



# The All Around Good Putt

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Welcome to the Tournament Players Golf Club. The Tournament Players Golf Club was established to provide golfers of all abilities the opportunity to compete against golfers of similar abilities in tournament play. The Tournament Players Golf Club is a traveling club and provides the opportunity to play several times a month throughout the San Francisco Bay, Sacramento, and other Northern California areas.

The club is associated with the Northern California Golf Association and NCGA membership is available through the club. The NCGA membership enrollment period is from late September to late December each year. During the NCGA membership enrollment period, NCGA renewal is \$25.00 for existing NCGA members. After the NCGA membership enrollment period, renewal reinstatement is \$35.00. New membership to the NCGA is \$35.00 either inside or outside the NCGA membership enrollment period. Payment during the NCGA membership enrollment period is for the year beginning January 1 of the year following the enrollment period. All members of the Associate Member club (Tournament Players Golf Club) must be a member of the NCGA through the club. 100% membership with the NCGA is required. Annual TPGC club dues is \$50.00.

Tournament play is in effect for all tournaments. Some tournaments will be posted as tournament rounds ("T" Scores) with the Golf Handicap Index Network (GHIN). All play will be governed by United States Golf Association (USGA) rules of play. For example:

- No Gimmies – all puts **must** be putted out. Nothing is good until the ball has taken the last 6 inch break towards the center of the earth.
- No Mulligans are permitted and all strokes and associated penalties must be assessed and counted.
- Speed of play is of utmost importance. In order to promote speed of play, players are encouraged to pick up once they have reached their Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) limit plus 3 strokes.

### Course Handicap

- 0 to 9 – Double Bogie + 3 strokes
- 10 to 19 – 7 + 3 strokes for 10.
- 20 to 29 – 8 + 3 strokes for 11.
- 30 to 39 – 9 + 3 strokes for 12.
- 40+ – 10 + 3 strokes for 13.

If the player picks up it should be indicated on the scorecard with an (X) next to the players name. Picking up eliminates the player from winning the overall tournament low net and their flight low net and low gross but does not eliminate the player from the tournament. The player is eligible for other prizes distributed for other positions in their flight. The player will still be awarded any points earned for participation in the tournament towards club championship qualification.

Prizes are awarded for individual play in the club's tournaments. All prizes will be awarded and must be collected within 3 months of the tournament from when the prizes are won. Example:

### Month Won / Pick Up By End Of

- January / April
- February / May
- March / June
- April / July
- May / August
- June / September
- July / October
- August / November
- September / December
- October / January
- November / February
- December / March

Prizes are awarded for :

- Tournament
  - Overall Low Net
- Individual Flights
  - Individual Low Gross
  - Individual Low Net
  - Individual 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net

Club championship qualification is determined by the number of club rounds played (September thru August) and the overall point standing at the end of July. A minimum of 6 club-sponsored events must be participated in to qualify for the club championship. Points are awarded to each tournament participant based on the participant's overall low net standing for the tournament and points awarded for team play. A minimum of 50 points is awarded to each participant of a tournament. 150 points is awarded to the overall low net winner of the tournament, 145 points is awarded to the overall 2<sup>nd</sup> low net participant of the tournament, etc. until 50 points is reached at which point 50 points is awarded to each of the remaining players. Points are awarded to each member of the first 5 teams in a tournament. 25 points is awarded to each member of the winning team, 20 points to each member of the second place team, etc. Team play is for points only and to encourage camaraderie among the team members. The high point winners will also be awarded additional prizes during the club championship award ceremonies.

Optional side activities for "Closest to the Pin" and "Net Skins" are available during each tournament. These activities are "Buy In" activities and are paid by the participants at "Check In" before each tournament.

Closest to the Pin will be on 2 of the par 3's on the course being played if available. (As the club and participation grows we hope to expand this to 4 par 3's per tournament.) Two "Closest to the Pin" markers will be available on each hole and is broken down by course handicap. The lower half of the handicaps will be on one marker and the higher half of the handicaps will be on the other marker. Guests will be allowed to participate in the "Closest to the Pin" competition but will mark their "Closest to the Pin" results on the low handicap marker. Two prizes will be awarded for each of the "Closest to the Pin" markers on each hole. First closest will receive a portion of the cash collected from the participants. Second closest will be awarded a sleeve of golf balls.

Net Skins are available to participants with a current established NCGA handicap index or TPGC club index. Guests may participate and must show proof of a current NCGA handicap index to participate. The maximum strokes allowed for determining the skin winners will be the integer value of ½ the participant's course handicap. The maximum number of strokes allowed for skin play is 18 strokes. Skin holes must be won outright – no carryovers. The following table shows the "Skin" stroke distribution by course handicap:

Course Handicap	1-↓	2-3	4-5	6-7	8-9
Skin Strokes	0	1	2	3	4
Course Handicap	10-11	12-13	14-15	16-17	18-19
Skin Strokes	5	6	7	8	9
Course Handicap	20-21	22-23	24-25	26-27	28-29
Skin Strokes	10	11	12	13	14
Course Handicap	30-31	32-33	34-35	36-↑	
Skin Strokes	15	16	17	18	

Tournament entry forms will be mailed to club members approximately 1 month prior to the scheduled tournament along with the monthly newsletter. Entry forms should be mailed to the address on the entry form so they arrive at the club address prior to the tournament cutoff date. Checks should be made out to Tournament Players Golf Club. The tournament cutoff dates are determined by the contracts signed with the host golf course and are indicated on the entry forms. Entry forms **received after** the cutoff date may incur additional fees to participate and/or be placed on a wait list until a spot is available. Great care should be exercised to insure entry forms are **received on or before** the tournament cutoff dates.

Remember your opinion always counts. If you have ideas and suggestions to make the club better – Please let us know. Remember, we may not always be able to accommodate or implement your ideas but we will always discuss your ideas with you. We want to build and have the best golf club in the Bay Area.

*Thanks*

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