

## TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA AND RESULTS

MARCH 23 2021

**Tournament Committee**– henceforth the tournament committee will meet regularly, date TBA, and be comprised of the following – Burchill, Prosi (Chair), Hood, Donnelly and Arkin. This committee will have full procedural decision making authority except for any change that impacts club policy, bylaws or money distribution outside of the budget. If other board members have issues to be placed on the agenda, they must be submitted to chair in advance. All board members may attend but the 5 committee members have final decision making authority.

### **Topics for meeting**

- ***Slow Play policy and procedure*** without time clocks/when and how should we reinstate time clocks?  
**NEW -\*GG will be tested at tournament March 25<sup>th</sup>, as it offers a “pace of play” option. Subcommittee formed to review and recommend updates to the Slow Play policy – Cincotta, Couillard, Allison and Huerta. To report at next TC meeting on March 30th Topics include – what is the penalty for slow play?**
- ***Tee time assignment procedures*** - are members required to accept any tee time that is given to them during the cancellation period? What happens after the cancellation period, are members on the waitlist required to take any opening or can they decline it?  
**If member on “wait list” and doesn’t intend to play – cancel off the list. During cancellation period, member has flexibility; after cancellation deadline, “no flexibility” – this needs to be made clear in emails and tournament rules. Tournament chair to publish tee sheet every few days and/or email members to continuously check the tee sheet on website for updates.**  
**New – weekend to change to an 8 day cancellation period – same as weekday. This will take a few tournaments to implement but will be complete in May 2021.**
- ***With all the cancellations*** the tee sheet changes every couple of hours. The tournament chairs should post the revised sheet on the website as soon as possible, but we need to tell the members that it is their responsibility to check the website frequently to review changes. Some members are not doing this and they don't know that they have been added from the waitlist. Unless we can get the website to send out a notification, I would recommend that each day during the cancellation period the chairs send out an email with an updated tee sheet.  
**See above**

- **Documented "playbook"** for tournament formats and flexibility of tournament directors to change formats.  
**Great idea! Couillard starting a "rules and procedure" list for weekend. Hood to do the same to weekday. Ongoing process, so within 6+ months should have available for all board to follow. Rules should be published for each tournament including eligibility. Also handbook to be on website when complete. "Communication" of tournament rules to members when signing up is key i.e., format, green fee, deadlines, etc.**
- **Club Championship priority**  
Required to play 3 events during past 12 months to qualify. Member must declare if entered into low gross or low net. All board tournaments are "random draw". Board members have priority within selective age i.e. senior, non-senior.  
**NEW – \*qualification for Club Championship, selection based on low index past 12 months in ascending order until tee sheet is filled. 4 flights – low gross, then 3 flights low net. Low gross winner to SCGA event at club's expense. 3 low net flight winners playoff and winner goes to SCGA event at clubs expense.**
- **Policy on "funding" account;** deadline; number of requests to member, etc.  
**NEW - \*Funding must occur before cancellation deadline or if taken off wait list and put on tee sheet. If no pay will be removed from tournament. Those on wait list, same rule. Post cancellation – must be paid to get in – wait list to pay in advance. 2 email notifications only – one from tournament coordinator, one from the website system. No further notification for payment other than posting on rules on website signup sheet.**
- **Eight stroke maximum handicap** difference for all partner tournaments. We may have already decided to do that for non-postable events like scrambles, shambles, etc. but needs to be documented. However, according to USGA website, it's not necessary to do this for Better Ball of Partners. The world handicap system already takes that into account by having everyone play at 85%  
**Marc S as Handicap Chair should review current policy and get any input from SCGA/USGA and make recommendation to TC by March 30th. Need recommendation on 2 man better ball, shambles, scrambles, etc.**
- **The issue is to allow players to opt to play a different tee** within reason. Proposal is to give tournament chairs the authority to offer this option. Note: previously this issue was proposed, discussed and declined.  
**This proposal was not passed. Must stay on assigned tees.**

***The following apply to general tournament rules:***

- All team events – if one county or board member gets in, entire signup group gets

**Not approved for county members. \*Approved for board members and those signed up with board member. .**

- County member have highest priority for any away event  
**Not approved – county members have no automatic priority. Priority established based on play from previous event – Torrey for Torrey and Away for Away.**
- If county member plays away event, the next away event, county member gets lower priority than previous non playing county member but higher than all others  
**Not approved – see above for priority rules.**
- We will limit 4 player team events.  
**NEW...\*Rules for all team events – if 2 person partner event, if one gets in, both get in. If one drops out, both drop out. \*Rule for 4 some event – not all together, must get in based on individual priority selection.  
After 4 some is on tee sheet – if one drops out, a single will replace. We will try to keep 4 some sign up groups together but no guarantee.**

***The following apply to procedures:***

- Load tee sheet and wait list into GG, so entire sign up group gets email info
- Prior to cancellation deadline, any wait list member will be advised to constantly check tee sheet...no need for tournament coordinator to contact directly
- Tournament coordinator to add notice to sign up emails to “be sure to check tee sheet constantly prior to cancellation deadline”
- After cancellation deadline, any wait list member moved to tee sheet will be contacted directly i.e. via email, phone call, etc. to notify of assigned time and group for confirmation

***The following apply to tournament procedures:***

- Henceforth, tournament committee will review upcoming quarter’s tournaments, both weekday and weekend, for format of each tournament addressing any issues that may rise i.e. timing, format, to be sure we minimize any conflicts.
- Action item – Bob and JD to bring Q2 tournament recommendations to tournament committee to confirm formats and resolve conflicts.

***Things we ought to confirm or decide for each tournament:***

- Date
- Venue
- Signup and Cancel dates
- Signup groups (one, two or four)
- Game
- Entry Fee
- Green Fees – will they be included in payment from Member Account
- Eligibility factors

- Active member - Any others Priority Factor
- Board Members
- Double dip
- County vs City
- Which prior events will be used
- Any special game/team factors – like keeping pairs together for the SCGA Four Ball.
- Plan for flights and fees
- Plan for prize payout (especially for multi round tournaments) i.e., one time or each round

### **RULES FOR SCGA TOURNAMENTS OF CLUB CHAMPIONSHIPS ENTRY - BOARD TOURNAMENTS (thanks John !)**

Entry rules for the playoffs for SCGA Tournament of Champions (TOC) which are held concurrently Dec. 6

**Club Champion-** earns berth into SCGA TOC (assuming they meet SCGA qualifications)

**Senior Club Champion-** playoff between low gross Weekday and Weekend Senior Championship, winner goes to SCGA Senior Gross TOC (assuming they meet SCGA qualifications)

**Low Net Championship** - 2 spots - one spot goes to Weekday Senior Net Champion, second spot is determined via playoff between Weekend Senior Net  
3 net flight winners from Club Championship and 3 net flight winners from Weekday Senior Championship (other than the overall winner who has an automatic berth)

Note -Usually not all that qualify participate in the playoff which is tentatively scheduled for Oct. 10, the deadline to enter is Nov. 22 we pay the entry fee for above SCGA events.

Super Seniors, which is defined as over 65. We added these events due to the fact a majority of our membership is considered a Senior.

We determine a low gross and low net from both Weekday and Weekend events  
We could add the net winners to the above playoff if desired

Club could have a playoff for low gross winners to determine TPMGC Super Senior Champion, however, the timing of the SCGA Super Senior, which is Sept 21-22 makes it impractical to pay the entry fee for the winner for 2021. Maybe determine a winner and pay for the 2022 entry fee is an option?

In any event, it makes sense to have a playoff between the 2 winners.

The other issue to consider, which almost occurred in the Weekend event, is that a member may possibly win the Senior and Super Senior low gross . Roy won Super Senior and came in second in the Senior (good playing!) If we proceed with playoffs for Super Senior, and a player also wins the Senior, would that be a separate playoff or would it be concurrent with the Senior playoff? Nice problem to have and maybe we just address this if and when it comes about.

**NEXT MEETING March 30<sup>th</sup> ...A ZOOMER (see link JD sent)**