

# OCGC TOURNAMENT RULES AND POLICIES (2018)

## **Tournament Entry**

Tournament entry is confirmed by Evite. Payment by Paypal (preferred) or check should be submitted soon after your Evite acceptance and before the deadline. (The golf courses typically need the player counts in advance.) \$10.00 late fee will be assessed for all payments after the deadline, and the entrant(s) may be wait-listed.

Tournament space is limited, so priority will be on a first-come, first-served based on the Evite responses (whether member or guest). After the deadline, your acceptance will be at the discretion of the tournament committee (TC).

Guests pay \$10 more than the OCGC member rate.

Refunds are not guaranteed. While the TC will make a best effort to fill the spot with a replacement, the entrant is financially responsible if the course charges the Club for the open spot.

New OCGC members without an NCGA handicap index can establish one after 5 posted scores.

The TC will typically email the pairings a few days before the tournament.

## **USGA Rules of Golf govern all tournament play**

- Exceptions will be Local Rules stated on the scorecard and/or written event exceptions.
- Every player is responsible for knowing the rules.
- If you are unsure of a ruling, play a second ball and play both balls to the completion of the hole. Complete the round; get a ruling from the tournament committee, THEN SIGN YOUR CARD! Do not sign your card before the ruling or you will be disqualified.
- Play ready golf!

There will generally be 3 flights: Men's "A", Men's "B" and a Women's Flight (if there are 6 or more women. If not, the women will be placed in the men's A or B flight). The men's flights will be evenly divided by handicap. In the Club Championship, there will be a Women's flight if there is at least 1 woman in the tournament.

The 3 Major tournaments are: 1. Marc Rice Memorial 2. Director's Cup 3. Club Championship (2 rounds)

Trophy eligibility - You must have played in at least one OCGC golf tournament during the calendar year to be eligible for a Club Championship perpetual trophy or prize.

## **Tie-Breakers**

For both gross and net ties, the winner will be determined according to USGA tiebreaker guidelines i.e. by matching cards on the basis of the best score on the last 9 holes, the last 6 holes, last 3 holes and finally the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. If a tie still exists, proceed to match front 9 etc. If there is still a tie, the Committee will devise a competition.

## **Posting Scores**

Please post your own ESC (Equitable Stroke Control) score after each tournament as defined by the USGA. (Contact the handicap chair for a copy of the handicap policies if required.) Major tournament scores must be posted as a T(ournament) score.

OCGC Board Members, as well as members who run a tournament, will be automatically eligible for the season ending Hugh Lee Tournament of Champions prizes.

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