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I. - GENERAL RULES

1. These rules apply to all Mount Si Men's Club (MSMC) sponsored tournaments.
2. All tournaments are open to MSMC members (Regular and Social) in good standing with a current USGA Rules of Handicapping GHIN number.
3. All tournaments will be played in accordance with current USGA Rules of Golf and USGA rules of Handicapping. Further specifically amended rules by, "local rules," or tournament specific rules. If in doubt about the rules, check with the Pro Shop or Tournament Chairman.
4. It is the players responsibility to know and abide by these rules and the local rules of the course.
5. The Tournament Chairman reserves the right to modify rules of play for each competition. The Tournament Chairman's decision will be final.
6. The Tournament Committee and Mt. Si Pro Shop staff will provide specific rules of play for that days' competition.
7. Sign-up deadlines for all tournaments will be FINAL. Entries will only be accepted for MSMC members in good standing. Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman.
8. The tournament committee consists of the three officers of the Mount Si Men's Club. Any questions pertaining MSMC tournaments/events should be presented to the tournament committee for review and final decision. Pro shop staff can act as replacement member(s) for tournament committee in their absence.
9. The Tournament Committee will disqualify any entrant who fails to follow the MSMC TOURNAMENT SCORING GUIDELINES.,
10. All Tournament flights or brackets are determined by 2 criteria: (1) Like handicap ability and (2) the number of participants per tournament event.
11. It is each player's responsibility to ascertain his starting time. If a player does not arrive at the first tee at that time, the USGA 5-minute rule shall apply. (USGA Rules of Golf 5.3a)
12. All tournament winnings will be payable as Pro Shop credits.
13. The tournament committee / Pro shop staff will resolve any issues with tournament scores and post as such.
14. In stroke play competition, all putts must be holed.
15. Tournaments/Events will be played from the white tees except as defined for specific competitions.
16. Tournament dates and start times will be available 2 days prior, to the competition, in the Pro Shop and online [mtsigolf.com].
17. All MSMC tournaments must be played with another MSMC member who must attest the score.
18. A copy of these rules shall be available in the Pro Shop.

19. For MSMC Team Tournaments/Events, (excluding Field Days) and unless otherwise indicated, a 7 stoke max handicap differential will be in effect between partners for all MSMC team tournaments. For teams with a greater than 7 stroke differentials, the higher handicap index player will subtract the number of strokes from their handicap index to reach the 7-stroke differential between the two.
20. Ground Under Repair is a "Free Relief" situation if you decide not to play from the area. You can take complete relief with your stance and one club length from there.
21. Ground under repair areas will be defined by white lines and (or) signs. If an area is not marked then you should play the ball as it lies. If an area is questionable please play two balls and get a ruling from the tournament committee when you are done. It is impossible to mark every spot on the golf course and for the most part, if an area is not marked, it will not be entitled to relief unless a rare exception to the rule.
22. The use of Lasers or Measuring devices that don't adjust for elevation are ok to use in any Men's Club event as approved by the board.
23. Elk Fence around the perimeter of the golf course is played as a lateral hazard. If a golf ball is in play (not inside the hazard) and the fence interferes with your swing you may play the fence as an immovable obstruction taking a free drop per current USGA Rules of Golf. For newly planted trees that are staked, you must take relief.
24. For all MSMC Tournament/Events a "Pace of Play" rule will apply. Tournament/Event participants that tee off together are defined as a group (whether it is a twosome or foursome). All groups are expected to play their round under these guidelines.
    a) Groups will keep up with the group in front of them and not allow a gap of one full hole.
    b) Groups will complete first 9-holes in not more than 2 hours and 10 minutes.
    c) Groups will complete 18-holes in not more than 4 hours and 20 minutes.

    For groups not meeting guidelines (a), (b) or (c) above, Tournament Chairperson or designee, Pro Shop or on course Player Assistant will issue offending group a warning to pick up pace. Groups will have two holes to comply before a second warning may be issued. After two warnings Tournament Chairperson or designee will be consulted, and a decision to assess a one stroke penalty to all members of offending group.

II.- RULES OF HANDICAPPING

1. Current handicap index is defined under current USGA Rules of Handicapping. The GHIN Handicap Index in effect as of cutoff date which is determined by MSMC Tournament Committee or Pro Shop prior to Tournament/Event.
2. This may be amended by the Tournament Chairman to support timely parings or division assignments of the field.

3. Exception to this rule may be made as follows: (a) The Tournament Committee Chairman or the Handicap Committee Chairman may establish a temporary handicap index for any given tournament. In the absence of both Chairmen, a committee member or Pro Staff may act on the behalf of the Chairmen. (b) In the absence of a sufficient number of scores to generate a temporary handicap index, a handicap index of 0.0 is to be the norm. Please refer to rule 5 of the current Rules of Handicapping.
4. The days course handicap will be adjusted to the tees (Yellow, White or Blue) played for that competition.
5. For multi-day tournaments, the tournament will be played with the GHIN Handicap Index in effect at the start of the tournament.
6. Posted Scores will be adjusted where a given hole shows a score exceeding current USGA Rules of Handicapping "Net Double Bogey" maximum. (See Rule 3).

III.- MT. SI MEN'S CLUB ELIGIBILITY AND SCORE REQUIREMENTS

1. For all tournament/events, players must be a Mt Si Men's Club Member with active GHIN #. Players must play with another MSMC member in tournament/event and have at least (5) Mt Si scores posted within previous 12 months of tournament/event to be eligible for payouts/winnings. An exception to (5) Mt Si Score postings requirement is made for NEW MSMC members if tournament/event date is within 60 days of MSMC application date.

IV.- PROCEDURE FOR SUDDEN DEATH PLAYOFF

1. The Mount Si Men's Club Bi-Laws require that Major Tournaments require a winner (e.g., Club Championship, Sr. Club Championship or President's Cup). For tournaments where all players play and end on the same day, a Sudden Death Playoff will be held.
2. Sudden death playoff will commence at the first hole. The Pro Shop does not guarantee an immediate tee time for the tied parties. The Pro Shop will do their best to get the competitors off in a reasonable period. A, "reasonable period," is defined as no more than 30 minutes. If the Pro Shop cannot get the competitors off within 30 minutes, subject to the agreement of both parties, the options are:
    a. The competitors can wait until they can tee off, or
    b. Schedule a sudden death playoff (not another 18 holes) within seven days or within the scheduled date by which the match must be concluded, whichever is decided by the players.
    c. If there is no agreement by both parties for either (a.) or (b.) above, the Pro Shop (with tournament committee chairman's consent), will declare 1st place as a tie and award payoff accordingly.
3. If a sudden death playoff is scheduled for a later date, there will be no greens fee charged if the match is played only until a winner is determined.

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V. – MT. SI MENS CLUB TOURNAMENT SCORING GUIDELINES

1. Legible Scores for all holes, **First and Last Name, Date, and both Competitor & Attesting Signature** must be on the scorecard. No abbreviations. Missing Info may result in disqualification.
2. Unless Specific Scoring Tournament Rules Sheet specify otherwise, all completed Competition score cards are to be placed in the "Competition Score Card Box". The "Competition Score Card Box" is next to the posting computer in the Pro Shop. Score Cards not turned in the day of the competition will result in disqualification.
3. Posting of Competition scores will be the responsibility of each player unless Specific Tournament Rules Sheet specify otherwise. All Competition Scores are to be posted per current Rules of Handicapping and reflect adjustments for "Net Double Bogey" maximum per hole as mentioned previously above under II. RULES OF HANDICAPPING, item 6. If someone else posts your score, you are responsible for assuring posting is correct.

VI.- MSMC HOLE-IN-ONE FUND

1. MSMC members scoring a Hole-in-One during any MSMC competition/tournament will be awarded a $500 prize from the Hole-in-One fund. A MSMC competition is a tournament or event as defined and noted on **Mt Si Men's Club Board Approved Tournament/Event schedule**. Weekly leagues or competitions are excluded unless listed on schedule noted above.
2. A fellow MSMC member, playing in the group, must witness the Hole-in-One.
3. Payouts will be in credits (monies on the books) through the Pro Shop.
4. If more than one person scores a Hole-in-One during the same day of competition, each successful player will be awarded a $500 prize.
5. The Hole-in-One Fund is supported by Field Days Competition fees and the MSMC general fund.