AMERICA'S MEMBER-MEMBER

Official Rules

Two-player best-ball · 70% handicap · Amateurs only

1. Format

Teams of two (2) compete in a better-ball, stroke play format at 70% handicap. Each player plays his/her own ball, and the team score for each hole is the lowest net score of the two players.

To level the playing field and reward those who play the best relative to their true ability, the final team score is the team's net score.

2. Eligibility

America's Member-Member is open to amateur golfers who are members of participating clubs and hold an active USGA or Golf Canada Handicap Index.

PGA Members and Associates, LPGA Members, and other golf professionals are not eligible to participate. A professional player may not play as part of a team of two (2).

It is each player's responsibility to be familiar with all Handicap Requirements, Rules, and Policies before taking part in the State Final or the National Final.

3. Handicap requirements

All players must have an active USGA or Golf Canada Handicap Index at registration and through the event. Only official indexes are accepted.

- There is no minimum handicap. The two players' aggregate Handicap Index cannot exceed 40.0.
- Each team member plays at 70% handicap in the better-ball, stroke play format.
- A maximum of 18 shots will be awarded towards a player's handicap.
- If a player does not have a verifiable USGA or Golf Canada Handicap, it will be set at 0.
- The Handicap will be calculated where the event will be held.

4. Qualification and advancement

Every journey begins with your home-club Member-Member. Each participating club is represented at its State Final by its Net and Gross Member-Member champions (2 teams, 4 players).

The State Final is an invitation-only championship. The committee selects participating clubs, and the top teams at each State Final advance to the National Final in Las Vegas. Exemption counts by state are published on the National Final page.

5. Tees

Tee decks will be assigned according to one's age at the time of play. As a rule of thumb, tees will be approximately the following yardages per age group:

- 6400 – 6600 yards – Men 18-54
- 6100 – 6300 yards – Men 55-69
- 5000 – 5800 yards – Women / Men 70+

Players with positive handicap indexes will play one tee deck back from their designated age group tees.

6. Partner replacement and no-shows

You can request a partner replacement by emailing tournament@americasmembermember.com.

Should any team members be unable to attend, replacement players from the same club meeting the handicap criteria are allowed to join the team. If all players are unable to participate in the National Final, please inform us, and your spot will be awarded to an alternate team.

If a player is a no-show or is late, his/her partner can still play alone.

7. National Final: the cut and ties

The National Final is played over three days. The field is cut after 36 holes, and the final ten teams play for the National Final titles.

The top four GROSS teams qualify first. The top six NET places are then filled; a team already counted in GROSS does not occupy a NET spot. Any tie for a qualifying place is settled by sudden death.

8. Rules of Golf and tournament authority

AMM shall determine the applicable format, tee assignments, handicap procedures, scoring procedures, cuts, ties, playoffs and other Terms of Competition. Unless otherwise modified by Local Rules or Terms of Competition, play shall be governed by the applicable Rules of Golf.

The AMM Tournament Committee shall have final authority over competition-related matters, including eligibility, handicaps, scoring, penalties, substitutions, ties, pace of play and disqualification. AMM may issue event-specific rules that supplement these rules.

9. Handicap integrity

Participants are responsible for maintaining an accurate and valid handicap record. Intentional manipulation, misrepresentation or improper maintenance of a handicap is prohibited.

At its discretion, the America's Member-Member rules committee reserves the right to make handicap adjustments. Based on handicap reviews, past performance, or rule violations, the AMM Rules Committee may adjust handicaps, disqualify players or teams, or suspend players from future events. No refund shall be issued following such disqualification.

10. Player conduct

Participants shall conduct themselves in a lawful, respectful and sportsmanlike manner. AMM may remove or disqualify a Participant for abusive, threatening, fraudulent, dangerous, intoxicated, destructive or materially disruptive conduct, or for any material violation of AMM, host-facility or venue rules.

No refund shall be issued following removal or disqualification for misconduct.

11. Terms and conditions

These rules are supplemented by event-specific rules and by the America's Member-Member Terms & Conditions, which govern registration, payment, refunds and participation.

Questions: tournament@americasmembermember.com

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