



Frequently Asked Questions

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What is The Number 1 Seed?

The Number 1 Seed Golf Club is a group of Connecticut and North Carolina-based golfers who love the game of golf. The club has a motto, “Improving Your Game Through Friendly Competition”. We realized in the early 2000’s that there was something missing in the lives of casual golfers ... competition! How does a golfer improve his skills and when he does improve who does he compete against? The answer is the Number 1 Seed!

How did the club get started?

The group began in 2001 when Darrell and Rusty started recording the results of their matches against each other on their cell phones. In 2002, Wayne Tolson and Jeff Baskin jumped on board and the rest is history. By 2003 we had 10 players, and a need to design a ranking system. In 2004 we introduced the automated ranking system, our web site, message board and text broadcasting. Since 2003 we’ve added 3-4 players per year and as of 2018 we have over 65 members.

What are the benefits of joining the Number 1 Seed?

**USGA Handicap + portal access
Golf scores input daily
Golfer ranking calculated and posted
Broadcast text/email service
(notice of golf being played daily)
Group discounted weekend outings
Discounted tournament entry fees
Hole In One Pool
Top 10 Golfers’ Payout**

**Annual intra club tournament payout
Website access (user id & password)
Message Board access (user id & password)
Preseason Meeting - dinner
Annual Banquet - dinner
Orlando, FL Trip - group discounted golf
Pinehurst, NC Trip - group discounted golf
Club Matches
Offseason group activities**

Best of all, the camaraderie is unparalleled! Ask around! 😊

What’s the procedure for joining the Seed?

It’s very simple. Contact a member to find out when and where our next outing will be. We play every weekend and on all holidays. Play a round of golf with the group and if you enjoy the camaraderie, and competition you’ll be welcomed. Once you’ve paid the yearly membership fee you’ll be issued a web site and message board username and password. Once you’ve completed 5 rounds of golf you’ll be issued a USGA handicap.

How much does it cost to join, and when is the fee due?

The yearly membership fee for all eligible applicants is **\$250 (CT/NY)**, **\$210 (NC)** and **\$150 Travel Membership (restricted)**. The membership fee is due before you play your first round of the season. This year our season begins Fri, April 12, 2019.

What is the breakdown of the membership dues?

The fee is comprised of Top 10 payout & Annual Tournament payout (\$100), Annual Banquet & Preseason Meeting (\$20), Orlando, FL Trip & Pinehurst, NC Trip skins pool (\$50), Hole in One pool (\$10), Web Hosting/Message Board/Handicap portal/Web development fees (\$30) and for (CT/NY only) a \$40 event fee.

Is there a minimum and/or maximum handicap you must have for eligibility?

There is no minimum handicap. Although there is no official maximum handicap, if your handicap is over 30 you'll likely find this group too competitive.

What format does the club play & how do you determine wins and losses?

Medal/Stroke play. All 18-hole matches are based on 3 points. 1 point awarded for the front-nine, 1 point awarded for the back-nine and 1 point awarded for the overall match (Nassau). 9-hole matches yield 1 point being awarded to the winner.

If opponents are tied after 9 or 18 holes, the winner (of the side) is determined by finding the most difficult hole (of the side) and comparing the scores on the hole. If they're the same then find the next most difficult hole (of the side), compare the scores and continue to repeat this process until a winner is determined. If there is an overall tie after 18 holes, meaning both opponents have the same medal score (after net calculations) then the winner is determined by hardest hcp hole(s) overall.

ex. Player 1 (10 hcp.) vs Player 2 (15 hcp). 5 stroke difference. **Check the scorecard for #1 hcp hole. That's the side that Player 2 receives 3 strokes (2 on the other side).**

Player 1 (42+46=88). Player 2 (46+47=93). Player 1 wins front, player 2 wins back. The difference in medal scores (93-88=5) means the match is even and the winner must be determined by the #1 most difficult hole according to the score card. In the event the scores are the same for that hole, move on to the #2 hcp hole, and so on until a winner is determined.

What system do you use to determine a golfer's rank?

Three metrics make up your overall rank: **Winning Percent (40%)**, **Points (30%)** and **Handicap (30%)**. You're ranked in each category versus all active competitors listed in **Current Rankings**. Your rank in each category is then multiplied by .4 (winning percentage), .3 (points) and .3 (handicap) and the result is the **Rating Percentage Index (RPI)**. The lower your number is the better your **Current Rank** is, meaning the closer you are to being ranked **Number 1**.

Is there a minimum or maximum number of rounds you must play in a season?

You're required to play a minimum of 10 rounds of Seed golf to retain an End of Year rank, and to be eligible for the Annual Tournament. There is no maximum number of rounds you're allowed to play.

What's the penalty for not meeting the minimum rounds required?

Nothing other than you're not eligible to compete in the Annual Tournament.

Now that I've become a member, how do I go about setting up a match?

4 options. 1) Call DD and let him know you'd like a broadcast text sent out about your availability 2) Log onto the message board and post a message that you're looking for golfers 3) Call specific members (from the contact list) and find out if they're teeing it up that day or 4) Check the broadcast texts and front page of our site for weekend and holiday group tee times that have already been arranged.

I'd estimate there's at least one match going on 6 of the 7 days per week.

Is there a pre-season meeting? If so, when and where?

Yes, there will be a pre-season meeting that usually takes place in late March or early April. Check the website in the beginning of March for the exact date and place.

When does the season start and end?

Our season begins the second weekend of April and concludes the second weekend of October. The season usually lasts 26 weeks however if a special circumstance arises the season is extended.

Are there any special events throughout the season?

In early March (before the season starts) we have a great golf trip to Orlando, Florida. During the season there are 5-6 special weekends (usually holidays) that we deem our "Majors". All points earned are doubled. We also have an annual trip to Pinehurst, NC in late August in which points are tripled. We also try to schedule matches versus other golf clubs but last year we were unable to find any competitors.

Is there an end of the year dinner celebration?

Yes. It's usually held in mid-December.

How do I report match results?

Scores should be reported via phone, text or email immediately after round completion to DD (Darrell). Contact info: (203) 410-9893, email: ddraughn@number1seed.com. He'll need to know the points for each golfer (wins and losses), their medal scores, where the match was held and the tee box played.

To be safe, you are encouraged to save your scorecard for verification and archival purposes.

How quickly do the results of matches get updated on the web site?

Usually nightly by 10 PM. On occasion, the scores aren't posted until the following morning.

What's the maximum score you can get on a hole?

The maximum score on a hole is 2X par during the regular season, and increases to a maximum of 10 during our Annual Tournament and some travel tournaments.

Is there a Hole In One Pot?

Yes. We collect \$10 per player/per season for the Hole in One Pool. It is included in your dues if you've paid for a full membership, not a travel membership. The pot is won by any Seeder who cards a hole in one while playing with at least one Seeder in a Number 1 Seed regulation match. If more than one Seeder scores a hole in one during the season the pot is shared between the winners at the end of season banquet.

Are "gimmes" allowed?

A putt is considered holed on the next stroke if you receive affirmation from 2 other players in your group. It does not matter if you're playing in a 3some or 4some.

During the Annual Tournament only your direct opponent can concede your putt.

What is the cancellation/no show rule?

If you're signed up for a group event and you need to cancel, you must do so at least 2 hrs. in advance. If you fail to do so then you'll receive an 0-9 record for that day. There are no exceptions!

Why do certain golfers tee off from different tee boxes?

There have been special provisions made for senior golfers and champion-level players that allow for different teeing grounds for those players. See "Teeing Ground" in our [2019 rules](#).

What happens if there is a rules question or disagreement during a match?

In the event of a disagreement in the application of a rule, the player shall either: (1) call the pro shop immediately for resolution or (2) play two balls, record both scores and ask the pro for resolution immediately following the round or 3) call DD (203) 410-9893, as he is a USGA Certified Rules Official. If you do not follow this procedure you may be disqualified or given the maximum amount of strokes allowed on the hole.

What are the payout schedules for the Top 10 players and Annual Tournament??

Seeders who finish the regular season ranked 1–10 receive a cash payout. The payout structure is listed below and it includes all eligible CT/MA/NY/NC golfers:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th
\$1,000	\$500	\$450	\$400	\$375	\$350	\$325	\$300	\$275	\$250

The Annual Tournament is a single elimination tournament that is open to all Seeders who are good financial standing, played a minimum of 10 rounds and have a end of season rank. For additional information click here: [Annual Tournament details](#). The cash payout structure and prizes are listed below:

North

1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place
\$500 & 2019 dues paid	\$250 & 2019 dues paid	\$100 & 2019 dues paid	2019 dues paid

South

1 st place	2 nd place	3 rd place	4 th place
\$250 & 2019 dues paid	\$100 & 2019 dues paid	\$50 & 2019 dues paid	2019 dues paid

Who do I call if I have additional questions about the Number 1 Seed?

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