

Metropolitan Golf Club (The Club)

General Policies

1. Dues and Initiation Fees

- a. New applicants shall pay an initiation fee set by the Board of Directors plus the current yearly dues.
- b. The yearly dues will include the prevailing NCGA dues.
- c. The membership renewal period will be from October 1 to December 31. After December 31 renewing members will be required to pay the initiation fee in addition to the current yearly dues amount.
- d. A notice of dues and due dates shall be emailed to each member no later than October 1 of each year.
- e. The Treasurer and Membership Chair will meet between the 1st and 15th of January to determine delinquent members. If a delinquent member's dues are not paid by January 15, the Membership Chair will remove them from the active membership roll. A notification will be e-mailed to the delinquent member at their last known email address.

2. Tournaments

- a. The Club will play all tournaments under current USGA Rules of Golf with the exception of golf course or Metropolitan Golf Club local rules.
- b. Pace of Play/Undue Delay – Players shall play without undue delay. Undue delay is not permitted between completion of a hole and the playing from the next teeing ground, as well as during play of a hole. A group is considered out of position if at any time during the round the group is behind their allocated time (15 minutes per hole) and/or a group of competitors have a hole open ahead.
- c. All tournament play will be played from the tee markers as placed by the course management the day(s) of the tournament.
- d. In any tournament when a player becomes eligible for more than one prize, they must select one and abandon all others except for skins games and special prizes.

- e. In the event of a tie for 1st place, ties will be broken as follows: The winner shall be determined based on the best net score (low gross for low gross prize of low gross flights) for the last nine holes. If a tie still exists, the winner shall be determined on the basis of the last six holes, the last three holes and finally the 18th hole. The definition of the last nine holes will be holes 10 through 18 no matter which nine is played first. Multi-day tournament ties will be broken using the scorecard from the last day. Match play tournaments will be settled by sudden-death continued play beginning on the hole following the 18th hole played.
- f. The maximum number of players representing The Club in NCGA qualifier events is limited by the NCGA policy based on the number of members in the golf club on January 15 of the year of the tournament
- g. All players chosen to represent The Club in NCGA tournament qualifiers must be at least 18 years old.
- h. All players qualifying to represent The Club in NCGA tournaments, and to be Club Champion and Senior Club Champion, must have played in a minimum of 3 prior Club events within the year preceding the NCGA qualifier for which the member has signed up.
- i. The Club will pay the NCGA registration fees and green fees for those players representing the club in NCGA Tournaments. In addition, a stipend will be offered those players for events at the Monterey venues. The Board of Directors will determine the amount of that stipend.
- j. The Club will use at least 80% of tournament registration fees for prizes, trophies and payment toward qualifier tournament registration and travel expenses. A minimum of 25% of players will receive a prize.
- k. The Club will hold the following tournaments each year: NCGA Zone Qualifier, NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier, NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier, NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier, a Club Championship and a Senior Club Championship.
- l. Any player to win three (3) net tournaments in any twelve (12) month period shall be subject to a handicap review by the Handicap Committee.
- m. **NCGA Zone Qualifier** – a 36-hole, two-day, individual stroke play tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links with the entire field playing from the blue tees. The four low net winners (regardless of

flight) will represent The Club in the NCGA East Bay Zone Qualifier tournament, and if successful, the Championship. Player handicaps will be established using the applicable NCGA requirement for this event. The Zone Qualifier is a club major tournament.

- n. **NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier** – an 18-hole, individual stroke play tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links. The tournament may be divided into flights as determined by the Tournament Committee. The overall low net winners will represent The Club at the NCGA Net Amateur Qualifier, and if successful, the Championship. The Net Amateur is a club major tournament.

- o. **NCGA Four-Ball Net Qualifier** – a 36-hole, two-day, two-person team, best-ball format tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links with men playing from the blue tees and women from the white tees. The low net team(s) regardless of flight will represent The Club at the NCGA Four-Ball Qualifier, and if successful, the Championship. Team handicaps will be established using the applicable NCGA tournament formula.

- p. **NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier** – an 18-hole, two-person team, best-ball format tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links with the men playing from the white tees and women from the red tees. The low net team(s) will represent The Club at the NCGA Senior Four-Ball Net Qualifier tournament, and if successful, the Championship. Team handicaps will be established using the applicable NCGA tournament formula.

- q. **Club Championship** – a 36-hole, two-day, individual stroke play tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links. The field will be broken into two flights. Winners of each flight will have names engraved on perpetual plaques. The Club Championship is a major tournament.
 - i. The Club Champion will be the low gross score winner of the President’s Cup Flight (blue tees).
 - ii. President’s Cup Flight (blue tees) net score flight for players with a GHIN index of 11.0 or less. Players with an index of 11.0 or higher may choose to play in the flight but will play with an 11.0 index.
 - iii. Director’s Cup Flight (white tees) net score flight for players with a GHIN index of 11.1 or higher.

- q. **Senior Club Championship** – an 18-hole, individual stroke play tournament played at Metropolitan Golf Links. Men will play from the white tees and women from the red tees. Winners of each flight will have names engraved on perpetual plaques.

3. Player of the Year

Each year the club will recognize one member as “Player of the Year”. Player of the Year is determined by a points system based on overall net finishing position (regardless of flight) in designated club tournaments. The Club will engrave the Player of the Year’s name on a perpetual plaque.

5. Player Code of Conduct

Players shall always abide by The Club’s Code of Conduct. Violations of the Code of Conduct may be subject to penalties either by the Committee or by the Board of Directors. Shall any player wish to dispute the findings of the Committee or Board, a request for a hearing may be made in writing stating such dispute.

6. Tournament Policies – Metropolitan Golf Club Local Rules

A. Rule 5-7 Suspension of Tournament Play Due To Adverse Weather Conditions or Darkness

All stroke play tournaments for the The Club are either 18 hole (one day) or 36 hole (two day) events. Every attempt will be made to play these events as stipulated. This includes bringing the entire field off the course for adverse weather conditions and asking players to wait a reasonable amount of time (up to 2 hours) to see if play can be restarted.

If the entire field cannot complete 18 holes that day and the entire field has completed at least 9 holes. That day's competition will become a 9-hole event and each player's 9-hole score will be used to calculate the official results for that day. This means that if the event is a one-day tournament, winners will be determined by their 9-hole results and if the event is a two-day tournament the nine-hole results will be added to the day two results to determine the winners.

If a tournament day is played with a shotgun start, and therefore the field does not play the same 9 holes, the first 9 holes played will be calculated in relation to par and then netted based on one-half of the players 18-hole handicap.

If the entire field cannot complete 9 holes in a one-day event the tournament will be cancelled, and entry fees refunded.

If the entire field cannot complete 9 holes on the first day of a two-day event that day will not count, and the event will be conducted as a one-day

tournament held on day two. If the entire field cannot complete 9 holes on day two then day one results (if any) will be used to determine winners.

If there are no day one or day two results the event will be rescheduled if possible. If players cannot play in the rescheduled event their entry fees will be refunded.

B. Local Rule K-1 Pace of Play

If a group finishes the round more than 15 minutes behind the group in front and over 4 hours and 40 minutes from the time of starting, all players in the group are subject to a penalty of two strokes.

C. Rule 17-1 Relief from Penalty Area

Regarding hole #2 and #6 red penalty areas on left side of fairway: if the player, in choosing relief (under Rule 17-1d) with penalty and two club lengths from the point the ball crosses the penalty area puts the ball in the cart path (immovable obstruction (Rule 16-1)), the player may assume the nearest point of relief is on the fairway side of the cart path.

D. Local Rule F-5 Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green (such as sprinkler heads)

Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16-1.

In addition, if the ball lies in the General Area, a player may take relief if an immovable obstruction is on the line of play, within two club lengths of the putting green, and within two club lengths of the ball. The player may take relief as follows:

The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a penalty area or on the putting green.

Relief is not allowed if the player chooses a line that is clearly unreasonable.

E. Local Rule E-4 Aeration Holes

In the General Area, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and replaced under Rule 16-1b, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole that avoids the situation. On the Putting Green, the player may take relief under Rule 16-1d, but interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or line of play.

F. Local Rule B-3 Penalty Areas Ball Played Provisionally

If there is doubt whether the ball is in or is lost in the penalty area, rule 18-3 is modified to allow a provisional ball to be played under rules 17.1d(1) (stroke-and-distance relief); (2) (back-on-the-line relief); or in the case of a red penalty area 17.1d(3) (lateral relief). If a drop zone is available, a player may use that option.

If the original ball is found outside the penalty area, the player must continue play with it.

If the original ball is found in the penalty area, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally under rule 18-3.

If the original ball is not found or identified within the three-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.

G. Local Rule E-5

When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, as an alternative to taking stroke and distance relief, the player may proceed as follows:

For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in the following relief area (see Rule 14.3):

Two Estimated Reference Points:

- a. **Ball Reference Point:** The point where the original ball is estimated to have:

- Come to rest on the course, or
 - Last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- b. **Fairway Reference Point:** The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

For purposes of this Local Rule, “fairway” means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less.

If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.

Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between:

- A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and
- A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line).

But with these limits:

Limits on Location of Relief Area:

- Must be in the general area, and
- Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point.

Once the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule:

- The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played.
- This is true even if the ball is found on the course before the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b(2)).

But the player may not use this option to take relief for the original ball when:

- That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or
- The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3).

A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.

H. Local Rule E-8

No Play/No Entry Zones for Environmentally Sensitive Areas: The Environmentally Sensitive Areas on the course (e.g. Holes 6 and 9) are NO PLAY ZONES marked with green tipped red or yellow boundary stakes and **MAY NOT BE ENTERED** (e.g. no searching for balls, taking a stance or crossing the boundary in any manner) or played from in any way. Violation penalty: Stroke play- 2 strokes IN ADDITION TO the one stroke penalty relief from the zone; Match Play- loss of hole.