

# MISGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

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## I - MISSION & OBJECTIVE

One of the major activities of MISGA is sponsoring the two annual Championship Tournaments: *Past Presidents (ABCD)* and *2-Player Team*. The purpose of these two tournaments is to provide MISGA associates with an opportunity to compete against each other in a MISGA-wide tournament to determine the top *individual* and *2-man team* golfers of the year.

The MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC) will select the highest quality clubs available (*course, club house, amenities*) that are located within a reasonable driving distance from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge to host the two championship tournaments. Host clubs must comply with the established administrative criteria listed in Section IX.

## II - FORMATS

### A. Past Presidents (ABCD) - 18 hole - individual stroke play - gross & net

A maximum field of 100 competitors will be divided into four flights of A-B-C-D handicapped players - lowest in "A" to highest in "D" (*approximately 25% of the field in each flight*). "A" players will compete against "A" players, "B" players against "B" players, "C" players against "Cs" and "Ds" against "Ds". *To be eligible for the Gross Grand Champion prize, participants must play from the "A" flight tee placement marker. To be eligible for the Net Grand Champion prize, participants may play from any of the tee placement markers.*

### B. 2-Player Team - 18 hole - team stroke play - gross & net best ball

A maximum field of 50 teams will not be divided into flights. Each 2-Player Team will be competing against all the other 2-Player Teams. *To be eligible for the Gross Grand Champion prize, participants must play from the longest distance tee placement marker. To be eligible for the Net Grand Champion prize, participants may play from any of the tee placement markers.*

### III - ELIGIBILITY

#### A. Basic

Both tournaments are open to all MISGA associates in good standing. All finalists must qualify through their division's selection process. All finalists must have an established valid USGA handicap computed and maintained at the finalist's home club.

#### B. Supplemental

1. The current MISGA President and all Past Presidents are automatically eligible to compete in the **Past Presidents (ABCD)** tournament. They will not be required to qualify, but they will be required to pay the entry fee.

2. The **Gross** and **Net Grand Champions** of the previous year's **Past Presidents (ABCD)** and **2-Player Team** tournaments are eligible to compete in the current year's championship tournaments. They will not be required to qualify, but they will be required to pay the entry fee.

3. Teammates in the **2-Player Team** tournament must be from the same club. Exceptions may be granted by formal application to the host club Tournament Committee (*because of special and emergency situations such as illness, injury, death, court appearance, etc.*).

4. The MISGA Tournament Chairman and/or the Tournament Committee may declare an entrant ineligible for violation of USGA rules and MISGA policies and guidelines. Appeals must be submitted to the MISGA Tournament Chairman for adjudication.

5. Failure of an entrant to post his previous year's MISGA Championship Tournament scores or his current year's Division Qualifier tournament scores could result in his being declared ineligible to participate in the current year's Championship Tournaments.

### IV - TEE PLACEMENT MARKERS

A. The host club may establish as many sets of tee placement makers as it deems appropriate for the tournament. The tee markers should range in distance between  $\geq 5,000$  -  $\leq 6,000$  yards. All sets of tee markers must be rated for both men and women. All participants must play from the tee marker position to which their handicap or flight indicates. However, to

qualify for the *Gross Grand Champion* prize, all participants (men & women) must play from the *Back* tee marker position.

Example:

| Approx. Handicap Level | Flight | Tee Position | Approx. Dist. |
|------------------------|--------|--------------|---------------|
| <11                    | A      | Back         | 6,000 yds.    |
| 12-22                  | B&C    | Middle       | 5,600 yds.    |
| >23                    | D      | Forward      | 5,200 yds.    |
| All                    | W      | Ladies       | 5,000 yds.    |

- B. If a divisional qualifier tournament is required, divisions should follow the above tee placement marker guidelines.

## V - HANDICAP ALLOWANCES & ADJUSTMENTS

A. In accordance with Rule 7.2a of the *USGA Rules of Handicap*, the MISGA Tournament Committee has set the maximum Handicap Index at 36.0 for ALL players. Any player whose Handicap Index is higher than 36.0 will be reduced.

B. The official Handicap Index to be used for finalists in the two MISGA Championship Tournaments will be the Handicap Index closest and most practical to the date of the championship tournament. The official host club *Tournament Committee* will determine the closest and most practical date.

Note: USGA Rule 6.2a: **Playing Handicap = Course Handicap × Handicap Allowance**

C. **Past Presidents (ABCD):** In accordance with Appendix C of the *USGA Rules of Handicapping*, the Playing Handicap will be **95%** of Course Handicap for both men and women.

D. **2-Player Team:** In accordance with Appendix C of the *USGA Rules of Handicap*, the Playing Handicap will be **85%** of Course Handicap for both men and women.

E. In accordance with Rule 7.2b of the *USGA Rules of Handicapping* the host club Handicap Committee may modify the Playing Handicap of individuals or 2-player teams who have shot *exceptional scores* (refer to Rule 5.9 of the *USGA Rules of Handicapping*) in several MISGA Championship Tournaments.

F. In accordance with Rule 7.2b of the *USGA Rules of Handicapping*, individuals or 2-player teams who have won a **Net Grand Champion** title in two successive annual MISGA

Championship Tournaments (*Past Presidents and/or 2-Plaer Team*) will incur a 20% reduction in their Playing Handicap when they compete in their third successive MISGA Championship Tournament. There will be an additional 10% reduction for each successive MISGA Championship Tournament.

**G.** Under the World Handicap System for a player to have a Handicap Index, the player's home club must have access to the USGA Centralized Computation service platform. Any player whose club does not have this will not be eligible to play in the MISGA Championship Tournaments (*Past Presidents {ABCD}* and *2-Player Team*). Their Handicap Index can be verified either by *MSGA.org*, *Golfnet.com* or *ghin.com* depending on the state association governing their handicap service.

## **VI - PRIZES**

### **A. Prize Pool Distribution**

1. A 50/50 split of the prize pool will be awarded to the **Gross** and **Net** winners.
2. All winners will receive a Pro Shop Gift Certificate.
3. In addition, the **Gross** and **Net Grand Champions** will receive a high-quality engraved trophy (*cost paid by MISGA*).

### **B. Number of Winners**

1. A full field = 100 individuals and 50 2-player teams. If less than a full field, a comparative ratio will be calculated.
2. **Past Presidents (ABCD)** - 26 total individuals (*the Gross and Net Grand Champions plus 3 gross and 3 net individual winners in each flight = 26%*)
3. **2-Player Team** - 16 total teams (*the Gross and Net Grand Champions plus 7 gross teams and 7 net teams = 32%*)

- C. Special Event Contests** (*optional*) - Winners of the **Closest-to-the-Pin** and **Closest-to-the-Line** contests - a box of golf balls (*12 pack*) or an equal share of cash from an established entry fee prize pool.

**D.**

## **VII - DIVISION QUOTAS**

**A.** At the beginning of the year, the MISGA Tournament Chairman will determine the number of finalists each Division may enter in the two MISGA Championship Tournaments. Division quotas will be based on the percentage of associates each Division represents of the total MISGA membership as reported in the *MISGA Associates Report of Dues Paid* from December of the previous year.

**B.** Each MISGA Division may determine the method it wishes to use for selecting their finalists for the two MISGA Championship Tournaments. Recommended methods of selection are: (1) a qualifying tournament, (2) first to pay entry fee, (3) a lottery, (4) a quota from each club, etc. If a qualifying tournament is used, the instructions contained in this document should be followed where applicable.

### **C. Unfilled Quotas**

1. If a division submits an official *Entry Form* with a fewer number of entrants than its quota, the host Club Tournament Coordinator will select qualified "alternates" from other Divisions.

2. First, select a qualified "alternate" from the Division with the most associates, then select a qualified "alternate" from the Division with the second most associates, then the Division with the third most associates, etc. until the tournament field is filled. A second or third round of selections may be required.

3. If there are still unfilled slots in the tournament field, the host Club Tournament Coordinator may select any MISGA associate, in good standing, from any MISGA club. The associate must pay all fees and will be eligible for all prizes.

4. If the tournament still remains unfilled (*100 individuals or 50 2-man teams*), the tournament will be played with less than a full field.

5. Divisional qualifying tournaments should follow this selection procedure.

### **D. Drop-Outs & Declared Ineligibles**

1. It will be the responsibility of the Division Tournament Chairman of the Division incurring the drop-out or the declared ineligible player to provide, if possible, a substitute finalist. However, a substitute for the 2-Player Team teammate who has dropped out or has been declared ineligible is prohibited. The remaining teammate may participate by himself or a substitute team must be selected. Exceptions to this rule may be granted

upon formal appeal to the MISGA Tournament Committee (*because of special and emergency situations such as illness, injury, death, court appearance, etc.*).

2. Alternates listed on the Division's *Entry Form* will provide the primary source of substitutes.

3. If the Division Tournament Chairman is unable to provide a substitute, the host club MISGA Tournament Coordinator (*Club Rep or his designate*) should follow steps 2-4 in Section IV, C above to locate and select a qualified substitute.

## **VIII - TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

A. Members of the host club *Tournament Committee* for each of the two Championship Tournaments will include the host Division Director (*Committee Chairman*), the host Division Tournament Chairman, the host Club Rep, the host Club Head Pro and such other individuals as may be appointed by the Division Director.

B. The *Tournament Committee* will be responsible for establishing the conditions of the competition; assuring adherence to USGA, MISGA and local rules of golf; assuring fairness of play and good sportsmanship; interpreting USGA, MISGA and local rules of play; answering technical questions; mediating disputes and resolving other issues and problems as they occur.

C. The *Tournament Coordinator* will serve as the lead person and point-of-contact for all related activities and operations. This assignment is normally performed by the host Club Rep; however, the Division Director, Division Tournament Chairman or another designated person may assume "command". The MISGA Tournament Chairman will assist as needed.

D. It is strongly encouraged that Divisions establish similar *Tournament Committees* for their Divisional Qualifier tournaments. The MTC will assist as needed.

## **IX - ADMINISTRATION & LOGISTICS**

### **A. Promotional Materials**

1. **Flyers** - As early as possible in the golfing season, the MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC) will prepare and information **flyer** for each of the two MISGA Championship Tournaments. Each **flyer** will include all the relevant information associated with each tournament and instructions to the Division Tournament Chairmen for preparing and submitting Division *Entry Forms* and *entry fee checks* to the host Club Tournament Coordinator. The two **flyers** will be posted on the MISGA website.

2. **Posters** - No later than early June, the MISGA Tournament Chairman (MTC) will prepare an informational **poster** for each of the two MISGA Championship Tournaments. Each poster will include all relevant information needed by associates for registering and participating in the two MCTs. The MTC will forward the **posters** to the Division Tournament Chairmen, who will, in-turn, forward them to their Division Club Reps for posting on their Pro Shop Bulletin Board. If a division qualifying tournament is used, Divisional **posters** should be prepared and posted on the bulletin boards.

## **B. Entry Fees**

1. As early as possible in the golfing season (*not later than May 15*), the MISGA Tournament Chairman, the host Club Tournament Coordinator and the host Club management staff should determine the amount of the **Entry Fee**. Cost items will include: prize pool (\$10 per finalist), cart fee, range balls, light breakfast or lunch, post golf cash bar cocktail hour (*w/light hors d'oeuvres*), awards dinner (*buffet or plated*) and other incidentals as needed. The amount of the **Entry Fee** should be as low as feasibly possible, high enough to provide an enjoyable tournament experience, but not too high to discourage participation. Any additional cost for cart rentals may not be added to the **Entry Fee**.

2. As soon as the amount of the **Entry Fee**, the submission **Due Date** and the **Cancellation Deadline** (*generally, 2 weeks prior to the date of the tournament*) have been established, the MISGA Tournament Chairman enter the information onto the applicable MCT **flyer** and **poster**.

### **3. Refunds**

a. Except for special and emergency situations, requests for **Entry Fee** refunds after the **Cancellation Deadline** will NOT be granted (*illness, injury, death, court appearance, etc.*).

b. A finalist who does not return for play on the established "rain date" will NOT be granted a refund. As the "rain date" is known for many weeks in advance, scheduling conflicts are not considered valid justification.

c. Formal written appeals must be submitted to the host Tournament Committee for adjudication.

## **C. Tournament Documents**

1. **Entry Form** - The MISGA Tournament Chairman will develop a standardized **Entry Form** for each of the two Championship Tournaments. The **Entry Forms** will be used by Division Tournament Chairmen for submitting the names, home club and Handicap Index of

his Division's MCT finalists and "alternates". Copies of the standardized *Entry Forms* will be made available to Division Tournament Chairmen in early spring. To prevent unauthorized individuals from downloading and submitting *Entry Forms*, they will not be posted on the MISGA website.

2. **Rules of Play** - A *Rules of Play* sheet will be prepared and placed on every golf cart prior to play. The rule sheet will include basic instructions and information relevant to the Championship Tournament - "*USGA rules apply at all times*", *disputes, tee placement, handicap allowance, local rules, use of cart paths, moving the ball, "gimmes", playing from hazards, score keeping, pace of play, tie-breaking procedure, marking balls for identification, etc.* The MISGA Tournament Chairman will provide a model Rules of Play sheet for each of the MCTs.

3. **Tournament/Event Financial Report (T/E Report)** - As soon as possible after the conclusion of a Championship Tournament (*not later than 100 days*), the host club Tournament Coordinator (*Club Rep or his designate*) must complete and submit a copy of the *T/E Report* with all supporting documentation (*vouchers, invoices, receipts, deposit slips, cancelled checks, bank statements, etc.*) to the MISGA Auditor. Detailed guidance for completing and submitting the *T/E Report* is contained in the official **MISGA Club Representatives Guidelines** under the section *Fiscal Conduct of MISGA Special Events*. To manage the fiscal aspect of the event, guidance and a blank copy of the *T/E Report Form* are available on the MISGA website - *Documents/Guidelines/"Fiscal Conduct of MISGA Events (RTF)(PDF)"*.

#### D. Golf Carts

The club hosting a Championship Tournament will be responsible for providing golf carts for all finalists (*2 finalists per golf cart - a full field = 50 carts*). A less than full field would require fewer golf carts. There should be 2-3 extra golf carts available for use by members of the Tournament Committee. If the host club has fewer than 50 carts, the club may: (1) limit the field to the number of available carts or (2) rent additional carts to meet the full field number. MISGA will **NOT** provide financial assistance to the host club if it rents additional golf carts.

#### E. Volunteers

The host Club Tournament Coordinator (*Club Rep or his designate*) should recruit volunteers from the host Club's MISGA associates to perform a variety of duties and tasks (*greeters, assist with registration, serve as ball spotters {who substantially aid the speed of play}, assist with scoring, etc.*). Volunteers will ensure a more efficient and effectively operated tournament and reduce the burden placed on the Head Club Pro and his staff and the host Club Tournament Coordinator. Volunteers should be provided with a *light lunch*.



## F. Practice Rounds

Host clubs have the option of permitting or not permitting "practice rounds" for qualified tournament finalists prior to the official date of the Championship Tournament. Regular scheduled pre-tournament MISGA mixers are an excellent opportunity for "practice rounds". The official MISGA Championship Tournament **flyer** will indicate whether or not "practice rounds" are permitted and include instructions for permission to play.

## G. Meals

Depending upon the days' schedule, prior to: (a) **early morning tee time** = buffet breakfast or coffee & donuts or (b) **noon tee time** = light lunch (*bag/box or cold cuts sandwich buffet or grilled hamburgers & hotdogs*) with a cold drink. The **awards banquet** can be either a buffet or plated sit-down dinner.

H. **Beverages** - A variety of chilled drinks (*sodas, lemonade, iced tea, Gatorade, bottled water, beer, etc.*) should be made available (*for cash*) at a snack bar near the staging area. A beverage cart with chilled drinks (*for cash*) should make rounds during play. A post-golf, cash bar cocktail hour with light hors d'oeuvres should be provided prior to the **awards banquet**. A cash bar should be available during the **awards banquet**.

## I. Tournament Scoring

1. **Scorecards** - The host club Head Pro will determine the type of scorecard(s) to be used and the method of marking scorecards during the tournament. Players must enter their score for every hole played .. leave no blank holes on the scorecard (*such scorecards are grounds for disqualification*). Each scorecard must be totaled, reconciled, attested and signed prior to being turned in at the Scorer's Station.

2. **Scoreboard** - The scoreboard may be located outside at the Pro Shop scoring station or inside the Club House on a wall in the banquet room. Normally, the Head Pro and his assistants will perform the score posting duties. If requested by the Head Pro, non-playing Tournament Committee members and official volunteers may assist with the score posting tasks.

## J. Tie Breaking Procedure

1. The Tournament **Gross** and **Net Grand Champions** will be determined by a sudden-death playoff.

2. All other **Gross** and **Net Places** will be determined by one of the following two options as selected and pre-announced by the *Tournament Committee*.

a. **Match-of Cards** - The initial tie breaker will be the best score attained on the last nine holes (10-18), then the last six holes (13-18), then the last three holes (16-18) and finally the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. Should a tie still exist, the match will be a hole-by-hole match beginning with the #1 handicap hole and proceeding to the #2 handicap hole and so on until the tie is broken.

b. **The PGA procedure** - All tied places will be awarded an equal share of the sum of the prize pool for those places.

#### **K. Posting Scores**

1. The host club Tournament Committee may declare a player ineligible to participate in the current year's Championship Tournaments if within a practical period of time (*normally two weeks*), the player has failed to post either: (a) his current year's Divisional Qualifier Tournament score or (b) his previous year's Championship Tournament scores.

2. The MISGA Rules & Handicap Chairman may monitor the posting of scores by Championship Tournament participants (*entrants, qualifiers, finishers*) to assure they have complied with USGA and MISGA score posting policies and guidelines. The R&H Chairman will inform the appropriate host club Tournament Committee of instances of non-compliance. The host club Tournament Committee, in consultation with the R&H Chairman, will determine whether or not the non-compliant participant should be declared ineligible. If a participant is declared ineligible, he may file an appeal to the MISGA Tournament Committee (*MISGA Tournament Chairman & Division Tournament Chairmen*) for adjudication. Other prescribed penalties are the jurisdiction of the participant's home club Handicap Committee.

#### **L. Tournament Interruptions**

1. The host club for each of the two Championship Tournaments must provide for a "rain date" in case of unforeseen circumstances that could cause play to be interrupted or suspended (*rain, lightening, high winds, flooding, fires, earthquake, air raids, etc.*). If available, the recommended "rain date" should be the following week on the day of the official established date of the tournament (*e.g., official date - Monday, August 24; rain date - Monday, August 31*).

2. If on the day before the Championship Tournament is scheduled, forecasts indicate a high probability of unplayable inclement weather, the host club Tournament Committee should consider postponing the Tournament and rescheduling it on the

established "rain date". If postponed, the host club Tournament Coordinator should notify all Division Tournament Chairmen, Division Directors and Assistant Division Directors of the postponement, who will, in turn, notify the Club Reps who will notify their finalists.

3. If the "official" scheduled Championship Tournament is interrupted and resumption of play is impossible, the Tournament Committee will declare the Tournament "official" for determining winners and awarding prizes by application of the **Score vs. Par** procedure. A minimum of 9 holes must be completed by ALL finalists.

Note: The term "finalist" and "his" apply to **individuals** and **2-player teams** alike.

a. Each finalist will match his **Gross** score and his **Net** score against his **Par** score for his specified number of **credited** holes. Refer to sample scorecard below.

b. All finalists will be ranked in ascending order. The finalist with the fewest Gross strokes compared to his to his **Par** score will be declared the **Gross Grand Champion**.

c. The finalist with the fewest **Net** strokes compared to his **Par** score will be the **Net Grand Champion**.

#### *Tournament Interruption - Sample Scorecard*

**Green** = Credited Holes    **Pink** = Un-Credited Hole

| Hole   | 1 | 2    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 6  | 7    | 8    | 9    | Out   |
|--------|---|------|------|------|------|----|------|------|------|-------|
| Par    | 5 | 4    | 3    | 4    | 5    | 3  | 4    | 4    | 4    | 36    |
| Hdcp   | 9 | 13   | 15   | 5    | 1    | 17 | 7    | 11   | 3    |       |
| A (5)  |   |      |      | *    | *5/4 | 3  | 4    | 4    | *5/4 | 21/19 |
| B (8)  |   |      |      | *5/4 | *6/5 | 4  | *4/3 | 4    | *4/3 | 27/23 |
| C (10) | * |      | 4    | *7/6 | *5/4 | 4  | *5/4 | 5    | *6/5 | 36/32 |
| D (15) | * | *5/4 | *4/3 | *8/7 | *7/6 | 4  | *5/4 | *5/4 | *6/5 | 44/37 |

| Hole | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | In | Par | Gross | Net |
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|-----|
|------|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|-------|-----|

|        |      |      |      |      |      |    |      |    |    |       |    |        |        |
|--------|------|------|------|------|------|----|------|----|----|-------|----|--------|--------|
| Par    | 4    | 4    | 4    | 5    | 4    | 3  | 5    | 4  | 3  | 36    | 72 |        |        |
| Hdcp   | 10   | 14   | 8    | 6    | 4    | 16 | 2    | 12 | 18 |       |    |        |        |
| A (5)  | 5    | 4    | 5    | 7    | *5/4 | 3  | *6/5 | 5  | 4  | 40/38 | 53 | 61/+8  | 57/+4  |
| B (8)  | 6    | 5    | *5/4 | *6/5 | *4/3 | 4  | *7/6 | 6  |    | 37/33 | 53 | 64/+11 | 56/+3  |
| C (10) | *5/4 | 5    | *5/4 | *7/6 | *6/5 | 6  | *6/5 |    |    | 34/30 | 51 | 70/+19 | 62/+11 |
| D (15) | *6/5 | *5/4 | *5/4 | *7/6 | *6/5 |    | *    | *  |    | 29/24 | 52 | 73/+21 | 61/+9  |

4. If the postponed Tournament cannot be certified as a completed on the official "rain date", the host club Tournament Committee will declare the Tournament null and void. All prize money and other "refundable amounts" of the *Entry Fee* shall be refunded to the players. The amount of the "refundable amounts" is negotiable between the Tournament Coordinator and the host Club management staff.

## APPENDIX

### 1. The USGA Rules of Handicapping

#### 6.2b Calculation When Multiple Tees with Different Pars Are Used in a Competition

(i) Stroke Play and Match Play formats (where results are recorded as gross or net scores). A player competing from a set of tees with a higher *par* must receive additional strokes for the round, equal to the difference between the *par* of the tees they are playing and the tees with the lowest *par*.

## REVISIONS

### 1. January 3, 2011 (BoD Approved)

- a. **Added** - Section IV, Paragraph B (pg. 2) - TEE PLACEMENT MARKER - Women
- b. **Added** - Appendix 1 (pg. 10) - The USGA Handicap System Manual - Women Competing Against Men

### 2. December 10, 2011 (BoD Approved)

- a. **Modified** - Section III, Paragraphs A&B (pg. 1) - To reduce the amount of time required to complete the two Championship Tournaments, the maximum field for the **Past Presidents (ABCD)** tournament is reduced from 128 to 100 competitors and the **2-Player Team** tournament reduced from 64 to 50 teams.
- b. **Added** - Section III, Paragraph B, 2 (pg. 2) - The *Gross* and *Net Grand Champions* from the previous year's **Past Presidents (ABCD)** and **2-Player Team** tournaments are eligible to compete in the current year's tournaments. They will not be required to qualify, but they will be required to pay the entry fee.
- c. **Added** - Section V, Paragraph B, 1 (pg. 2) - In accordance with Section 9-4, b (ii) of *The USGA Handicap System* manual, women will receive 95% of their Course Handicap.
- d. **Added** - Section V, Paragraph A (pg. 2) - In accordance with Section 3-4 of *The USGA Handicap System* manual, the maximum *Handicap Index* is 36.4 for men and 40.4 for women.
- e. **Modified** - Section IX, Paragraph I (pgs. 7 & 8) - **Tie Breaking Procedure**

f. **Added** - Section IX, Paragraph J, 3 (pg. 8) - A description of MISGA's **Score vs. Par** procedure for determining winners and awarding prizes at a tournament that has been terminated because of unforeseen circumstances (*rain, lightening, high winds, flooding, fires, earthquake, air raids, etc.*).

g. **Added** - Appendix 2 (pgs. 10-11) - Sample scorecard illustrating the **Score vs. Par** procedure in "2, f" above.

### 3. **September 11, 2012 (BoD Approved)**

a. **Modified** - Section I, 2<sup>nd</sup> Paragraph (pg. 1) - Allows the MTC to select the highest quality available clubs that are within a reasonable distance from the Chesapeake Bay Bridge.

b. **Modified** - Section VI, Paragraph B (pg. 3) - Both the **Net** and **Gross 2-Man Team** winners will receive an equal 50% split of the prize pool. Previously, the prize pool split was 80% for the Net winners and 20% for the Gross winners.

c. **Added** - Section VII, Paragraph D, 1 (pg. 4) - Provides an appeal process to the "no substitute" rule regarding 2-Man Teams.

### 4. **March 13, 2013 (BoD Approved)**

a. **Added** - Section V, Paragraph E (pg. 3) - Individuals or 2-man teams who have won the Net Grand Champion title in 2 successive years will incur a 20% reduction in their Course Handicap for the following year Championship Tournament and an additional 10% reduction for each successive year winning.

b. **Modified** - Section VI, Paragraph A (pg.3) - Provides that the **Gross** and **Net Grand Champions** of both tournaments will receive a Pro Shop Gift Certificate in addition to a trophy. Previously they were awarded a trophy only.

### 5. **September 10, 2013 (BoD Approved)**

**Modified** - Section VI, Paragraph B (pg. 3) - Established a total number of winners for each of the two Championship Tournaments: **Past Presidents (ABCD)** - 26 (= 26%) and **2-Player Team** - 16 teams (=32%). The numbers are based on a full-field for each tournament and include the **Gross** and **Net Grand Champions**.

**6. September 13, 2013 (BoD Approved)**

**Added & Modified** – Section VI, Paragraph C (pg. 3) – **Special Event Contest** winners (*Closest-to-the-Pin, Closest-to-the-Line and Longest Drive*) will receive a box of golf balls (12-pack) or an equal share of cash from an established entry fee pool.

**7. December 7, 2016 (BoD Approved)**

**Added** – Section V, Paragraph G (pg. 3) – Advises the host club Tournament Committee to apply *Section 3-3* and *Section 10* of *The USGA Handicap System* manual to determine an associate's *MCT Course Handicap* when there is creditable evidence (*extraordinary and exceptional performance at MCTs*) to indicate his *MCT Course Handicap* is inaccurate (*higher than his true playing ability*).

**8. July 7, 2018**

**Added** – In accordance with *Section 9-4, b (ii)* of *The USGA Handicap System* manual: to *Section V, Paragraph C (pg.2)*. This addition provides the specific USGA citation for determining handicap allowances for Four-Ball Play competitions.

**9. March 18, 2020 (BoD Approved)**

**Major Revision** – Due to the implementation of the *USGA's Rules of Handicapping*, effective January 2020, and revisions, additions and deletions approved by the Board of Directors, the following *MCT Guidelines* Sections have been revised and updated: **III-B 3; IV-A; V-A, C, D, E, F, G; IX-A 2, B 1, C 1, C 3, G, I 1; Appendix.**

**10. January 23, 2023**

**Major Revision** – Due to the revisions to the *tee placement marker* guidelines, **Section II – Formats** and **Section IV – Tee Marker Placements** have been revised and updated. The revisions affect all participants desiring to compete for the *Gross Grand Champion* prize.