

OHGA 2009 TOURNAMENT RULES/PROCEDURES

1. Annual Dues MUST be paid prior to playing in ANY Association tournament. NO EXCEPTIONS. Failure to pay dues will result in automatic disqualification. Dues must be paid before signing up for the Club Championship and Governor's Cup match play events and you must have a valid USGA handicap by your first match.
2. All OHGA Men's Tournaments are to be played by Official USGA Rules and Decisions, except as modified by OHGA Local Rules. Check the Bulletin Board for special association local rules that are not on the score card.
3. The OHGA Tournament and Rules Committee reserves the right to cancel any tournament or make any rearrangement of the tournament schedule as it deems necessary. A minimum of 8 competitors, or 6 teams in a team event, must sign up for a tournament to be official.
4. OHGA Men's Tournaments must be played from the Blue Tees. Senior Weekday Tournaments (60+ years) must be played from the White Tees. An exception to this Rule is if a particular Tournament calls for playing from different tees, then those tees will be used.
5. You must sign up for the Tournament on the Tournament sign up sheets as posted on the bulletin board next to the starter's shack PRIOR to teeing off. Anyone trying to sign up after they have teed off the first tee (for example while walking from the 6th to the 7th hole) will be DISQUALIFIED, and FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION may be taken by the Board of Directors.
6. You may sign up to play a Tournament, be it weekday or weekend, ONLY ONCE. If you write your name on the sign up sheet, tee off and do not post your score, for whatever reason, you MAY NOT SIGN UP FOR THAT TOURNAMENT AGAIN! Violation of this Rule is an automatic disqualification from that Tournament.
7. You must play OHGA Tournaments with another Association Member or a member of the Women's Association. In two man team events, you and your partner may attest your score if there are no other members in your foursome.
8. YOU MUST HOLE OUT EVERY PUTT AND COUNT EVERY STROKE IN STROKE PLAY EVENTS – NO EXCEPTIONS. NO MULLIGANS ALLOWED. Putts may be conceded in MATCH PLAY EVENTS, however, Match Play Scores MUST be entered into the Handicap Computer as per USGA Rules. Failure to play in accordance with the Rules of Golf will result in a DISQUALIFICATION, and may lead to FURTHER DISCIPLINARY action by the Board of Directors. DO NOT post any scores on the tournament sign up sheet for club STROKE events that include CONCEDED PUTTS or "X" out holes.
9. Your scorecard must be signed by the scorer who is a Men's or Women's Association Member, and attested by another Men's or Women's Association Member. This means that both the scorer and attestation signatures must be legible or otherwise identifiable for verification purposes in case a question arises that the Official Tournament Scorer wishes to clarify. You may write your OHGA local number next to the signature if it is not legible.
10. All scorecards must be legible, must contain a "T" (for tournament) prominently displayed, the members full name (first and last), the members OHGA local number (not the GHIN handicap number or Oak Hill's Resident Card number), the gross score made on each hole, and the current handicap, in addition to being properly signed, dated and attested as stated above. Single cards may be used for more than one stroke event simultaneously scheduled. USGA Rule 33-1 prohibits combining match play & stroke play at the same time. The results of matches played and the scores returned in these circumstances will result in disqualification from both tournaments.

SCORECARDS THAT ARE NOT PROPERLY COMPLETED WILL RESULT IN DISQUALIFICATION.

11. Upon completion of the round, scores must be transferred onto the Sign Up Sheet on the Bulletin Board, the score card must be placed into the proper Card box in the Pro Shop for review by the Tournament and Handicap committees, and your score must be properly entered into the Handicap computer in the Pro Shop (Example: T=Tournament; H=Home; A=Away). Scores that are entered into the computer must also be ADJUSTED under EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL rules for handicap purposes. Please note that MATCH PLAY scores must ALSO be entered into the Handicap Computer as per the USGA Rules of Golf.

12. All ties in Stroke Events will be decided by a Match of Cards. Ties in Match Play events (i.e., Club Championship, Governor's Cup) will be decided by a sudden death Pitch Off.

13. Sign up for the Club Championship & Governor's Cup must be completed during the official entry periods and please do NOT sign up unless you intend to play every match prior to its deadline. Your phone number is mandatory on the sign up sheet for the Club Championship & Governors Cup. Failure to include your phone number will result in you being denied entry into the tournament.

14. THE OHGA DOES NOT OBTAIN TEE TIMES FOR MATCH PLAY EVENTS, except for the Club Championship Final and the Governor's Cup Final. Opponents must schedule their matches within the time frames set by the Tournament Committee. As soon as you realize there may be a problem scheduling your match, you should contact a member of the Tournament Committee. The Committee will speak to all available participants and render a decision on a case by case basis.

15. Any person or team scheduling a match with no intention of actually playing the match or playing a match in any subsequent round will be disqualified from this year's tournament and will not be permitted to sign up for the tournament next year.

16. The Governor's Cup and Senior Club Championship will be played using 85% of the participant's handicap differential this year. A conversion table will be posted on the member's outdoor bulletin board and the bulletin board in the Pro Shop next to the handicap computer. The higher handicaps play off the low handicap in the match.

17. There will be 2 weekends for Club Championship qualifying this year. The Committee will group competitors and each group will be responsible for booking their tee time. All flights will be asked to qualify this year no matter how many people sign up. The committee will use the qualifying scores to seed each flight. First round byes will go to the highest seeds if there are less than 16 competitors in a flight

18. If the course is closed during your round due to inclement weather or if you stop your round because you believe there is a danger of lightning, you may continue your round on any other day the tournament is being played from the last hole you completed. Your marker must initial the card at the last hole you played and a new marker may attest the remainder of your round. If you have completed less than 7 holes, you have the option to restart your round from the beginning with a new scorecard.

DISQUALIFICATION/APPEAL PROCEDURES

1. Any member that commits a serious breach of any tournament rule, local or otherwise, shall be disqualified from the tournament in which the rule violation occurred by the Tournament and Rules Committee, in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf and supporting decisions.

2. In addition to violations of the Rules during a tournament, a member shall also be disqualified from a tournament if it is determined that the member's handicap was inaccurately reported on the score card for that tournament, either because all of their scores, including away scores, have not been entered into the handicap computer system within a reasonable time after completion of a round, or by "management" of their handicap. "Management" shall mean manipulation of the handicapping system in such a manner so as to have the handicap appear higher than it should be. THIS MAY ALSO RESULT IN FURTHER DISCIPLINARY ACTION BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

3. If a member is disqualified from a tournament for any reason by the Tournament and Rules Committee, that member may present an appeal by sending a written request for review with reason(s) why the disqualification should be overturned to any Board member within fourteen (14) days of posting of the results for the Tournament in question. Upon submission of a written request for an appeal, the disqualification shall be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting and it shall be upheld or overruled at the next regular Board meeting by majority vote of the members of the Tournament and Rules Committee. Any member who submits such a written appeal may attend the Board meeting to be heard on the matter. THE TOURNAMENT AND RULES COMMITTEE DECISION SHALL BE FINAL AS PER USGA RULES.

POSTING YOUR SCORES IN THE COMPUTER

Remember to adjust all scores based on **Equitable Stroke Control** prior to entering them in the computer. The Equitable Stroke Control table is posted on the bulletin board next to the computer.

Post **all** scores from home and away courses and designate all tournament scores with a T.

Post scores in all forms of play; match play, stroke play, even team competitions in which you are requested to pick up.

Post your score whenever you play at least 13 out of 18 holes or at least 7 out of 9 holes. On the holes you didn't play, record par plus any handicap strokes you would have received. If you pick up on a hole or are conceded a stroke, record the score you most likely would have made. This most likely score is the number of strokes (including penalty strokes) taken thus far, plus the number of strokes it will take you to complete the hole from that point.

Post a score if you play two nines even if it's the same nine, or nines from different days.

Post scores played in an area observing an active season even when your home club is in an inactive season.

Do Not Post These Scores In the Computer

If you played fewer than 7 holes.

When you play in a competition limiting the types of clubs used, such as a one-club or irons-only tournament.

When a majority of the holes aren't played under the Rules of golf, as in a scramble or shamble.

When an 18-hole course is less than 3,000 yards.

Do not post scores made in an area observing an inactive season.