

# PORT GARDNER SENIOR MEN'S CLUB

## Tournament Procedures

### *Tournament Signup Process:*

Each week, on Thursdays between 7pm and 8pm, an invitation will be sent out to participate in the tournament to be held 11 days (about 1 and a half weeks) in the future. The invitation will be sent in an email to all PGSMC members that have an email address registered with the club.

At the bottom of the email will be tabs for either “Playing” or “Not Playing”. Players who wish to participate in the upcoming tournament can hit playing to register for the event. Nothing further is required, but players that wish to select a specific tee time may hit the “select tee time button” to be taken to the open tee sheet where they can select a time from the open slots for themselves or their playing partners. They may also hit the “send note to manager” tab to leave a comment or request to the tee time chair. The invitation will contain a link to the tee time chair email address.

PGSMC is currently using a set tee time format that preregisters some foursomes each week. The process for obtaining a set time is contained in a separate document. Players with set tee times are considered as “Playing” each week unless they indicate otherwise. It is extremely important that players, with set times, that are not going to participate either hit the “Not playing” tab or notify the tee time chair. Failure to do so will be considered a no-show situation. Foursomes may elect to have one player act for the group in communications week to week.

Players with special requests may contact the tee time chair for a time consistent with their needs. Players without email will need to have someone contact the tee time chair on their behalf each week.

Open signups will close at 10am on the Friday directly preceding the tournament. After that point changes may only be made through contact with the tee time chair.

It is our goal to accommodate as many players as possible with tee times consistent with their needs. If you have issues, comments, or questions please contact the tee time chair.

**Requests for set times** can be made by all players, but only groups of three or more players will be assigned times at the outset of signups. Doubles will be paired with other doubles and assigned times as possible. Singles should state a time preference so they can be paired appropriately. Members that are new to the club are especially encouraged to make a request.

Players must have dues paid by **March 1st** to qualify for set times. We will temporarily assign times as asked, but groups without at least 3 paid members will lose their preference on March 1st.

Groups that do not plan to play until later in the season (snowbirds) may request a time and give us an approximate start date. We will hold a time and add them at that point. Dues must be paid upfront.

It is to be expected that certain tee times will be at a premium. Where multiple groups request the same times, players with conflicts, such as work schedules, will be given priority. Consideration will also be given to tenure and the order of response when sign ups open.

Tee times are predicated on a 6:00 am start time. Set times do not reflect actual times, they reflect starting order. Times will slide back with the later starts in the spring and fall. For example, if you have a 10:00 am tee time and the first group out is at 7:30 your tee time will be around 11:30. We will try to keep times as stable as possible, but times may change as circumstances demand. Tee times are always at the discretion of the tee time chair, as a representative of the board and the course staff.

**Pace of play** continues to be a major concern. It was much improved in 2024, but still not good enough. Players with the later tee times were still experiencing rounds in excess of 5 hours. To try and help with this we are going to emphasize keeping up with the group ahead of you rather than the 4hr 30 min round for the earlier times. We are going to use last year's playing data to help us prioritize early tee times. If you wish to have a tee time before 9 am, you must be able to keep up with the group ahead of you. Groups that consistently lag behind by more than 14 mins will be moved to later tee times regardless of the total playing time. This may sound a little harsh, but we are fielding nearly 200 players each week and it is only fair and courteous to the later tee times to keep playing time consistent throughout the day. Playing ready golf is essential and your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

**Wednesday** open tee times have been expanded. Players that want tee times in the 8:00 to 10:00 am range but don't want the pressure of faster play may want to consider the Wednesday gold tee tournament. Please note that the 4hr 26min round time is still expected.

*Chronic no shows or players in violation of the code of conduct may lose their set times.*

The Tee Time coordinator and their contact information will be provided in the 1<sup>st</sup> mailing to the membership when signups for the new season begins.

- ***Combo/Gold Tee Tournaments***

- \$10 Entry Fee mandatory for all tournaments with the exception of Trophy Events***
- Specific tournament rules will be posted on-line and sent to participants prior to the event
- Current Handicaps are updated weekly and applied to each player for the event
- Players compete in flights of equal number of players determined by their Handicap Index. One half of their entry fee monies and 50% of their portion of the club contribution makes up the monies paid out to each flight.
- Closest to Pin #3 & #5 Pays 3 places, with the exception of certain team events.

**Flight Payouts**

- ~33% of each Flight will be paid 1/3 Gross players and 2/3 Net players (Gross Bias)
- Top 3 spots in each flight will be paid equally
- Players will be paid the higher amount earned in flight. (See Tie Breakers)
- Guideline for payouts is at the end of document in Table 1

## Tie Breakers

The following method is used to determine each position if tied by using the matching score card method.

- i. 1<sup>st</sup> Best score on the back nine
- ii. 2<sup>nd</sup> Best score on the back six
- iii. 3<sup>rd</sup> Best score on the back three
- iv. 4<sup>th</sup> Best score on #18

- ***Combo/Gold Tee Honey Pot \$10.00 Entry Fee Optional***

- a. Skins pay gross and net. Lowest score wins the hole, one tie all tie, no carryovers, gross/net event, payouts are 1/3 to gross, 2/3 to net. Strokes are applied as allocated on the score card.
- b. Duces
- c. Closest to Pin #13 & 16 Pays 3 places with the exception of certain team events.

- ***SLOW PLAY:***

- a. All tournament players are required to complete their round in no more than 4 hours and 30 minutes and a maximum interval of over 14 minutes behind the group in front of them. The penalty for violation of this rule is one stroke for each player in the slow group. The penalty stroke is not included in the posted score. The penalized group will receive a letter from PGSMC notifying them of the penalty and encouraging them to speed it up.
- b. Instances will be tracked
- c. Groups and or players receiving more than 2 violations may have their tee times moved to later times as outlined in the **Tournament Signup Process** above.

***Payout Table based on a minimum of 25 player per flight***

***The percentages below are to be used as a guideline and are Approximate***

**Table 1**

Places	Gross	Net
1	15%	15%
2	12%	12%
3	10%	10%
4		9%
5		8%
6		7.5%

# Authority Reference

PGSMC By-Laws.doc

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