

## PAXON HOLLOW MENS CLUB 2020 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 choose any tee to play from (Blue, White or Gold). 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 **4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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** – Six (6) of the first seven (7) Sundays of the 2020 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, the Senior Championship 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 four flights of play; Championship, 'A', 'B' and 'C' flights. Flight determination will be accomplished by utilizing handicap indexes of the May 22nd 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:  
1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$150.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50.00, 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50.00

**President's Cup** – Format will be 100% handicapped match play and there will only be one flight. After assigning flights utilizing the May 22nd Handicap Revision, the lowest 6 net qualifiers from each of the four flights and the next 8 lowest qualifiers, regardless of flight, will be seeded, matched and scheduled for the first round of the President's Cup. 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 champion will be awarded a trophy and recognized at the annual banquet/event where the following cash awards will be distributed:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$250.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$150.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place (2) - \$100.00, 5<sup>th</sup> Place (4) - \$ 50.00

All ties for seeding position will be resolved via a random draw with the exception of the 32<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**Senior Championship** – You must be 60 or older on your birthday of 2020. New members are not eligible for the Senior Championship. The top 16 net scores (see Flight Championship Qualifying) of eligible members will qualify for this championship. The first two rounds of play will be stroke play at 100% handicap. Each of these rounds will reduce the field in half leaving us with 4 players for the semi-finals and the start of match play. The following prize money will be distributed at yearend:

1<sup>st</sup> Place - \$150.00, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - \$100.00, 3<sup>rd</sup> Place - \$50.00, 4<sup>th</sup> Place - \$50.00.

**Individual Tournaments** – Stroke play at 100% handicap. Based on handicaps, that day's players are divided into four evenly distributed flights, and winners (1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>) are determined for each flight based on low net scores. Based on the May22nd 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 18<sup>th</sup> hole and working backward. 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 (1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4th) are based on the low team net score. Ties are broken by matching team net scores on cards beginning with hole #18 and working backward. 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 beginning with hole #18 and working backward. Failure of either partner to complete a hole will result in forfeiture of the match. Players should mark their cards appropriately.

**CHICAGO** -- 100% handicap. Utilizes a unique scoring system and can be played in both an Individual and Partner format. Each golfer begins with negative points. **The object is to finish with the highest amount of positive points.** Subtracting 39 from your handicap gives you your starting negative number. During the round positive points are added on this basis:

Bogies are worth +1, Pars are worth +2, Birdies are worth +4, Eagles are worth +8

Ties are broken by matching scores on cards beginning with hole #18 and working backward. Double Bogey and above is +0 points and will be treated equally for tie breaking purposes. Not completing a hole will result in +0 points for that hole.

**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.

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