses "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 <https://www.pinewildcc.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/2019-USGA-Local-Rules-Rev.-6-15-21-KJKpic.pdf>.
- b. The PMGA will not observe Rule E-1: Local Drop Zones- Holly Course Holes: 12 & 16.

