



Maryland State Golf Association 2015 One-Day Four-Ball Tournament Official Entry Form

Entry Fee: \$145 (MSGA members) \$175 (non-members)

Entry includes cart and range fees

Eligibility

Entry is open to any amateur golfer who has a current USGA handicap index at an MSGA member club and to individuals who have a USGA handicap index at non-member clubs for an increased fee (**non-members are not eligible for prizes). The minimum age for entry is 13 years of age as of the tournament date (17 years or younger must have written consent from a parent/guardian). Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the event, by the MSGA or the club hosting the event. ** Any team that includes an MSGA member and a non-member must pay \$175 to enter, but is eligible for prizes.

Format and Rules

Play will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf, as modified by the local rules. Tournament format is 18-holes of four-ball stroke play, gross and net scores. According to USGA handicap procedure, 90 percent of a player's course handicap (men) and 95% (women) is used to determine net scores (**course handicaps are limited to 30 strokes**). If the difference between the partner's course handicap exceeds eight strokes, then an additional 10% reduction is applied to both team members. Teams may choose to participate in any division in which they are eligible. Divisions are based upon team gender combination. Division options and yardage are as follows: Men A (6200-6500), Men B (5900-6200), Mixed (male 5900-6200/female 5000-5400), Women (5000-5400). Please note that the yardage may vary based on tournament site. A minimum of four teams are required to create a division in which prizes will be awarded.

Partner substitutions made within seven days of the tournament must be approved in advance by the MSGA office. Any on-site partner substitutions may result in the new partner playing at scratch. Competitors must subscribe to all club policies regarding dress, cell phones, coolers, etc. Cart use is mandatory for tournament rounds and caddies are not allowed. Spectator carts are not allowed for these events. Practice rounds are available at the host club's discretion. Metal and ceramic spikes are prohibited. The MSGA validates/monitors handicap indexes and reserves the right to adjust course handicaps and/or withhold prizes for competitors whose handicaps are considered unrealistic or who have participated in a disproportionate share of MSGA prize distributions. Players are expected to post all scores from these events as tournament rounds. Failure to do so in an appropriate manner can result in suspension from future MSGA one-day events.

Entry Information

(see entry form)

Refund Policy

Open to close date: Full refund minus \$25.00 administrative fee. **Day after close up to day prior of the event:** No refund if withdrawal received less than seven days prior to event without written medical excuse.

Prizes and Merchandise

Merchandise will be awarded for low net and low gross scores in all divisions. Prizes will be redeemable only at the host club's golf shop. Ties will be broken using the USGA recommended method. The MSGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise after tournament date. The MSGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates after a tournament is played.

One-Day Tournament Multiple Net Winner Course Handicap Reduction Policy

Individuals or teams who win first place (net) in three or more events in a calendar season will be subject to reduced course handicaps through the remainder of the calendar year. This rule is in effect for all MSGA One-Day events. After 3rd win results in 20% reduction; 4th win results in additional 30% reduction; 5th win is an additional 40% reduction, and so forth. If a player wins three or more events with multiple partners, only the multi-event winner will incur the appropriate course handicap reduction.

For MSGA Office Use Only	
Date Rec _____	Entry # _____
WD Date _____	Ref Amt _____
Check # _____	

Application for Entry
2015 MSGA One-Day Four-Ball Tournament
 Entry Fee is \$145 per team (includes cart and range fee)
 \$175 for non-members
PLEASE PRINT CAREFULLY

Entry Information: Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Alternates are ranked in the order which entries are received. Division selection has no bearing on entry or alternate order. Entries close when the allotment of accepted and alternate teams is filled or the entry close date is reached. Entry deadline is two weeks prior to event date. Fax, email, telephone, late, illegible or incomplete entries are not accepted. **Only one tournament entry fee is allowed per check.** Make all checks payable to Maryland State Golf Association. **Confirmation of acceptance to the event will be sent via email only.** A team that is a "no show" (DNS) or "no card" (NC) risks suspension from the remaining MSGA one-day events for that season. Tee time requests (if applicable) will be accepted, but courtesy pairings are not allowed.

_____ Tournament Site	_____ Tournament Date
Select Division (circle): Men A Men B	Mixed Women
_____ Applicants Name	_____ Partner's Name
_____ Address	_____ Partner's Address
_____ City, State and Zip Code	_____ Partner's City, State and Zip Code
_____ Email (required)	_____ Partner's Email (required)
(____) _____ Phone (required)	(____) _____ Partner's Phone (required)
____/____/____ ____ ____ DOB Age Gender	____/____/____ ____ ____ Partner's DOB Age Gender
_____ MSGA Member Club (please note if not a member)	_____ Partner's Club
USGA Handicap Index _____ (Index must be at the time of entry, and adjustments will be made for the event)	USGA Handicap Index _____ (Index must be at the time of entry, and adjustments will be made for the event)
_____ Applicant's Signature	_____ Partner's Signature

Please mail all entries with payment to:
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