



# 2019 Season Rules

(updated 4/9/19)

## Eligibility

Entrance in the Number 1 Seed Golf Club is open to all golfers eighteen (18) years and older who fulfill all requirements and payments outlined in this document. Additionally, it is recommended that you have a firm understanding of the [Rules of Golf](#).

## Golf Season

Our season begins the second weekend of April and concludes the second weekend of September. The season usually lasts 26 weeks however if a special circumstance arises then the season is extended. During the season there are 5-6 special weekends (usually holidays) in which points earned are doubled. During our annual trip to Pinehurst, NC in late August points earned are tripled. All weekends in which points are increased are announced at least two weeks in advance.

## Format

All matches are determined using stroke-play format. Players give and receive strokes based on your posted handicap.

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.

## **Membership Dues**

The yearly membership fee for all eligible golfers is \$250 (CT/NY), \$210 (NC) and \$150 Travel Membership (restricted). 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. The membership fee is due on or before opening day, 4/12/19.

## **Handicap Portal**

**When your annual dues is paid, your USGA handicap is activated immediately. If your dues has not been paid then you won't be issued a handicap until you do so.**

If you're a new member you must play 5 Seeder matches (without strokes) to establish a Seed handicap.

To check your handicap – Using a browser (safari, chrome, edge, etc.) on your smartphone go to our site's front page. Click "Handicap – Player Portal"

**To see your rounds played/scores simply click your name (from the player portal) and it displays your most recent scores in the order reported.**

## **Formula Used to Calculate Golf 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.

## **Teeing Ground**

The player with the highest seed rank selects the tee box for his group (foursome/threesome/twosome). Meaning, the player with the better rank of his competitor(s) chooses which tee box the group tees from. If there is more than one group present, the same rule applies. The player with the highest rank selects the tee box in which his group plays from. If there is a skins pot and the group chooses not to play from the tee box as the rest of the group then they cannot participate in the skins pot.

Senior golfers (65yr's and older) are allowed to move forward one tee box for par 4's measuring 375 yds and greater (according to the yardage posted on the scorecard), and the individual has a handicap index greater than 13.

### **Championship Status**

**A player who attains a handicap index of 5.0 or lower is automatically elevated to Championship player status.**

**Championship players are members who are identified as mastery level players, and are required to play 1 tee box behind the remainder of the group.**

### **Mandatory Minimum Rounds Requirement**

**You're required to play 10 rounds of Seed golf to retain an End of Year rank, and to be eligible for the Annual Tournament.**

### **Maximum Score 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.**

### **Hole In One Pot**

**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.**

### **Conceded Putt**

**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.**

### **Cancellation/No Show**

**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!**

## Annual Tournament

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

### North

| 1 <sup>st</sup> place  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> place  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> place  | 4 <sup>th</sup> place |
|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|
| \$500 & 2019 dues paid | \$250 & 2019 dues paid | \$100 & 2019 dues paid | 2019 dues paid        |

### South

| 1 <sup>st</sup> place  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> place  | 3 <sup>rd</sup> place | 4 <sup>th</sup> place |
|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| \$250 & 2019 dues paid | \$100 & 2019 dues paid | \$50 & 2019 dues paid | 2019 dues paid        |

## End of Season Payout

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

## Additional General Rules

Scores should be reported via phone, text or email immediately after round completion. To be safe, you are encouraged to save your scorecard for verification and archival purposes.

All golf played must be against a competitor or competitors in your foursome. You are not allowed to record and/or report scores of matches played against competitors who've played in another pairing, a different course, a different date, etc.

The ball should always be played down unless otherwise specified.

## Rules of Golf

USGA and R&A rules of golf apply.

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The only exception is the local rules of the course, which are posted on the scorecard and/or yardage book.

**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. If, you do not follow this procedure you may be disqualified or given the maximum amount of strokes allowed on the hole.**

**Every hole should be played out and every stroke counted (with the exception of gimmies and X-outs). If you "X" out of a hole, you automatically receive the maximum amount of strokes allowed on the hole.**