

PAXON HOLLOW MENS CLUB

2023 Rules & Policies

The attached document is an attempt to clarify specific rules, policies and practices as developed over the years in the Paxon Hollow Men's Club (PHMC). It should not be considered an all-inclusive document. The PHMC Board of Directors shall be the sole authority on any specific problem, question, situation or ruling not specifically covered in this document.

Tee Eligibility – All members may play from the tee of their choice. However, they must stay with that tee for the entire year.

Rules of Play – The PHMC has its own local ground rules governing play in the PHMC. A copy is available to all and should be used in conjunction with the USGA Rules of Golf. From time to time questions will still remain and disagreement among competitors will persist. In such cases, all parties must play on and not impede the speed of play. If necessary, a player may play two balls to complete a hole, and the Rules Chairman will rule on the situation once play has been completed.

Tee Times/Sign-Up - Members should sign-up for the following week's tee time (and future tee times) as soon as possible, but no later than the previous Thursday. After Thursday, availability **may** be limited for that Sunday. **In order to be eligible to win prize money you must have at least three players in your playing group. No one should change, add or delete any other player's name on the sign-up sheet without discussing with that player and obtaining his consent.**

Score Cards – Members are responsible for a properly signed & attested scorecard. This scorecard will be used in determining all prize money payouts. When keeping score the **actual score should always be entered on the scorecard**. Before turning in their scorecard (Green Box), each player on the scorecard needs to **post their adjusted score on the USGA Handicap System. An adjusted score is a score having no hole with a score higher than a net double bogey...***NOTE--All rounds of golf played, no matter the golf course, need to be entered into the system. Any difficulties should be addressed with the Handicap Chairman. Members found not to be complying with this posting requirement will be subject to penalties as deemed appropriate by the Handicap Committee.*

Handicaps – Handicaps will be updated on a daily basis. However, the PHMC will print and distribute a club-wide revision list every Friday morning. These handicap revisions will be used for all PHMC matches. New Members with an established handicap and GHIN can be setup immediately and will be included in the next Handicap update. New members without an established handicap and/or GHIN will have a temporary handicap assigned by the Handicap Chairman after three (3) rounds have been completed with the PHMC.

Eligibility – New members are not eligible for weekly prizes until their **4th PHMC round**. Participation in the Memorial Day Tournament requires 3 rounds of PHMC play for returning members and 5 rounds of PHMC play for new members. The 4th of July Tournament will require 5 rounds of PHMC play for returning members and 7 rounds of PHMC play for new members. The Members Memorial Tournament will require 7 rounds of PHMC play for returning members and 9 rounds of PHMC play for all new members. The Labor Day Tournament will require 9 rounds of PHMC play for all players, as well as a **handicap index no higher than 25**.

Championship Qualifying – Five (5) of the first nine (9) Sundays of the 2023 season have been established as Qualifying Dates. Your best three gross scores and best three net scores will be used in determining who qualifies for Flight Championships and the Presidents Cup. You must post a minimum of three (3) scores to qualify.

Rainouts – The Chairman of Competitions shall be the sole authority in deciding if a particular day's matches should be cancelled due to weather or other unusual event(s). Matches can be cancelled for bad playing conditions and/or course closings before the start of play. Once play has begun, matches will be halted for course closings but not cancelled until it is determined that play cannot be completed in a timely manner. Under no circumstances will a match be abbreviated to nine holes, nor will it be concluded and decided while players have not finished their round through no fault of their own. Major Tournaments will be scheduled with a one day make-up date the following week. If both days of the original tournament are rained out then the tournament will be rained out. If the make-up date is rained out then the results of the one day of play will stand.

Weekly Blind Draws – In team play it will on occasion be necessary to assign a single player a partner. In such cases, all single players will be paired via a blind draw. If a single player still remains after the matchup of single players, then that player will be paired with another player from the field after the initial pass of determining winners has been completed. A winner from the initial pass will not be eligible for this blind draw.

Flight Championships – The format will be match play with no handicap and there will be Three flights of play; Championship, 'A', 'B' and yellow tee flights. Flight determination will be accomplished by utilizing handicap indexes of the May 14th handicap revision. These flight assignments will not change during championship play. The top 16 qualifiers from each flight will then be seeded and scheduled based on their best three qualifying gross scores...Ties will be broken via a blind draw. Matches will be scheduled for all rounds of tournament play with the exception of the final round. Scheduled matches are final, and can only be postponed if both parties mutually agree to do so. **A postponed match must be completed before the next scheduled round or both parties will forfeit, and the next scheduled opponent will advance.** The Final Round of the 'A', 'B' and 'C' Flights requires only 18 holes in the final round, but opponents can agree to do more than 18 holes if they desire. This intent must be reported to the Board before the final round begins. The final match for the Championship Flight will require 36 holes of play that can be played over several days. The winner of each flight will receive an award and recognition at the annual banquet/event. The following prize money will be distributed at yearend:

1st Place - \$300.00, 2nd Place - \$200.00, 3rd Place - \$100.00, 4th Place - \$100.00

President's Cup – Format will be 100% handicap Better Ball of Partners. There will be one qualifying day for this event on April 23rd. You may choose your partner for this event, however you may not play with this partner again for any of the majors or the Dues Days tournaments. The top 16 teams(32 players) will enter into match play. All matches will be played of the low ball in the group. Rules regarding scheduling and postponements are the same as Flight Championship play. Handicaps will change throughout the season and will be utilized accordingly in this tournament, but the original bracket will remain the same throughout the tournament. The champions will be awarded a trophy and recognized at the annual banquet/event where the following cash awards will be distributed:

1st Team Place- \$300.00, 2nd Place- \$200.00, 3rd Place- \$100.00, 4th Place - \$ 100.00(payouts per man)

All ties for seeding position will be resolved via a random draw with the exception of the 32nd and final position. All players qualifying for the last position that desire to participate in the tournament will be required to compete in a playoff in order to qualify for the tournament.

Individual Tournaments – Stroke play at 100% handicap. Based on handicaps, that day's players are divided into four evenly distributed flights, and winners (1st & 2nd) are determined for each flight based on low net scores. Based on the May 14th Handicap Revision, flight handicaps splits will become fixed for the remainder of the year. Ties are broken by matching net scores on cards beginning with the 18th hole and going backward via hole handicap. (18, 9, 13, 6, 11, etc.) Not completing a hole will result in forfeiture of the match. In such cases players should mark their card with an X on the appropriate hole to indicate an incomplete round.

Better Ball Partners – 80% handicap. The lower net score between partners on each hole is used in determining the team's net score for that hole. The sum of the holes is the overall team net score, and team winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th) are based on the low team net score. Ties are broken by matching team net scores on cards as described in Individual Tournaments. Failure of a partner to complete a hole does not result in a penalty, but failure of both players to complete a hole will result in forfeiture of the match. Players should mark their cards appropriately.

Both Ball Partners – 100% handicap. The total of both partners net scores are utilized in determining a team net score. Ties are broken by matching team net scores on cards as described under Individual Tournaments. Failure of either partner to complete a hole will result in forfeiture of the match. Players should mark their cards appropriately

Major Tournaments – Major tournament ties for first place will always be decided via a playoff. No Exceptions. **All other ties in major tournaments will be decided by matching cards beginning with the #1 Handicap Hole and continuing to #2 Handicap, #3 Handicap, etc., until a winner has been determined.** Exception – All four players involved agree to a playoff. There will be no splitting of prize money.

Hole-In-One Club – All members of the PHMC are automatically enrolled in the Hole-In-One Club, but may opt out by informing the Board that they do not wish to participate. If a PHMC member records a hole-in-one during an official PHMC event then he will receive \$50.00 from each of the other PHMC members playing in that event. Payment is expected immediately, so that all might enjoy this good fortune.