

SaddleBrooke Men's Golf Association
Board of Director's Policies

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I. Membership

Requirements: To be a member of the SMGA you must be a homeowner, permanent resident, or renter of a home in SaddleBrooke One or SaddleBrooke Two or a SaddleBrooke Ranch resident authorized to purchase golf memberships at SaddleBrooke One, have a SaddleBrooke One house account, and pay the applicable yearly membership dues.

Benefits: Full SMGA Membership entitles the member to establish and maintain a USGA/AGA handicap and participate in any SMGA sponsored tournament or event. An Associate SMGA Membership entitles the member to establish and maintain a USGA/AGA handicap, but does not entitle the member to participate in SMGA sponsored tournaments or events.

Authorization: An SMGA member *authorizes* SaddleBrooke One to charge any or all fees associated with his participation in an SMGA tournament or event to the member's SaddleBrooke One house account.

Event Eligibility: All members who wish to play in an SMGA event must have an established USGA handicap index or have a minimum of 5 acceptable scores posted prior to the signup deadline for the event, as determined by the Tournament Chair or Handicap Chair, from which a handicap index can be calculated under USGA Handicap Manual Section 10-2.

II. Rules of Play

Play in SMGA events and tournaments is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System, and the following policies are meant to complement those rules.

Rules Disputes

Disputes during the course of play should be resolved following the USGA Rules of Golf. If the dispute cannot be resolved, a second ball shall be played, if necessary, and the question shall then be addressed to one of our PGA Professionals ***prior to signing the official scorecard***. If the question is still unresolved, it shall be addressed to the **SMGA Rules or Tournament Chairman**. The Chairmen shall have the final decision on the matter.

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III. Handicaps

A. Handicap Principals

Rule 1-1 of the USGA Handicap System requires that:

1. Each member try to make the best score on every hole in every round to be posted.
2. Each member accurately post every acceptable round for peer review.

B. Posting Responsibilities

1. Members **MUST** post **all *acceptable rounds*** as defined in Handicap Rule 5-1 (*other than rounds in SMGA events*) within 48 hours of completing the round. All scores posted must include any adjustments under Rule 4, including any Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) adjustments.
2. Scores made under certain conditions are ***not acceptable*** for posting under Handicap Rule 5-1(e). These include:
 - When playing 6 or fewer holes.
 - When playing alone.
 - When a player ignores one or more Rules of Golf and fails to adjust the hole score or record the appropriate penalty (e.g., anchoring a club while making a stroke and not recording a penalty for doing so).
 - When playing a format not in accordance with the Rules of Golf (e.g., a scramble).

Instead of posting, the member must make a note in the SMGA Error Posting notebook in the Posting Room.

3. If 13 or more holes are completed, an 18 hole score is to be posted. Any holes not played are to be scored as par plus any handicap strokes the member is entitled to receive for that hole (Handicap Rule 4-2).
4. If 7-12 holes are completed, a 9 hole score is to be posted. If fewer than 9 holes are played, any holes not played are to be scored as par plus any handicap strokes the member is entitled to receive for that hole (Handicap Rule 4-2).

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5. Members do **NOT** post scores for any SMGA event round. That posting will be done by the Tournament Committee.
6. Members who realize they have made a mistake in posting should note it in the SMGA Posting Error notebook (or email the SMGA Handicap Chair if not in SaddleBrooke).
7. When posting a score, members must:
 - a. Post the correct date of play. If posting on other than the date of play, the date of play must be changed to the date the round was played.
 - b. Post rounds played at SaddleBrooke Golf Club as "H" rounds. Regular rounds played at other courses are to be posted with an "A". Tournament rounds played at other courses are to be posted with a "T".
 - c. Post the correct course(s) played (using the appropriate slope and rating for a course not listed).
 - d. Post the correct set of tees played.
 - e. Post a "most likely score" for any hole started, but not completed, or where a stroke was conceded (Handicap Rule 4-1).

Most Likely Score

A "most likely score" is the score a player must post for handicap purposes if a hole is started but not completed or if the player is conceded a stroke. The most likely score consists of the number of strokes already taken plus, in the player's best judgment, the number of strokes the player would take to complete the hole from that position ***more than half the time***. This number may not exceed the player's Equitable Stroke Control limit.

C. Handicap Penalties

1. Penalty Scores

Any member not posting scores in accordance with the USGA Handicap Rules and SMGA policies may be penalized as follows:

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- a. For failing to post or posting an incorrect score, a penalty score equal to the lowest handicap differential in the last 20 rounds will be posted by the Handicap Committee (Handicap Rule 8.4.b.2).
- b. Repeated or more serious violations will result in additional penalty scores, SMGA Board review with the potential assignment of a revised handicap, suspension of playing privileges in SMGA events, and potential revocation of a player's handicap index.

2. Appealing a Penalty Score

- a. Any penalty score may be appealed to the Handicap Committee in writing within 30 days of the date of the penalty score. E-mail is the easiest and preferred method of appealing. Any appeal should be sent to the Chairman of the Handicap Committee and must include the following:
 - 1) The member's name,
 - 2) The date of the penalty score,
 - 3) The reason given to the member for the penalty score (e.g., did not post within 48 hours, posted an incorrect score, etc.)
 - 4) The reason(s) why the member believes the penalty score should be removed.

If a member does not wish to use e-mail, he should mail a PENALTY SCORE APPEAL FORM (which can be obtained from the SMGA Posting Error notebook) to the Handicap Committee Chairman. An example of the PENALTY SCORE APPEAL FORM appears in Appendix A below.

- b. If further discussion is necessary, a committee member will contact the member. A determination will be made and the petitioning member will be advised as to the outcome of the investigation. Only the Handicap Committee can remove a Penalty Score.
- c. It is the general policy of the SMGA Board and the Handicap Committee to take the word of SMGA members. Repeated violations or negative input from SMGA peers will be considered on an individual basis.

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IV. SMGA Event Index

The “SMGA Event Index” is an alternate handicap index calculated using 100% of the differentials from the best 3 of a member’s last 5 postable ESC scores in SMGA event rounds. It is based on scoring records of club postable events maintained by the Tournament or Handicap Committees.

This Event Index will be used as a member’s handicap index *in place of* his USGA index for SMGA events for any handicap period *if*:

- The member’s SMGA Event Index is **1.0** or more strokes *lower than* his USGA Index as of the USGA handicap revision date, and
- The member has played in 3 or more postable SMGA events in the two month’s prior to that revision date.

Member Event Indexes will be updated as soon as practical after each USGA handicap revision date. A list of the members who will be using their Event Index in place of their USGA index in SMGA events for that handicap period will be posted in the posting room and on the SMGA web site. In addition, the members on the list should be advised that their course handicaps will be based on their Event Index for that handicap period.

V. Tees

Unless noted on the event schedule or announcement, the standard tees for SMGA events are the White tees except for those on the Forward Tee list.

Any member who prefers to play in SMGA events from tees of shorter length than the White tees may do so by advising the Tournament Chair of the tees they wish to play from, provided the member accepts that:

1. He will be playing from those tees on a regular basis and may not repeatedly request to change the tees he plays from,
2. His course handicap will be adjusted for the difference in course rating from the White tees under USGA Handicap Rule 3-5. (This will reduce a Yellow tee player’s course handicap by 2 strokes for SaddleBrooke/Tucson and 3 strokes for Tucson/Catalina and Catalina/SaddleBrooke.), and

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3. In monthly partner events, his team will not be eligible for the Low Gross prize in Flight 1.

The Tournament Chair shall maintain a list of Forward Tee players who have requested to play in SMGA events from tees forward of the White tees. That list will be posted on the SMGA bulletin board in the Posting Room and on the SMGA web site, and it will be used to determine player tee assignments during event set up.

Any member who is not on the Forward Tee list will be assigned to play from the White tees in SMGA events, unless that day's tournament set up assigns him to play from a forward tee or the event schedule or announcement specifies a different set of tees.

VI. Sign-up Deadlines, Late Additions, Entry Fees

A. Regular Weekly Events:

1. The entry fee for regular weekly events is \$7.
2. The sign-up deadline on the Chelsea system (online or by phone) is 11:59 pm on the Wednesday preceding the event.
3. Cancellations must be made by 10:00 am on the Sunday preceding the event to avoid a charge for the entry fee. Cancellations must be made with the Golf Shop, either by email, phone, or in person.
4. Late additions will be accommodated (on a space available basis) if the member's name added to the Late Additions Sheet posted on the SMGA bulletin board in the Posting Room prior to 10:00 am on Sunday. To be assured of a place in the field, entry via the Chelsea system by the preceding Wednesday night is required. Those on the Late Additions Sheet will be added if possible, but it's not guaranteed.
5. The Event Coordinator for that week will constitute the field after removing any cancellations made prior to 10:00 am Sunday and including, when space is available, any Additions noted on the Late Additions Sheet prior to 10:00 am Sunday.

B. Monthly Partner's Event:

The entry fee for a monthly Partner's event is a \$7 prize fee plus a charge for the cost of the lunch.

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Members may sign up with a partner or as a single. Singles will be paired. If there are an odd number of singles, the last single entrant may not be placed in the tournament.

The sign-up deadline for Partner's events is 11:59 pm on the Wednesday preceding the event.

After the Wednesday deadline, until 10:00 am Sunday, a member whose partner withdraws may request a replacement partner.

Any member who missed the Wednesday sign up deadline may request to be a replacement partner. These requests must be made to the Partner's Event Coordinator via phone or e-mail (email preferred). Replacement partners will receive the normal Chelsea e-mail on the Monday before the event if they have a tee time in the event.

A player who requests a replacement partner prior to 10:00 am Sunday will have one provided for him *if possible*. If no replacement partner is available, the player may:

1. Cancel – all fees refunded.
2. Play as a marker without a replacement. Both prize fees and one lunch fee refunded.
3. Compete as a single with full handicap (Best Ball format only). The player who plays will be charged a prize fee and a lunch fee. The partner who withdrew will have both his prize fee and lunch fee refunded.

NO REFUNDS FOR EITHER ENTRY OR LUNCH FEES WILL BE MADE FOR A CANCELLATION AFTER THE 10:00 AM SUNDAY DEADLINE EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS:

A player whose partner withdraws after the 10:00 am Sunday deadline and requests a replacement partner will have one provided for him *if possible*. The replacement partner will be charged the entry fee and lunch fees. The partner who withdrew will have both fees refunded.

If no suitable replacement is available, both partners will be charged the entry and lunch fees. The player whose partner withdrew may:

- (1) play at his original tee time and hole assignment
 - (a) as a marker (with or without a guest) or

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(b) for prize money without a partner (Best Ball format only with full handicap), and/or

(2) have lunch with or without a guest.

C. **Majors Tournaments and Special Events:**

The entry fee for major tournaments and special events will be listed in the event announcement. It will include a prize contribution based on the number of days of play and the cost for any meal.

Substitutions for Major and Special Events can only be made by the Event Coordinator responsible for that event. Event signup deadlines and substitution guidelines will be a part of the event announcement.

VII. **Scorecards, Scoring, and Signatures**

A. **Scorecard Requirements**

1. Scorecards will show names of *all* players and the tees they are playing (unless all players are playing from the same set of tees).
2. Scorecards will show the applicable *course handicap* (or quota) for each player or team as the event dictates. The applicable course handicap will be based on either (a) the member's current USGA handicap index (or his SMGA Event Index, if applicable) or (b) the applicable handicap index as of the date the event closed for entry, e.g., the Wednesday before the event start date. For multi-day events that span a handicap revision date, revised handicap indexes will be used for rounds following that date, where practical.

In a multi-day tournament, a committee composed of the Tournament Chair, the Assistant Tournament and Rules Chair, and the Handicap Chair may, in an exceptional individual case, modify the course handicap of a player before or between rounds of the competition per Handicap Rule 9-2 (b).

B. **Scoring Requirements**

In all SMGA competitions each individual is responsible to see that his gross score is recorded for each individual hole unless the game dictates otherwise (e.g., Chapman, alternate shot, or scramble).

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In individual play events, each player must hole out on each hole, except where a stroke or hole has been conceded in **match play**.

In partner and team events, enough individual gross scores to support the team's score on each hole must have been holed out and recorded on the scorecard (e.g., in a 2 best ball event, the two best balls to be used for the team score must have been holed out and recorded on the scorecard.) Players on the team whose scores are not being used to support the team's score are not required to hole out, but must record their "most likely score" for the hole (which should be preceded by an "X" on the scorecard).

Failure to meet these requirements will result in the disqualification of that team (individual).

In all events, individual and team gross and net scores are subject to audit and correction by the Tournament Committee.

C. Scoring a Hole Closed for Play:

Individual Score: For any event requiring an individual score, e.g. a Best Ball event, an individual's closed hole score is the hole's par plus any handicap strokes the player has for that hole.

Single Team Hole Score: For any event requiring only one team score, e.g. a Scramble event, the team's closed hole score is the closed hole's par.

D. Scorecard Signature Requirements

All score cards in SMGA events must be signed and attested as follows:

Match Play and Individual Play: All competitors must sign the scorecard.

Partners and Two Man Team Play: One partner (team member) and one member of the other team in the foursome must sign the scorecard, unless the partners or team are playing as a twosome, in which case both must sign.

4 Man Team Play: Two members of the team must sign the scorecard.

In individual play events, any player who did not sign the scorecard is disqualified from winning a prize.

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In two man and foursome events, the absence of the required signatures results in all players on the team being disqualified from winning a prize.

If a player or team is disqualified from winning a prize, their scores will be posted by the Tournament Committee if it is a postable round.

VIII. Pace of Play

“A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace.” USGA Golf Rule 5.6b.
That means members should:

- Prepare in advance for each stroke and be ready to play when it is your turn.
- Move from one place to another between strokes.
- Don't sit in the cart until it is your turn to hit. Get out of the cart and walk reasonable distances to your ball, carrying extra clubs so you won't have to return to the cart for a different club. Also take your putter when you are near the green.
- If you are ready to hit and no one is in the way, and it won't interfere with the play of others in your group, play “ready golf” and hit away. (Golf Rule 5.6b(2)).
- If you can't improve on your team score, or are out of a hole in match play, pick up and take your “most likely” or maximum score for that hole.
- Use continuous putting, and do not mark your ball after your first putt.
- Do not practice putt on a green during a hole.
- After you finish a hole, drive to the next tee before you mark your scorecard and return your clubs to your bag.

Expected Pace of Play

The expected pace of play in SMGA events is 13 minutes per hole, a few minutes under 2 hours per nine holes, or 4 hours, 5 minutes for 18 holes, including time at the turn. When the course is restricted to cart path only, the expected pace of play is 14 minutes per hole.

Members who do not complete our events within the above time limits are needlessly delaying other participants in our events and compromising other golfers' access to the courses.

Groups Out of Position

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When tee times are used, the first three groups to start will be considered “out of position” if, at any time during the round, their cumulative time exceeds 13 minutes per hole played (14 minutes a hole if carts are restricted to cart paths), or it is holding up the groups behind it, even if it has not exceeded the time allotted for the number of holes played.

Any following group (and all groups in a shotgun start) will be considered out of position if:

- A hole is open before the group reaches the teeing area of that hole and has exceeded a cumulative time of 13 (or 14) minutes per hole played, or
- The group is 10 minutes behind the 13 (or 14) minutes per hole expected pace of the group in front of them.

Procedure When a Group is Out of Position

1. If a marshal sees that a group is out of position, the marshal shall notify the group that it is out of position, that it must close the gap with the group ahead, and that its pace of play may be timed. (In some circumstances, the marshal may notify an individual player or players within a group that they may be timed instead of the entire group.)

2. A group that is out of position must play their next holes within the time specified above for those holes and must make every reasonable effort to close the gap with the group ahead. In addition, each player in the group may be subject to individual timing over the course of one or more holes. In those circumstances:

- The maximum time allocated per stroke is 40 seconds. [10 extra seconds are allowed for the first player to play:

a) a tee shot on a par 3 hole;

b) an approach shot to the green; and c) a chip or putt.]

- The timing will start when a player has had sufficient time to reach the ball, it is his turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction. Time taken to determine distance and select a club will count as time taken for the next stroke.

- On the putting green, timing will start when the player has had a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and replace the ball, repair damage that interferes with the line of play and move loose impediments on the

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line of play. Time spent looking at the line of play from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke. - 3 –

- Timings will be taken from the moment the marshal decides that it is the player's turn to play and he is able to play without interference or distraction.

3. Timing ceases when a group is back in position and players will be advised accordingly.

If the marshal decides that the group has not played the subsequent holes within the time allotted for those holes, or that a player or players has not played within the times specified above, the marshal shall advise the group or player that it will be penalized as set out below, subject to any recent mitigating circumstances, e.g., lost ball, unplayable ball, lengthy discussion over a rule, etc..

Any penalty assessed under this rule may be appealed to the head pro (or the assistant pro in his absence), or in their absence, the Tournament Chair or Assistant Tournament Chair. Penalty for Breach:

- Penalty for first breach: Warning from marshal.
- Penalty for second breach: One-stroke penalty.
- Penalty for third breach: General Penalty applied in addition to the penalty for the first breach.
- Penalty for fourth breach: Disqualification. Until a player has been advised of a bad time, he or she cannot incur a further bad time.

Procedure When Again Out of Position During Same Round

If a group is *out of position* more than once during a round, the above procedure will apply on each occasion. Bad times and the application of penalties in the same round will be carried forward until the round is completed. A player will not be penalized if he has a second bad time before being advised of the earlier bad time.

Remedial Action

The SMGA Board may require any member who is repeatedly out of position or does not play at an acceptable pace of play to participate in a Pace of Play class

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conducted by the Golf Professionals as a condition for participation in future SMGA events.

IX. Missing Players, Withdrawals, Cancellations, and No-Shows

A. Missing Players in Team Events

A “missing player” is any player who cancels or does not show up to play at the assigned tee time, or is the 4th player in a 4 man team that was made up with only 3 players.

Blind Draws: Subject to the exceptions described below, a blind draw will be used as a substitute for a missing player in 4 man Best Ball and non-partner 2 man Best Ball events. The blind draw will be from the same flight and same scorecard position as the missing player. The blind draw will not be entitled to any prize money won by the team on which he is a substitute.

Four Man Quotas: Any missing player will be ignored and the team quota adjusted accordingly.

Partner Events: A blind draw will not be used as most players choose their partner. If there is a late cancellation, the non-canceling player may play in his pairing group as a marker or for prize money as a single with full handicap (Best Ball and Shamble format only). See Section V(B). Neither his prize fee nor his lunch fee will be refunded.

Two Man Shamble and Scramble – Non-Partner Events: A blind draw will not be used. The non-cancelling player may play in his pairing group as a marker or, in a shamble, for prizes without any handicap adjustment.

Four Man Shamble (2 Ball Modified Scramble): The 3 players rotate hitting a second tee shot on every third hole, resulting in 4 tee shots from which to choose. From the selected tee shot, the 3 players play their own ball through the green. A blind draw will be used to provide hole scores for the missing player.

Four Man Scramble (one ball scored): The players rotate being the missing player by hitting a second ball on each shot using the same rotation throughout the round (if the team has only 2 players, both hit a

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second ball on each shot). In addition, the team handicap will be adjusted as follows:

1. For a 3 player team, **Adjusted Team Handicap = (Player 1 CH + Player 2 CH + Player 3 CH) X .13 X 1.33**
2. For a 2 player team, **Adjusted Team Handicap = (Player 1 CH + Player 2 CH) X .13 X 2.**

B. Withdrawals after Teeing Off

In a partner or team event, a member who reports to the first tee at his appointed time and proceeds to tee off, but subsequently withdraws from competition, will be credited with having competed in the event and will receive any prize money his team may be entitled to. Any holes he does not complete will be scored as par plus any handicap strokes under Handicap Rule 4-2. He will be charged that day's event prize fee.

C. Late Cancellations and No-Shows

Any member who does not cancel by the event's cancellation deadline (described elsewhere in these policies) or who fails to report at his appointed tee time (a no-show) **will be charged** that day's event prize fee. This player **will not** receive any prize money his team may be entitled to.

X. Ties and Tie Breakers

In both stroke and match play, a tie can be an acceptable result. However, when it is desired to have a sole winner, the Committee has the authority, under Rule 33-6, to determine how and when a tie is decided. The decision and method should be published in advance.

Tie Breakers

Ties for the various SMGA events are resolved as follows:

1. For the **Roadrunner Invitational**, the Roadrunner Invitational Committee establishes the Rules of Competition.
2. For the **Match Play Championship**,
 - a. In the Match Play Qualifier all net score ties will be broken using the procedure of USGA Handicap Rule 9-6 (iii), second paragraph solely for

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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** and handicap strokes, as in the stipulated round, are used.
3. For the **Club Championship**, ties for Low Gross in the Club Championship flight only will be broken by a sudden death playoff starting on the first hole played by the flight on the last day. All participants qualified for this sudden death playoff must be available to start the playoff 10 minutes after the last score for the flight is posted. In the event that an otherwise qualified participant is not available, as required, that unavailable qualified participant will be disqualified from the playoff.
4. For the **Super Seniors**, all ties for the Overall Low Gross winner in the Championship flight will be broken by a sudden death playoff starting on the first hole played by the flight on the last day of play. All participants qualified for this sudden death playoff must be available to start the playoff 10 minutes after the last score for the flight is posted. In the event that an otherwise qualified participant is not available, as required, that unavailable qualified participant will be disqualified from the playoff.
5. For the **Presidents Cup**, all ties for the Overall Low Net winner, irrespective of flight, will be broken by a sudden death playoff and applicable handicap strokes will apply. All participants qualified for this sudden death playoff must be available to start the playoff 10 minutes after the last score for the event is posted. In the event that an otherwise qualified participant is not available, as required, that unavailable qualified participant will be disqualified from the playoff. The sudden death playoff will start at:
 - a. The first hole on the scorecard if the same two courses were played by all playoff participants on the last day of play,
 - b. If all the playoff participants did not play the same two courses on the last date of play, the first hole of the course played by all playoff participants on the last date of play, or
 - c. If that did not occur, the first hole of the course determined by lottery with that course being played until the tie is broken.

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6. If the **Member-Member** is a stroke play event, any ties for Overall Low Gross winner in a flight will be resolved as described in (7) below, 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 in (7)(b) below.
7. **For all other SMGA events**, the USGA recommends and the SMGA Board (the Committee for SMGA Events) has approved the following method for resolving **Low Gross ties ONLY**:
 - a. When there is a 2-way tie for Low Gross, first look to see if one of the winners is sole Low Net. If so, the higher net is assigned as Low Gross and the other as Low Net Winner.
 - b. **If there is a 3-way or no clear Low Net winner**, since a playoff is NOT feasible, then the Low Gross winner will be determined by a Card Match as follows:
 1. The SMGA's method of matching the cards 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, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, 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 flights BACK nine**, etc. 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.
 3. If (2) does not yield a Low Gross winner, both will be paid.

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Low Net Ties

Except for Overall Low Net ties in the President's Cup described in (5) above, ties for all low net prizes 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 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.

XI. Inclement Weather

A. Lightning

Under Rule 5.7a, a player may stop play if he reasonable believes there is a danger from lightning, but must report that stoppage to the Golf Shop. That player must complete the round later that day, when conditions improve, if the round is not cancelled by the **committee**. The penalty for not completing a delayed, but not canceled, round is disqualification.

B. Before Play Begins

If the golf course (GC) is open, we play, except that the "**committee**" may postpone the start of the round or cancel a round before it begins if there is steady or heavy rain, lightning in the area, strong winds, and/or the course is deemed unplayable and those conditions are unlikely to improve in a reasonable period of time. Before the round begins, the **committee** may shorten that day's round to nine holes if there is a high probability that rain, lightning, and/or strong winds are expected and those conditions are expected to continue during the time the round is scheduled to be played.

C. Once Play has Commenced

Once play has commenced, the **committee** may suspend play or cancel the round if there is steady or heavy rain, lightning in the area, strong winds, and/or the course is deemed unplayable.

If the inclement weather or course conditions are believed to be temporary and are expected to improve within an hour, the **committee** should suspend

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play and resume play after the weather conditions improve. If play has been suspended by the **Committee**, players may mark the position of their ball and lift it without penalty under Rule 5.7d.

If the inclement weather or course conditions are not expected to improve within an hour, or play has been suspended and conditions have not improved after an hour, the **committee** should cancel the round.

If more than half the field chooses not to start the round, the round is canceled.

If GC management closes the golf course after play has commenced, all golfers must mark their positions and leave the course **immediately**. Whether the round is canceled or just delayed until the course reopens will be decided by the **committee**.

If play has been suspended or postponed for any reason, any decision by the **committee** to resume or cancel play will be announced on the patio outside the Golf Shop.

D. Effect of Round Cancellation

If a one day event is canceled, no entry fee will be charged, or it will be refunded. For multi-day tournaments, the event will be shortened and no one will be disqualified for leaving the course before the official cancellation. If lunch or dinner is part of the event, that meal will be served (and charged to the players) even if the entire event is canceled.

E. The Committee

The **committee** for purposes of inclement weather issues consists of the Tournament Chair (TC) the Assistant Tournament Chair (ATC), and/or the Event Coordinator (EC) for that day's event or any SMGA Board members present if the TC, ATC, and EC are not available.

XII. Most Improved Golfer

The Most Improved Golfer award is given to the full member who improved his USGA handicap index the most during the previous calendar year. To qualify, the winner must have posted a minimum of 50 eighteen hole rounds

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on the SaddleBrooke One courses during the year for which the award is given. The award winner does not have to be a member for the entire calendar year for which the award is given provided he has posted the required minimum number of rounds on the SaddleBrooke One courses during that year

XIII. Roadrunner Classic (Member/Guest Tournament)

1. **Event** - The Roadrunner Classic is one of five major annual tournaments sanctioned by the SMGA, the other four being Super Seniors, Club Championship, Match Play and the President's Cup.
2. **Committee** - The Roadrunner Organizing Committee is an official Board Committee operating as a separate entity with oversight by the SMGA Board of Directors.
3. **Budget** - The Budget developed by the Roadrunner Organizing Committee must be submitted to the Board of Directors for approval at the Board's regular January meeting. The budget must be self sustaining.
4. **Treasurer** - The SMGA Treasurer will act as the treasurer for the event and will be responsible for depositing and disbursing all event related funds.
5. **Chairman** - The Roadrunner Chairman will provide the Board of Directors with periodic progress reports prior to the event and will prepare a final report shortly after the end of the event. These reports may be done in person at a regular Board meeting or submitted in writing to the Secretary of the Board.
6. **Participation** - As stated in the SMGA Bylaws, the Member must be a Full member of the SMGA and the Guest may not be a Full member of the SMGA.

Appendix A - PENALTY SCORE APPEAL FORM

Appeal form must be filed within 30 days of penalty score date.

I (name) _____ local number _____ received a penalty score dated _____. It was given to me as a result of (circle one):

1. I did not post a score correctly.

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2. I posted the score but I posted it late and forgot to change the date.
3. I posted a "T" score instead of an "H" score or I posted an "H" score instead of a "T" score.
4. I entered an incorrect course combination.
5. I entered the wrong tees.
6. Other

MITIGATING CIRCUMSTANCES: