Metro St. Louis Golf Association

Metro Plus Tournament Rules

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Section 1 – Handicap Guide

- a. Members in Metro Plus will use their Metro Senior established handicap as of April 1st of that current year, for all events played in prior to June 30th of that same year.
- b. For all events starting July 1st thru August 31 their new handicap will be their newly established Metro Seniors handicap as of June 30th of that same year.
- c. For all events starting September 1st thru October 31st their new handicap will be their newly established Metro Seniors handicap starting August 31st of that year.
- d. If Metro Plus members play in more than one division in Metro Seniors their lowest handicap in both divisions will be used for calculations.
- e. New members in Metro Senior must establish a Metro Seniors handicap prior to playing in any Metro Plus event to qualify for any flight points awarded.
- f. Hole-In-One/Double Eagles or CTP's may be won if they have not established a handicap in Metro Seniors prior to playing in a Metro Plus event

Section 2 – Awards

- a. All Metro Plus members that complete an event will receive five (5) points
- b. All CTP's winners in Metro Plus events will receive eight (8) points
- c. Top 5 flight winners in each flight (A/B/C) will receive point. (1st 50 pts, 2nd 40pts, 3rd 30 pts, 4th 20 pts, 5th 10 pts., in each Split Tee or Shotgun event.
- d. The event Medalist from the three (3) flights for each event will receive three (3) points.
- e. The top six (6) point winners in each flight + ties, at the end of the year, will receive awards presented after the final event of the year.
- f. All Metro Plus members who accumulate at least twenty (20) points will receive an award presented after the final event of the year.

Section 3 – Refunds

Prior to the start of the first event, Metro Plus members may request a refund for any reason, but after the start of the season (first event) no refunds will be made. Teams that register with two (2) or four (4) people in shotgun events are responsible for finding a replacement golfer, if one of your golfers needs to cancel. A refund will be made if there is a single available, who has registered as a single and has not been placed in a foursome. The refund will only be made to the person who paid, initially for the event for all golfers in the group. If no single is available to replace the canceled golfer a refund may not be made. All shotguns events contractually have a minimum we must guarantee. Once that is secure, refunds will be made accordingly.

Section 4 - Rules

All MSLSGA Modifications to USGA rules of golf will be followed with the exception of the following:

- a. Metro Plus members are required to put out each hole at all Metro Plus events except if the hole score is known or reasonably expected to be more than a "<u>Triple Bogey</u>" for that hole.
- b. Maximum score for a Par 3 is 6
 - Maximum score for a Par 4 is 7
 - Maximum score for a Par 5 is 8

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- c. Metro Plus members may look for a lost ball for a maximum of two (2) minutes. The two (2) minute search starts when the golfer who hit that shot arrives at the point where the ball is thought to lie.
- d. All scores are to be recorded on two (2) identical course scorecards in any order, but the order must be the same on both cards. An "F" for forward or "B" for back should proceed the Last name, then the Metro Senior membership number on matching lines of both scorecards "Legibly Printed" All results of unreadable scorecards are subject to DQ.
- e. Scorecards do not need to be signed unless a Hole-In-One or double eagle is witnessed and then the turned in scorecard, must be signed by all of the golfers in that group witnessing this event.

Section 5 - Scorecard Completion

Scores for each hole must be "Legible Printed." The total for the front nine (9, the total for the back nine (9) and the total score of all eighteen (18) holes must be shown.

Completed scorecards must be photographed using a smart phone and sent by text to 314-520-1080 or emailed to larry@lgr-sri.com. The photographed scorecard then must be placed in the clear plastic container by the course registration table. Once it is put in there no one has the combination to the lock so it cannot be retrieved. If you do not send a photograph, none of the scores will be counted.

The second scorecard is for verification of scores for the weekly contests that some or all of you foursome decided to participate in. Place them in the envelope.

Section 6 – Pace of Play

Each group on Split Tee formats will tee off in ten (10) minute increments. If we maintain this pace there will be no delay when making the turn for any event. Please follow the instructions of the course starters on 1st and 10th holes in Split Tee events, and the Main Starter in shotgun starts. In Split Tees or Shotgun events it is imperative that you keep up with the group in front of you and maintain a fifteen (15) minute maximum to complete a hole. On all shotguns there will not be more than 1 group on any Par 3 and one hole will have no one on it to allow for Pace of Play to be expedited.

Groups/players identified or reported to be slow may be subject to disciplinary action including revocation of your non-refundable membership in Metro Plus.

Section 7 – Miscellaneous

Members must be at the course a minimum of thirty (30) minutes prior to your assigned tee time or tee hole. Registrations will end fifteen (15) minutes prior to the start time on all shotgun events. For Split tee events registration will end one (1) hour and thirty (30) minutes after the first starting time, for all Split tee events, regardless of when your tee time is. In Split tee event you must be at either hole # 1 or hole # 10, depending on your assigned starting hole at least five (5) minutes in advance of your tee time.

There are no starters or scores responsibilities in Metro Plus. The Metro Plus committee will handle these responsibilities.