



**HAWTHORNE COUNTRY CLUB (HCC)
GOLF HANDBOOK**

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1 INTRODUCTION

Hawthorne Country Club (HCC) is a member of the United States Golf Association, the Maryland State Golf Association, the Washington Metropolitan Golf Association, and the Middle Atlantic Golf Association. These organizations provide us with the Rules of Golf, handicaps and course / slope ratings. During the golf season, they are the governing bodies for all regional and local amateur championships.

1.1 STAFFING

COURSE SUPERINTENDENT	ELI OLIVER
ASSISTANT COURSE SUPERINTENDENT	DENNIS STANSBURY
PGA GOLF PROFESSIONAL	JOSEPH MOORE

1.1.1 POINTS OF CONTACT, PHONE AND EMAIL

1.1.2 Golf Shop Phone

Direct: (301) 934-2433 direct
(301) 934-8422 ext. #2
Facsimile: (301) 934-5628

1.1.3 Email

Email us at:

Golf	hccgolf@thehawthornecountryclub.com
Pro Shop	Proshop@hawthornecc.net
Hawthorne Board	hccinfo@thehawthornecountryclub.com
Hawthorne Office	hccoffice@thehawthornecountryclub.com

1.1.4 Website / Facebook

Visit our website at <https://www.thehawthornecountryclub.com>

Join Hawthorne's social network on Facebook: Hawthorne Country-Club.
<https://www.facebook.com/hawthornecountryclub/>

1.2 GOLF SHOP STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

The golf professional and his staff have the responsibility to enforce all rules as established by the HCC Golf Committee and the Board of Directors. The membership should deem itself responsible to report any infraction of said rules. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations set forth may result in a golfer receiving a reprimand from the Golf Committee, suspension of golf privileges, or any other penalty the Board of Directors may deem appropriate. All rules and regulations are subject to change at the discretion of the governing bodies of the Club.

1.3 GOLF SHOP HOURS OF OPERATION

March 15 thru October 31 (Golf season)

Monday	Noon - Sunset
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	8:00am - Sunset
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays	7:00am - Sunset

November 1 thru March 14 (Outside of the golf season)

Monday	12:00pm - 4:00pm
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday	9:00am - 5:00pm
Saturday, Sunday, and Holidays	8:00am - 5:00pm

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1.3.1 GOLF COURSE CONDITIONS

The Golf Professional has been instructed to close the course or restrict the use of carts at any time that weather conditions are such that continuing play could damage the golf course. The Golf Shop is closed and carts will not be available anytime the course is closed to play including Christmas Day.

1.3.2 GOLF CART AVAILABILITY AND RENTAL

- Golf carts are available for rent up until the time of shop closing hours.
- Golf carts must be returned to the shop 15 minutes before dusk. The golf shop staff reserves the right to not rent carts to evening players who are frequently in violation of this rule.
- Members are still able to walk the course after shop hours.

1.4 GREEN FEES, CART FEES AND GUEST FEES

1.4.1 EQUITY MEMBERS BRINGING GUESTS

Members will sign all guests in under their equity member number. The guest name must have a complete first and last name. Members will be charged for the appropriate cart rental/greens fees. Members are 100% responsible for all guests in the group. All guests must play in the same foursome as their host member.

*Equity Member are members with voting privileges and a stock certificate. All other memberships are considered Non-Equity Members.

1.4.2 EQUITY MEMBER CART AND GREENS FEES

Rates for Green Fees, Cart Rentals and other services can be found on the Hawthorne Web Site.

1.4.3 EQUITY MEMBER GUEST PASSES

Each Equity Member will be credited two (2) guest green fee passes per calendar month. Guest passes will be used under the following conditions.

- a. Only two passes can be used per month.
- b. Passes not used by the end of each month are forfeited. Passes in future months cannot be used until that month.
- c. Carts are not included in the guest pass offering.
- d. Members who participate in the "Luxury Membership Plan" may use that to pay for carts for themselves and guests.
- e. The six (6) guests per golf season rule applies to guests using guest passes.
- f. Members must play with their guest(s).
- g. Tee times are not required when using guest passes.

1.4.4 NON-EQUITY MEMBERS BRINGING GUESTS

Members will sign all guests in under their member number. The guest name must have a complete first and last name. Members will be charged for the appropriate cart rental/greens fees. Members are 100% responsible for all guests in the group. All guests must play in the same foursome as their host member.

1.4.5 NON-EQUITY MEMBER CART AND GREENS FEES

Rates for Green Fees, Cart Rentals and other services can be found on the Hawthorne website.

1.5 HANDICAP FEES

The handicap fees can be found on the Hawthorne website.

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1.6 RANGE BALLS

All golf balls to be hit on the range must be purchased from the golf shop. Players using their own balls on the range will be charged for range usage. A shot that will travel farther than 170 yards is not permitted on the range. All range shots must be hit from the tee. The range balls, which belong to the golf professional, may not be removed from the range area. Playing range balls on the golf course is prohibited. No player may pick up range balls from the landing area of the range. The golf professional is responsible for determining the cost of range balls.

1.7 HOLE IN ONE CLUB

The Hole-in-One Club costs \$10 to join. The money will be held by HCC and distributed at said time when a Hole in One is made. Once a player joins the hole-in-one club they will remain a member each year until they opt out. Each time a member of the club scores a hole-in-one, the club will pay up to \$250 of the member's tab. At any time, if the fund falls below \$250, each hole-in-one club member will be billed another \$10 to replenish the fund. At the end of the year, the balance of the fund will be put towards the "good of the club" fund.

For a hole-in-one club member to claim the benefit, the hole-in-one must be scored in a round of golf consisting of at least 9 holes. The hole-in-one must be witnessed and attested. A hole-in-one must be the first shot of the person who makes it on that hole. The person who makes the hole-in-one is solely and entirely responsible for when the tab starts and who will participate. The fund will only pay for the day of the event. If the bar is closed the fund will pay for the next day the bar is open.

1.8 TEE TIME BOOK

Hawthorne Country Club has elected to join the Tee-Time Book program. This program is intended to provide needed revenue for the operations of the Club with minimal impact on the membership. The details of this program can be found on the website under Golf.

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2 HAWTHORNE COUNTRY CLUB COURSE RULES

2.1 BREAKING THE RULES

Any player that deviates from the cart path signs, dress code, conduct or any other said rules will have the following action taken against them.

1. 1st offense- a verbal warning will be issued to the individual(s)
2. 2nd offense- a letter written by the board will be given, discreetly, to the individual(s)
3. 3rd offense- the individual(s) will be suspended from play at Hawthorne for a period of no less than two weeks

Only a Board Member, Golf Committee member, Pro or Pro Staff may give verbal warnings. All letters and suspensions will come from the Board or Golf Committee.

2.2 GOLF COURSE USAGE

The Golf Course is open to HCC members, their spouses, registered dependents, sponsored guests and tournament participants and non-HCC members playing under one of HCC's approved programs, such as the Tee Time Book.

2.3 GOLF COURSE SIGN-IN

All members and guests must sign in at the Golf Shop before each 9 or 18 hole round. All players and guests must sign in whether you ride or walk. This is an insurance issue and for notification in the event of an emergency.

2.4 LIMITATIONS OF PLAY FOR LOCAL GUESTS

During the golf season local guests may play 6 times total between March 15 and November 15th. Local guests shall include all persons residing or engaged in business within Charles County, MD, or within 20 miles of any boundary thereof.

2.5 DRESS CODE

The dress code is in effect at all times and is strictly enforced. All golfers are prohibited from wearing metal or ceramic spikes and are required to wear soft or spike-less golf shoes or smooth soled shoes and dress shorts or skirts of Bermuda length (minimum inseam length of 6 inches) or slacks. Male golfers are required to wear shirts with sleeves and collars. Mock turtles must be of a golf type and have a collar wider than one inch.

The following attire is not allowed on the golf course or practice areas at any time:

Blue Jeans or blue denim or anything deemed inappropriate by the golf staff

Swimwear	Coaching shorts	Halter tops	T Shirts
Tennis wear	Soccer shorts	Tank tops	Undershirts
Jogging clothes	Numbered jerseys	Cut offs	Ripped or torn clothing

2.6 TEE CLOSURE ON WEEKENDS AND HOLIDAYS

The HCC Golf Professional may restrict access to the Course from 9:15am until 11:00 on Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays during the golf season. This arrangement allows the early tee times to make the turn without disruption. The decision to restrict access will be made based upon the number of players on the course from the early tee times. For all other times, groups coming to #10 will alternate with groups waiting to begin play on #1.

2.7 PLAYING GROUP SIZE

Player groups must consist of no more than four (4) players. Permission must be granted from the golf shop if a group desires to play with more than 4 players. Singles and twosomes should form larger groups on weekends when possible and must form larger groups when instructed to do so by the golf shop staff. Singles have no priority on the golf course and must yield to any group.

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2.8 FOOD AND ALCOHOL

Alcoholic beverages may not be brought onto club property. Glass Bottles may not be brought onto the golf course (or in the pool area). Food may not be brought or purchased and delivered onto the property during normal restaurant hours.

2.9 CARTS AND CART PATHS

Each player that elects to use a golf cart will receive the cart key with the corresponding number to the cart inside the golf shop. All players that elect to use a cart **MUST** follow the **90 Degree** and **Cart Path Only** signs when posted adjacent to the Men's #1 tee box. Cart keys must be returned to the pro shop when the round is complete.

Keep golf carts on paths whenever possible and no closer than 30 feet from all greens and tees. Carts are not permitted on the fairway on # 6/15 or to the left of the cart path on #'s 5/14 and #6/15. Carts must be kept on the cart paths when required to do so. Carts are not allowed in the woods at any time during the course of play. Because of the installed irrigation system, be cautious of sprinkler heads and also of low areas where the turf may be soft and spongy. Only two riders are allowed per golf cart. Three bags are allowed - not three people. The extra weight puts heavy strain on the body, frame, engine, and transmission. At the completion of play, please return the golf cart to the staging area, returning the key to the Pro Shop. If you have had any difficulty with the cart, please report the problem to the golf shop staff.

2.10 GOLF CART RENTALS

To drive or rent a golf cart, you must be 16 years or older and possess a valid driver's license. All members who wish to rent a cart must sign to do so in the golf shop prior to playing. All golf cart rentals are handled from the golf shop. Non-golfers may ride in a cart with a golfer without paying a cart fee with the specific authorization of the golf shop staff.

Those persons using a golf cart understand that it is for rental only and not for sale. The renter agrees that he/she has rented the item(s) herein described under the express condition that it will at all times remain the property of the rental agent named above; that he/she has examined said item and found to be in good condition and will return it in as good condition as when it was received; that ordinary wear and tear is expected; that he/she will return item at once to the rental agent in the event any item is not functioning properly; that he will pay promptly when due all charges which accrue during rental, including any damages to said item. In the event the renter fails to return said item at the agreed time or fails to abide by any of the other terms of this contract, the rental agent may repossess it without notice to the renter, at which time the rental agent is hereby released from all claims arising there from. All charges are based on the time items are in renter's possession whether in use or not. The rental agent is not responsible for accidents or injuries caused directly or indirectly in the use of the rented item.

2.11 GOLF CART DAMAGES

The person assigned to the cart is responsible for all damages, defacing and the condition of the cart during the rental. The person is responsible for repair costs due to any damages that occur during the rental.

2.12 PRACTICE / PRACTICE AREAS

The practice areas include the driving range, putting green and the practice bunker. Practice is only allowed in the designated practice areas. No practice is allowed on the golf course at any time, especially on the 8th tee and the 9th green. When using the practice bunker beside the putting green, please alert those players near you and exercise caution when executing these shots. The dress code applies to all practice areas.

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2.13 SEVERE WEATHER WARNING

In the event of dangerous weather situations an air horn will be used to issue a warning (one prolonged blast). When the warning is sounded all golfers ***MUST IMMEDIATELY CEASE PLAY*** and return to the clubhouse for shelter! Play is not permitted until the horn is sounded again (two short blasts).

2.14 USE OF GPS AND RANGEFINDERS

Hawthorne C.C. has adopted the recommended USGA local rule for artificial yardage devices for all events governed by HCC jurisdiction. GPS devices and laser rangefinders (without slope ability) are allowed in competition. WMGA (like the A-Team) and other events held at HCC may follow the USGA rule 14.1 banning artificial devices.

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3 GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

3.1 POSTING GOLF SCORES

The USGA requires that all 9-hole and 18-hole scores be posted in a timely manner using equitable stroke control. It is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to see that your scores are posted. The Golf Pro and his staff will only post Tournament scores.

3.1.1 POSTING GOLF SCORES IN THE GOLF SHOP

You may post all scores at the golf shop computer located in the hallway leading to the men's locker room. Looking at the menu on the computer screen:

- Enter your member posting number (as usual)
- Enter your score, date and course in the menus available

3.1.2 POSTING GOLF SCORES FROM A REMOTE COMPUTER

You may post your scores via online:

1. Go to <http://www.msganetwork.org>
2. Enter your Username and Password and click "Login"
 - a. If you do not have a username and password, use HCC + your member number as your username and enter your last name for your password. If this does not work, contact the golf professional for assistance.
3. Press the "Enter Score" Button.
4. Enter the information requested to post your score.

3.1.3 WHEN TO POST SCORES

The season in our area for posting scores begins on March 15th and ends November 15th. Away rounds, played in other areas should be posted if they are in season. The handicap computer will be turned on March 15th for posting this season's rounds.

Scores made in our golf season (March 15th thru November 15th), when the local rule of "PREFERRED LIES" (sometimes referred to as winter rules) are in effect, SHALL BE POSTED for handicap purposes. "PREFERRED LIES" means a ball lying on the fairway you are playing may be lifted and cleaned, without penalty and placed within one club-length of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole and so as to preserve as nearly possible the stance and condition required to play the original lie.

Nine-hole scores must be posted anytime you complete at least 7 holes of play. Eighteen-hole scores must be posted anytime you complete at least 13 holes of play. If a player does not finish a round because of weather, darkness, etc. and has played at least 7 holes or if a player completed at least 13 holes, then a nine-hole or eighteen-hole score respectfully must be posted. The USGA handicap system states that if a player does not play a hole, his score for that hole for handicap purposes shall be par plus any strokes he is entitled to receive on that hole per his or her handicap. When recording this hole-score the score should be preceded by an "X".

Rounds played ALONE are NOT to be posted in the handicap system.

3.1.4 EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL

If a player starts but does not complete a hole or it is conceded, he shall record for handicap purposes the score he most likely would have made and such a score shall not exceed the limit provided by Equitable Stroke Control (ESC).

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ESC is the downward adjustment of individual hole score for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player's potential ability, ESC sets a maximum score that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's individual handicap. It is used only when player's actual or most likely score exceeds his maximum number based on the table below. This is for all golfers.

COURSE HANDICAP-----	MAXIMUM SCORE ON A HOLE
9 or less	double bogey
10 thru 19	7
20 thru 29	8
30 thru 39	9
40 and up	10

Example: Bob has a Course Handicap of 12 and therefore has a maximum number for any hole of 7, regardless of par being 3, 4 or 5. He may be having a difficult time on hole number 12 (par 3) at HCC and take 11 strokes but he can only count/post a 7 when posting the score.

3.2 HANDICAP COMMITTEE

The Golf Committee has assigned a Handicap Committee the responsibility to monitor and ensure members have valid handicaps. If you do not post ALL of your scores, you MAY NOT have a valid handicap. Simply placing a completed score card in the box next to the sign-in sheet DOES NOT constitute posting a score. Frequently initials, nicknames or first names are the only name on the card and it is impossible to determine with certainty the identity of all golfers. The responsibility to post scores is yours and yours alone.

3.2.1 HANDICAP ADJUSTMENTS

The Golf Committee has been empowered to adjust (up or down) any member's handicap for any reason deemed necessary.

Your handicap should reflect your current ability. If you have a recent physical injury or your last 20 rounds posted cover more than one year, the Committee may adjust your handicap to ensure fairness in competitive events.

3.3 GOLF SHOP CREDIT POLICY

The following policies and parameters are set for tournament credit earned by members through tournament winnings for the current season. Members are encouraged to pre-book any item on their wish list for the season. Tournament credit may be applied to that item at any point. The member will be responsible to pay the difference on any remaining balance (if any). Any special orders using tournament credit must be placed no later than March 15th of the following year from which the credit was earned. The Golf Professional reserves the right to accept or deny any special order at his discretion.

- All tournament credit must be used by March 15th.
- On March 16th, each year, all credit is automatically cleared and cannot be redeemed.
- Internet pricing may not apply to actual shop pricing and or any shipping fees.
- Standard shipping fees will apply to all special orders.
- Clothing articles are seasonal items and may not be available for special orders.
- Discounts are at the Professionals discretion and will only apply to stocked inventory.
- Special orders, if accepted, will only be placed from open vendor accounts.
- Members are permitted to use credit on lessons.
- The Golf Professional will maintain a list of vendors from which to choose. New vendors may be added as the season progresses.

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3.4 GOLF PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

- The course will be closed for all tournaments with 40 or more players for the time it takes to complete the tournament
- Members must sign up for posted tournaments by the deadline or at least 24 hours in advance of the first starting time
- Additional late entries will only be accepted to benefit the tournament. (i.e., the added player(s) will complete a pairing/team)
- Players must be 18 years of age and a member of the MGA or LGA to sign up for tournaments that do not specifically include junior golfers
- Juniors (or other golfers) may be invited to play by the pro to benefit a tournament. (i.e. replacing a golfer who has failed to show with an available player to keep the teams balanced)
- Members who sign up for a tournament and fail to show up or cancel at least 24 hours in advance will be charged the posted tournament fee
- To participate in a tournament, all players must have a current HCC handicap.

3.5 HAWTHORNE SANCTIONED EVENTS

All tournament fees, golf shop credit and awards fees must be billed through Hawthorne for events that are sanctioned by Hawthorne. Sanctioned events are events that are listed in the handbook and published in the schedule. Any event that requires the assistance of the golf shop or Hawthorne committees must have a respective nominal fee included in the entry fee of the event to be applied as golf shop credit to the winners of the tournament. Special cases may occur and will be approved by the Golf Committee.

3.6 OUTSIDE GOLF TOURNAMENT POLICY

These events include all tournaments open to the general public such as Pro-Am and charity fund-raisers. An HCC member must sponsor the event and will be responsible for all charges. HCC bylaws require that no alcoholic beverages be brought upon club property at any time. Food may only be brought or purchased and delivered onto the property with prior approval of the Golf Committee or the Board. A tournament form will be required to be filled out by the golf professional and voted upon by the Golf Committee and the Board prior to approval. The form is available from the golf professional.

ALL EVENTS (Prime and Off-Season)

1. Must be approved by the Golf Committee.
2. If Club beverage service will not be utilized, a service charge may be added for each tournament participant as determined by the Board.
3. Golf shop merchandise can be used for gift certificates. An extra fee may be charged for each participant as determined by the Pro/Golf Committee.
4. A designated tee time will be established by the Club.
5. Fees will be charged as designated on the tournament form.
6. The Board must approve any requested exceptions.

3.7 WINTER PRO-AM'S

Winter Pro-Am events start in late fall and occur every Friday as the weather permits. These events are open to anyone and occur from November through March at different courses every Friday. A schedule will be posted on the bulletin board outside the golf shop. The format is a scramble with a pro on each team. Players must normally report by 10:30am for play beginning with an 11:00 shotgun. If you are interested in going with us, call the shop.

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3.8 MEMBER TOURNAMENT PRIVILEGES

3.8.1 MGA TOURNAMENTS

Male members will be able to participate in the following tournaments with payment of the MGA fee:

MGA Opening Day	MGA Thursday Night League
MGA Twamble	MGA Presidents Cup
MGA Member / Member	MGA Blind Draw
MGA Ryder Cup	MGA Stableford
MGA Senior / Non-Senior	MGA Club Championship

3.8.2 LGA TOURNAMENTS

Female members will be able to participate in the following tournaments with payment of the LGA fee:

LGA Opening Day	LGA Shamble
LGA Wednesday Night League	LGA Over-n-Under
LGA Member-Member	LGA Presidents Cup
LGA Governors Cup	LGA Hawthorne Cup
LGA Modified Scramble	LGA Club Championship

3.8.3 MIXED EVENT TOURNAMENTS

All members are permitted to participate in all mixed events including the following:

Frostbite Tournament	Friday Night Happy Hour
Saturday Social	Jack and Jill's
Family Fun Scramble	Flag Tournament
Battle of the Sexes	Mixed Member-Member
King and Queen	Husband and Wife
Glow Ball	

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4 MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (MGA)

Each male member wishing to participate in the golf program will be charged an annual MGA fee before the golf season begins. The fee will be allocated as necessary to cover expenses related to administration of the golf program. Players must be registered in the program to be eligible to play in any MGA Events. The majority of each event entry fee will form the prize pool with specified amount of each entry allocated to year-end tournaments.

4.1 USE OF MIDDLE TEES

If the player is 65 years old and has a handicap of 15 or higher before March 15, he may elect to play from the senior tees. This is the "80 Rule," (i.e. 65 plus 15 equals 80). The player must play those tees all season including all HCC tournaments. During the off-season the player may play any tees.

4.2 MGA A-TEAM MATCHES

Hawthorne CC participates in A-Team matches in the Maryland State Golf Association and Washington Metropolitan Golf Association. Matches are played in April and July. The A-Team consists of members and the club professional as specified by the Association. Details on qualifying are provided separately.

4.3 MENS GOLF ASSOCIATION (MGA) TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

A full Tournament Schedule (including dates, costs and starting times) can be found on the website. A rules sheet will be available with specifics for each event prior to start.

4.3.1 MGA OPENING DAY

Format: Shamble, 50% handicap

4.3.2 MGA SENIOR / NON-SENIOR

Format: Front 9 - Net Four Ball, 80% handicap, Back 9 - Net Aggregate, 80% handicap
Teams must include one player of age 55 and over and one under the age of 55

4.3.3 MGA THURSDAY NIGHT LEAGUE

Format: Four-ball match play, 80% handicap stroked off low ball

4.3.4 MGA THURSDAY NIGHT "FUN" EVENTS

Format: Nominal fee to all players. Varying weekly formats.

4.3.5 MGA BLIND DRAW

Format: Net Four-ball / Partners drawn morning of play, 80% Handicap
* Must sign in by 8:00 that morning

4.3.6 MGA STABLEFORD

Format: Stableford – Points, 100% Handicap
Net Score 12 points–4 under, 8 points – Double-Eagle, 5 points – Eagle, 3 points – Birdie
2 Points – Par, 1 Point – Bogey, -1 Point – Double-Bogey or higher

4.3.7 MGA MEMBER-MEMBER

Format: 18 Hole Net Four-ball, 80% Handicap

4.3.8 MGA CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: Match play, flights by handicap. No Handicap except for last flight.
100% handicap for last flight. Mandatory match deadlines.

Players wishing to play in the Championship Flight must make that designation at the time they sign up to play.

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4.3.9 MGA PRESIDENTS CUP

Format: Individual Medal Play, 100% Handicap

4.3.10 MGA TWO MAN RYDER CUP

Format: Flights by handicap, Players choose their own partners.

	Saturday	Front 9 Scramble	No Handicap
		Back 9 Alternate Shot	No Handicap
	Sunday	Front 9 Four-ball	80% Handicap
		Back 9 Aggregate	80% Handicap

4.3.11 MGA TWAMBLE

Format: Two Man Shamble Front Nine – Net Four-ball / Back Nine – Net Aggregate
50% Handicap

4.3.12 MGA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Entry Fee: Free to qualifiers

Format: Individual Net 100% Handicap

4.3.13 MGA GRAND PRIX

Entry Fee: Free for the top 20 point leaders and ties. Points are awarded for each qualifying MGA tournament per the scale below.

Format: Net Shootout / elimination

4.3.13.1 MGA GRAND PRIX POINT SCALE

A player receives 10 points for each tournament that he participates in. Additional points are awarded for place of finish. The additional points scale for places 1-10 shown below includes the participation points already. Winners of each event qualify for the Tournament of Champions.

Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th	5 th	6 th	7 th	8 th	9 th	10 th	Participate
Opening Day	20	18	16	14	12						10
Senior-Non Senior	20	18	16	14	12						10
Thurs Night Playoffs	20	17	14	12							10
Blind Draw	20	18	16	14	12						10
Club Championship*	20	17	14								10
Member-Member	20	18	16	14	12						10
Stableford	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Presidents Cup	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10
Ryder Cup**	20	15	15	15							10
MGA Twamble	20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10

* The winner of the Championship Flight will receive 20 points. The winner of all other flights will receive 17 points. All second place finishers will receive 14 points.

** Points based upon the number of Flights.

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4.3.13.2 HOW TO EARN MGA GRAND PRIX POINTS

Points are awarded for each qualifying MGA tournament. Each of the tournaments listed in the Grand Prix Points scale earn Grand Prix points. To determine the Grand Prix participants, the highest points earned from only 8 of the events will be used, i.e., if a player participates in more than 8 events, only 8 will be counted. To award players who participate in more than 8 events, the following bonus will be rewarded:

- Players playing in 9 qualifying events will receive an additional 2 points
- Players playing in 10 or more qualifying events will receive an additional 4 points for a total of 6 bonus points.

4.3.14 MEN'S MEMBER-GUEST

Sign Up: All players must bring an outside guest with a certified handicap for this event.

A 50% deposit will be charged to the member's account at the time of sign-up.

The deposit will be refunded only if the player's spot is filled.

The balance must be paid in full by August 1st

4.4 SENIOR MGA EVENTS

If there is significant interest, the MGA may choose to have separate Senior flights. To be eligible for the Senior flight you must be 65 or older before March 15. Candidate tournaments for a Senior flight are:

- Blind Draw
- Stableford
- President's Cup
- Member-Member
- Two Man Twamble
- Ryder Cup
- Club Championship

In addition, the MGA may choose to conduct a separate Senior Grand Prix and Senior Tournament of Champions. Prize pools for those tournaments will be based on allocations from senior participation in MGA events. Qualification for the Senior Grand Prix will be based on points earned in tournaments held with a senior flight and will use the MGA Grand Prix Point Scale.

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5 LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION (LGA)

Each female member wishing to participate in the golf program will be charged an annual LGA fee before the golf season begins. The fee will be allocated as necessary to cover expenses related to administration of the golf program. Players must be registered in the program to be eligible to play in any LGA Events. The majority of each event entry fee will form the prize pool with a specified amount of each entry allocated to year-end tournaments.

5.1 9-HOLE WEEKEND FUN PLAY

The LGA holds Friday/Saturday/Sunday tournaments during the golf season. Tournaments begin in April and end in September. Each format is listed in the LGA calendar. All Friday formats are individual play and are designed so that all 9-hole scores may be posted. Only LGA members are eligible to compete. Competitors must register in the Golf Shop prior to play and must play with another LGA member who must attest the scorecard. Play may be at any time, during the weekend, as long as the round is played and attested by another LGA member. Entry fees are \$5 per tournament with \$1.00 of the money going to the year-end Grand Prix, \$2.75 to the prize pool for that day and the balance to support golf operations.

5.2 LGA FUN PLAY

The LGA sponsors two Fun Play formats. The first is Fun Play on Wednesdays during the golf season before the LGA Wednesday Team Play begins and on Wednesdays after the LGA Wednesday Team Play ends. Fun Play is designed to give lady golfers of all levels an opportunity to hone their skill in a friendly and relaxed environment. Format will depend on participation. The second Fun Play offers higher handicap golfers an opportunity to become more comfortable with the game of golf minus the pressure. Play is score free and balls will be picked up after 8 strokes. See the Hawthorne website for schedule.

5.3 LOCAL CLUB CHALLENGE MATCHES AND INVATIONALS

These tournaments and outings are great opportunities to visit other local courses as a group. Once the schedule is set, signup sheets will be posted in the ladies' locker room. It is anticipated that these matches will be played on weekday mornings.

5.4 LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION (LGA) TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

A Tournament Rules sheet will be posted with specifics for each event prior to start. A summary of LGA tournaments including dates, costs and starting times can be found on the Hawthorne website.

5.4.1 LGA OPENING DAY

Format: 9-hole Scramble. Teams picked during the meeting

5.4.2 LGA SHAMBLE

Format: Shamble - Best two of four minimum # of Drives to use 4-player Teams Blind Draw

5.4.3 LGA TEAM PLAY - Team Draft

Format: Two-woman team match play, 100% Handicap (Max 36), stroked off low ball.

5.4.4 LGA OVER/UNDER, HIGH/LOW PARTNERS

Format: Two Player Captain's Choice / Blind Draw / Two player teams

5.4.5 LGA MEMBER-MEMBER

Format: Chapman, Requests for foursomes welcome, two player teams, pick your partner

5.4.6 LGA PRESIDENTS CUP

Format: Individual Net, 100% Handicap (Max 36)

5.4.7 LGA GOVERNORS CUP

Format: Net Four-ball, 80% Handicap (Max 36), 2 player teams, pick your partner

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5.4.8 LGA HAWTHORNE CUP

Format: 6 holes Scramble / 6 holes Alternate Shot / 6 holes Four-ball, 2 player teams, pick your partner

5.4.9 LGA MODIFIED SCRAMBLE

Format: Scramble – no two shots in a row, teams formed by handicap / computer

5.4.10 LADIES CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

Format: Individual Gross, Flights and Tee Times by Handicap, all flights play on Saturday. Championship Flight and competitors attempting to capture the overall championship play Sunday.

5.4.11 LGA GRAND PRIX

Entry Fee: Free to Qualifying Players based on yearlong points

Format: Net Shootout, all players play together, Handicap (Max 36)

5.4.12 LGA TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Entry Fee: Free to the Champions of qualifying tournaments

Format: Individual Low Net 100% Handicap (Max 36)

5.4.13 LGA GRAND PRIX

Each player competing in the Grand Prix must qualify to play by earning "Grand Prix" points during the season. Points are earned by LGA Members for their participation in LGA sponsored tournaments and events. 45% of the LGA Members earning the most points will qualify to play in the Grand Prix. The prize money will be determined based on the prize pool funds collected over the season.

5.4.13.1 LGA GRAND PRIX POINT SCALE

Event	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	Participate	Notes
Opening Day				1	
Hawthorne Cup*	10	6	4	3	
Governor's Cup *	10	6	4	3	
Presidents Cup *	10	6	4	3	
Member/Member *	10	6	4	3	
Club Championship * (Sunday Championship Flight)	5	3	1	0	
Club Championship (All Saturday Flights)	6	4	2	3	
Spring Team Play**	10	6	4	1	
9-Hole Fri/Sat/Sun Fun play	4	3		1	
LGA Shamble	4	2	1	3	
Over/Under Partners *	4	2	1	3	
Modified Scramble Tournament	4	2	1	3	
Grand Prix*					

* Tournaments that qualify winners for the Tournament of Champions

** 1st, 2nd and 3rd place points will be awarded after 10 weeks of play. Participants will receive 1 point for each week played. This includes the Team Play.

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6 MIXED PLAYER EVENTS

A summary of MIXED events is shown below. Additional details can be found on the Hawthorne website.

6.1 FROSTBITE TOURNAMENT

Format: Mixed Scramble, Teams based on handicap.

6.2 FRIDAY NIGHT HAPPY HOUR GOLF

Entry Fee: Regular cart and guest fees apply

Format: Rotating, description below.

These events are more about a social atmosphere versus competitive events. Each week a different 9-hole format will be played. Formats will be determined by the Golf Professional. Members will sign up with the pro by phone or on the Hawthorne website by 4:30 PM Friday in order for groups to be formed. Participants will play with different members in order to promote a social atmosphere within the club. Members may bring guests; the guest must play with the member that brought them. There will be a nominal fee to play that goes toward end of year prizes and activities. Regular cart and guest fees apply.

6.3 JACKS AND JILLS TOURNAMENT

Format: Mixed Scramble, Teams based on handicaps, picked by computer

6.4 FAMILY FUN SCRAMBLE

Entry Fee: Free

Format: Players may be any age / requests for pairings will be taken, "Build your own team"

6.5 FLAG TOURNAMENT

Pairings: Teams based on handicaps picked by computer.

Format: Scramble format to plant the flag after 30 shots and 63 shots, Teams based on handicaps

6.6 BATTLE OF THE SEXES TOURNAMENT

Format: Net Four-ball Match Play, 100% Handicap, Bobby Riggs - Billy Jean King style knock down drag out fight, Players must sign up in Male/Female Pairs

6.7 MIXED MEMBER-MEMBER TOURNAMENT

Format: Net Four-ball, 2 player teams, pick your partner, 80% Handicap.

6.8 HUSBAND AND WIFE TOURNAMENT

Pairings: Spouses / significant others only

Format: Front Nine: Mixed, Scotch Foursome, Back Nine: Net Best Ball, 80% Handicap

6.9 KING AND QUEEN TOURNAMENT

Format: Front Nine: Chapman Format, Back Nine: Captains Choice, 2 player teams, pick your partner, mixed teams, cannot be spouses