

Blazer Tournament	
Entries Open:	Open Date: mid-February – Close Date: mid-March. Play begins early April.
Registration:	Open to all PMGA members. Singles are welcome to sign up on the PMGA Portal and will be paired, if possible, by the tournament chairman.
Entry Fee:	\$15 per person/\$30 per team.
Field Limit:	64 two-man teams.
Format:	<p>The Blazer tournament will be two-man team match play off the low handicap player using the USGA recommended method. For Four-Ball Match Play, two play their better ball against the better ball of two other players. Each player is allowed 90% of their playing handicap. The lowest handicap player plays off zero strokes and each of the three other players will receive the difference between their handicap and that of the lowest player's handicap. If more than 32 teams are signed up, the field will be divided into two flights. First round matches will be made on a random basis. If byes are necessary, they will be awarded to the most recent previous champions and then by random chance. Ladder-formatted pairing sheets will be kept up to date and posted in the locker room. Each match must be played within a one-month period. While the format of the tournament is better ball of a two-man team, if one team member is unable to play, his partner may play the match for his team. Also, one member can play one member of the opposing team. If the match is not played, both teams will forfeit.</p> <p>If the teams cannot come to an agreement on the date of play and neither team can play when the other wants to, whichever team shows up and plays before the last day will win by forfeit. If there is to be a forfeit, you must notify the PMGA tournament chairman BEFORE you show up to play your round. Without this notification, and resulting discussion, the round will be invalid and both teams will forfeit. In extreme circumstances where a match cannot be played in the defined time period, the Chairman of the tournament will make the decision on any extension.</p>
Course:	To facilitate potential scheduling conflicts, the Blazer Tournament elimination rounds may be played on either the Holly Course or the Magnolia Course, provided both teams agree with the match venue. If agreement is not forthcoming between the two teams, the default course designation is the Magnolia. Flight Championships shall be decided only on the Magnolia Course. The overall Championship match shall be decided only on the Magnolia Course.
Dates for each round:	Round 1: During April Round 2: During May Round 3: During June Round 4: During July Round 5: During August Round 6: During September/October
Tees:	All competitors will use the Blue, White, Gold, Red, or Green tees based on declaration and eligibility and handicaps will be adjusted accordingly. Players will use these tees for all matches.



Flights:	Teams will be flighted by team handicap. Two flights will be created, except if less than 32 teams are signed up, all teams will compete in the same flight.
Handicaps:	Handicaps will be those in effect on the day of play. Play is at 100% of a player's handicap. Strokes will be based on the low handicap in a foursome. There will be no penalty for handicap differentials on a team. Scorecards must be signed by all players competing in a match. Incomplete, incorrect, or unsigned cards will be grounds for disqualification of a team. Competitors are responsible for verifying participants' handicaps. Handicap holes are played as defined on the card even if you start on the back nine.
Prizes:	Prize money will be awarded at the Blazer Champions Dinner to the Championship Team and possibly, the runners-up. (If less than 32 teams are signed up, only the Championship team will be awarded prize money.) The championship team members will also receive blazers at the Blazer Champions Dinner. If the champions are previous winners of the Blazer Tournament, each member may elect to receive prize money in lieu of receiving another blazer. The names of the overall champion will be engraved on the permanent plaque kept in the locker room.
Posting:	Post scores in accordance with USGA Handicap rules.
Food Cost:	N/A
Range Balls:	N/A
Cancellations:	N/A
Tournament Chairman:	TBD each year. Previous year winners, if available, are responsible to organize and run the current year's event.

