

SMGA Ties & Tie Breakers

Weekly and Partner Events Low Gross Ties

The following method recommended by the USGA will be used for resolving **Low Gross ties ONLY** in weekly and partner events:

- a. If there is a 2-way tie for Low Gross, first look to see if one of the winners would qualify for sole Low Net. If so, the higher net is assigned as Low Gross and the other as the Low Net.
- b. If there is 3-way tie or a 2-way tie and no clear Low Net winner, the Low Gross winner will be determined by a card match as follows:
 1. The first card match is to determine the winner on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players (teams) have the same score for the last nine holes, the winner is determined on the basis of the last six holes, then the last three holes and finally the 18th (last) hole.

Note: For SMGA events with a multiple tee or shotgun start, including weekly events starting on two or more courses, “last nine holes, last six holes, etc.” are considered to be those holes that constitute a given flight's BACK nine. The FRONT nine, by flight, is the course on which a player (team) hit(s) his (their) FIRST tee shot. The BACK (last) nine is the other course whose nine holes constitute the 18 holes a flight played.

2. If (1) does not yield a Low Gross winner, start with the lowest handicap rated hole and work thru the holes by handicap rating, matching gross scores one hole at a time until a Low Gross winner is determined.

If (2) does not yield a Low Gross winner, both will be paid.

Low Net Ties

Ties for all low net prizes in weekly and partner events are resolved by the tied players or teams sharing the prize money for the number of paying places for which there are tied players or teams. For example, if three net places are paid per flight in an event and there is a 2 way tie for 1st low net, the tied players or teams will split the prize money for 1st and 2nd low net; if three net places are paid per flight in an event and there is a 3 way tie for 2nd low net, the tied players or teams will split the prize money for 2nd and 3rd low net. In all cases, (a) prizes will

be in whole dollars and any fractional amount will be rounded up to the next whole dollar, and (b) the minimum prize to any tied player or team will be \$5 per player.

Major Tournaments

Club Championship: Any ties for Low Gross in the Club Champion flight only will be broken by a sudden death playoff starting on the first hole played by the flight on the last day, under the procedure set out in Section IX (3) of the club Policies. Any ties for low net prizes will be resolved in the manner described above for weekly and partner events.

Super Seniors: Any ties for Overall Low Gross in the Champion flight only will be broken by a sudden death playoff starting on the first hole played by the flight on the last day, under the procedure set out in Section IX (4) of the club Policies. Any ties for low net prizes will be resolved in the manner described above for weekly and partner events.

Match Play Championship:

- a. In the Match Play Qualifier all net score ties will be broken using the procedure of USGA Handicap Rule 9(iii), second paragraph, solely for purposes of determining qualification for the Championship Bracket and for seeding within the match play flights.
- b. In a match, a tie is broken by a sudden death playoff starting on the first hole played, with handicap strokes, as in the stipulated round, being used.

Roadrunner Invitational: The rules of competition for this event are established by the Roadrunner event committee.

Member-Member: If the event is stroke play, any ties for Overall Low Gross in a flight will be resolved in the same manner as ties in weekly and partner events, except that any Card Match will start by comparing the 18 hole gross scores for the final round. If that does not yield a Low Gross winner, the card match will continue using the procedure described above for weekly and partner events Low Gross ties.

Presidents Cup: Any ties for the Overall Low Net winner, irrespective of flight, will be broken by a sudden death playoff, with applicable handicap strokes applying, under the procedure set out in Section VII (5) of the club Policies. All ties for other low net prizes will be resolved in the manner described above for weekly and partner events.