

# 2023 Standing Club Rules

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## 1. CLUB PLAY DAYS

### 1.1. Day of Week

- 1.1.1. Club play days are held regularly on Thursdays.
- 1.1.3. All play is scheduled by tee times unless otherwise noted.
- 1.1.4. The second Thursday of each month (*excluding January*) is Publinks' Association Day. There is no game of the week.
- 1.1.5. The Competition Chair may call for play on other days of the week as needed.

### 1.2. Participation in Games

- 1.2.1. Only Regular Members and Honorary Active Members of MBWGC may participate in Thursday weekly games.
- 1.2.2. Other club members and guests who are not participating in the game are welcome to play in foursomes with game players on normal Thursday play days.
- 1.2.3. Members and guests are expected to arrive ½ hour before assigned tee time in order to sign in, pay fees, and be ready to play.
- 1.2.4. All games will be played from the gold tees (*unless specified for a particular game*).

### 1.3. Game Fees

- 1.3.1. All Members participating in the game of the day pay a game fee of \$5. All \$5 of the game fee will be used for prize money for the game(s) of the day.
- 1.3.2. On regular play days, Members will put the game fee in their envelope before starting the round. (*IOUs are not allowed.*) Only members who pay their game fee before play will be included in the game.

### 1.4. Flights

- 1.4.1. The Competition Chair will determine flights based upon the number of players for the day as well as consider the USGA recommended playing handicaps for the format of play selected.
- 1.4.2. Whenever play is flighted, prizes will be awarded equally between gross and net to at least 33.3% of the field (*except as specified for major tournaments*). The dollar amount of payouts is determined by the number of players in the game.
- 1.4.3 Ties will be broken using the preferred USGA card-off method to ensure equal distribution of payouts across all flights.

### 1.5. Posting

- 1.5.1. All players must post their eligible (*postable*) scores accurately to the GHIN system immediately following the round whenever and wherever they play on USGA-rated courses.
- 1.5.2. The Handicap Chair monitors handicaps and postings to ensure they are accurate and available for peer review.

## 1.6. Guests

- 1.6.1. Guests, Associate and Honorary Social Members will be accepted to play on regular play days if there is a tee time opening. They may play in foursomes with other members and guests that are playing in the game and will not participate in the game.
- 1.6.2. For major tournaments (*excluding the Eclectic Tournament*), guests and members not in the game will follow the field.
- 1.6.3. Guests who have an active handicap index at other clubs may participate in the Turkey Shoot and Holiday Scramble game tournaments. Guests and members who do not have an active handicap will follow the field.
- 1.6.4. Guests are welcome to join in regular Thursday play with no club guest fee.

## **2. SCORECARDS: Two Matching Cards**

### 2.1. Names

Each group of players will keep two scorecards that list players in alphabetical order by last name, skipping lines between players and writing names as last name, first initial. Handicaps are included for each player. The words “*Not in Game*” or “*Guest*” should be written below any player’s name that is not in the game.

### 2.2. Totals

Game results and all tabulations will be completed on both cards. Scorekeepers will complete scorecards separately and then compare both cards for accuracy and agreement. The two scorekeepers will sign both cards attesting that the cards are accurate.

### 2.3. Turn in

Completed and signed scorecards will be turned in together promptly after play.

### 2.4. Disqualification

Foursomes who do not turn in two completed and matching scorecards at the end of play may be disqualified from the game.

## **3. RULES**

Current USGA Rules apply in all club events (*unless specified for a particular game*), in conjunction with local course rules. This includes local rule F-5/16.1b regarding immovable obstructions (*sprinkler heads*) within two club lengths of the green and in the line of play.

## **4. MAJOR TOURNAMENTS**

### 4.1. Club Championship

- 4.1.1. There will be one overall Club Champion (*over-the-field gross*). Awards are also given to over-the-field low net and flighted gross and net winners.
- 4.1.2. Members must sign up to play in the tournament no later than the Saturday before the first Thursday of the tournament so that groups can be established.
- 4.1.3. The format is 36 holes of stroke play from the gold tees with the two days’ scores combined (*2-day aggregate score*).
- 4.1.4. All play is governed by USGA Rules and Morro Bay Local Rules.

- 4.1.5. A tie for Championship Gross over-the-Field, is broken by a sudden death playoff which begins on Hole 1; a monitor will be assigned to accompany the players. All other ties are broken by the USGA Recommended method.
- 4.1.6. The first week of the tournament, players will be assigned groups by their handicap ranking with low handicap members playing first. The second week's groups will be by results on the first day of play, with the highest scores going first.
- 4.1.7. A special game fee is charged for this two-day tournament (*\$10 or 2X the weekly fee is recommended*) and is paid before play on the first day of the tournament.
- 4.1.8. Participants exchange individual scorecards and keep one master scorecard for their group.
- 4.1.9. Participants post both days' scores as competition scores.
- 4.1.10. A rain day is declared for the week following the tournament's scheduled dates, if needed.
- 4.1.11. Completed scorecards are turned in to a scoring committee as quickly as possible and winners will be announced at completion of play on the last day of the tournament.
- 4.1.12. A Rules Committee, consisting of a Pro Shop Representative, the Rules Chair, Handicap Chair and an Eligibility Committee Member, will make the final decision regarding any issues that arise during the tournament.
- 4.1.13. The club budget allocates additional funds to supplement tournament prizes and pay for pendants, chains, and added stones as needed.

#### **4.1.14. Eligibility for Club Championship Tournament**

- 4.1.14.1. Only Regular and Honorary Active Members who have competed in at least 10 club play days during the 12 months preceding the Club Championship may participate in the tournament. Any game played (*whether individual postable or non-postable or group*) on a regular Thursday club play days will count for eligibility, including Association Days played on a Thursday at Morro Bay.
- 4.1.14.2. Participation representing MBWGC in Team Matches regardless of where they are played can count for up to three of the required 10 play days.
- 4.1.14.3. Any eligibility issues will first be reviewed by the Handicap and Eligibility Committee for Resolution which will make a recommendation to the Board. The MBWGC Board has the discretion to grant an exemption to the eligibility requirements.

#### **4.2. Ringer/Eclectic**

- 4.2.1. Regular and Honorary Active Members may participate as many weeks as possible during this tournament attempting to better their score on each hole.
- 4.2.2. Each player will use the handicap determined on the first week of play for the entire tournament.
- 4.2.3. A special game fee for the multi-week tournament will be charged (*\$10 is recommended*).
- 4.2.4. Prizes will be awarded for gross and net over-the-field and flight winners.
- 4.2.5. Ringer scorecards are kept by each member to use the following week. Two master cards for each foursome are turned in to the ladies' lounge after play.
- 4.2.6. Players will post the first game only as a competition score (*whenever it is played by the individual golfer*); other dates will be posted as regular scores.

### **4.3. President's Cup Tournament**

- 4.3.1. This is a one-day net-only tournament, with an overall Net Champion and flighted net prizes.
- 4.3.2. All Regular and Honorary Active Members are eligible to play.
- 4.3.3. Completed scorecards and game fees will be turned into a scoring committee and winners will be announced after play.
- 4.3.4. Participants post the game as a competition score.
- 4.3.5. A special game fee may be charged (*\$5 is recommended*).
- 4.3.6. The Net Champion of the tournament takes home the President's Cup trophy to keep until the following year's tournament.

## **5. OTHER TOURNAMENTS**

### **5.1. Turkey Shoot and December Holiday Tournaments**

- 5.1.1. The game for each tournament will preferably be a team format and will be determined by the Competition Chair.
- 5.1.2. Completed scorecards and game fees will be turned in to a scoring committee and winners will be announced after the completion of play.
- 5.1.3. Members with guests who have an active GHIN may participate in the game and pay the game fee. Members and guests without active GHINS will follow the field and not participate in the team game.

### **5.2. Monarch Invitational**

- 5.2.1. Regular and Honorary Active Members of the Morro Bay Women's Golf Club play as members in the Monarch Invitational Tournament.
- 5.2.2. This is a member-guest tournament. Players from other clubs who would like to play in the tournament may notify the club so that we can attempt to find member partners for them.
- 5.2.3. All guests must have an established handicap index.
- 5.2.4. The Board in conjunction with the Monarch and Competition Chairs select the game to be played.

### **5.3 Member-Member Tournament**

- 5.3.1 The game will be a two-person team format determined by the Competition Chair.
- 5.3.2 The game is open to all Regular and Honorary Active Members.
- 5.3.3 Guests will follow the field with members who are not in the game.

## **6. MOST IMPROVED PLAYER OF THE YEAR**

To qualify for the Most Improved Player of the Year, the player must have been a club member since January 1<sup>st</sup> of the year and played at Morro Bay at least 10 postable rounds during the year on Thursday club days.

## 2023 Revisions to Standing Rules since 2019 include:

The name Tournament Chair is changed to **Competition Chair** to align with USGA terminology.

The name Remembrance Luncheon is changed to **Winter Tribute Luncheon**.

### Section:

- 1.3 All \$5 of the **game fee** are used for payouts. The **non-game fee is eliminated**.
- 1.4.3 **Ties** are broken using the USGA preferred card-off method to ensure equal payouts across all flights.
- 4.1 The Club Championship guidelines are rewritten.
- 4.1.14 **Eligibility** to play in the Club Championship includes any 10 club play rounds during the year, and may also include Association Day at MB Golf Course and up to three team play rounds representing MBWGC played anywhere.
- 5.2 The Monarch Invitational is changed to an **entirely member-guest tournament**.
- 5.3 Guidelines for the **Member-Member Tournament** are added.
6. The **Most Improved Player** must have played 10 *postable* rounds on Thursday play days during the year.

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## 2019 Revisions to Standing Rules since the 2017 update included:

- Item 1.2.1: Only Regular Members and Honorary Active Members of MBWGC (*who have SCGA handicaps through MBWGC*) may participate in **regular Thursday weekly games**. Other club members and guests who are not participating in the game are welcome to play in foursomes with game players.
- Item 1.3.4: Game fees changed: the weekly game fee was increased from \$2 to \$5 with the 3-putt \$1 fee eliminated. The guest fee was eliminated and a non-game fee of \$1 was created for members not participating in the game of the day. The **game fee must be paid before play** to be eligible and **IOUs** are not allowed. The increase in the game fee will be used to increase the number of members winning each week.
- Item 2: Two matching scorecards, signed by both scorekeepers and other participants as possible, are placed in the fishbowl promptly after play. Foursomes who do not turn in two completed and matching scorecards at the end of play will be disqualified from the game. The words "*Not in Game*" or "Guest" should be written below any player's name that is not in the game.
- Item 4: Guidelines for all major and other club tournaments were specified to provide consistency from year to year.
- Item 1.6.3: For **major tournaments** (*excluding the Eclectic Tournament*), guests and members not in the game may follow the field.
- Item 1.6.4: Guests who have an active handicap index at other clubs may participate in the **Turkey Shoot and Holiday Tournament** group game tournaments. Guests and members who do not have an active handicap will follow the field.
- Item 3: New local rule regarding immovable obstructions (*i.e., sprinklers*) around greens was approved for all club play.
- Item 6: The Most Improved Player of the Year must have been a member for at least a calendar year and played at least ten Thursday play days.

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