

Bi-monthly Club Events Policies & Local Rules

General Policies

- A. **Tournament Committee:** The Tournament Committee for any bi-monthly Club event will be composed of the Tournament Chairs for that event, the Entertainment Director for that event and any other Board Member of the Club present at the event. Prior to the start of the event any regular member can be recruited to serve as a member of the Tournament Committee. All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.
- B. **How Many Tournaments Can an Associate Member Play?** Associate members are limited to three (3) bi-monthly tournaments a membership year.
- C. **How Many Tournaments Can a Guest Play?** Guests are limited to two (2) bi-monthly tournaments a membership year.
- D. **What is the Tournament Entry Fee for Members who are exempt from the Course Green Fees?** Members who receive green fees as compensation from the Golf course or are otherwise exempt from paying the course green fees are required to pay the prize fund and any additional fees above the green fees (i.e. entry fee for the President's Cup).
- E. **How many Tournaments are required to qualify for the Club Championship?** A member must play in three (3) home tournaments in the 12 months immediately preceding the Club Championship.
- F. **What if I make a hole in one during a bi-monthly club event?** The Club provides hole-in-one insurance for play during our bi-monthly events. The hole-in-one insurance is limited to regular club members. The maximum insurance provided is \$200.
- G. **Can I use XXX-out balls or balls marked practice in Club events?** Yes, subject to the provisions of the Rules of Golf.
- H. **Should I post my score in the bi-monthly Club events?** No, the Tournament Committee will post scores for our regularly scheduled Club events. Unless otherwise stated the bi-monthly events are not considered tournaments for handicap purposes.
- I. **Where can I find the rules for various tournament formats?** Generally, the rules for a specific tournament will be included with the announcement of the event and at check-in for the event. The Rules of Golf apply to all our events.

Local Rules adopted from the Rules of Golf for RRMGC Events

- A. **Aeration Holes:** If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole: (a) Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b. If the ball comes to rest in another aeration hole the player may take relief again under this Local Rule. (b) Ball on Putting Green. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1d. But interference does not exist if the aeration hole only interferes with the player's stance or, on the putting green, on the player's line of play.
- B. **Local Rule Immovable Obstructions Close to the Putting Green:** Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 16.1. The player also has these extra options to take relief when such immovable obstructions are close to the putting green and on the line of play: Ball in General Area. The player may take relief under Rule 16.1b if an immovable obstruction is: On the line of play, and is: Within two club-lengths of the putting green, and Within two club-lengths of the ball. Exception – No Relief If Line of Play Clearly Unreasonable. There is no relief under this Local Rule if the player chooses a line of play that is clearly unreasonable.

- C. Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Ball Out of Bounds:** When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under stroke and distance. For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in this relief area (see Rule 14.3):
- Two Estimated Reference Points:
- a. Ball Reference Point: The point where the original ball is estimated to have come to rest on the course, or last crossed the edge of the course boundary to go out of bounds.
- b. Fairway Reference Point: The point of fairway of the hole being played that is nearest to the ball reference point, but is not nearer the hole than the ball reference point. For purposes of this Local Rule, "fairway" means any area of grass in the general area that is cut to fairway height or less. If a ball is estimated to be lost on the course or last crossed the edge of the course boundary short of the fairway, the fairway reference point may be a grass path or a teeing ground for the hole being played cut to fairway height or less.
- Size of Relief Area Based on Reference Points: Anywhere between: A line from the hole through the ball reference point (and within two club-lengths to the outside of that line), and A line from the hole through the fairway reference point (and within two club-lengths to the fairway side of that line). But with these limits:
- Limits on Location of Relief Area: Must be in the general area, and Must not be nearer the hole than the ball reference point. Once the end of the three-minute search time (see Rule 6.3b). But the player may not use this option to the player puts a ball in play under this Local Rule: The original ball that was lost or out of bounds is no longer in play and must not be played. This is true even if the ball is found on the course before take relief for the original ball when: That ball is known or virtually certain to have come to rest in a penalty area, or The player has played another ball provisionally under penalty of stroke and distance (see Rule 18.3). A player may use this option to take relief for a provisional ball that has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds.
- Penalty for Playing Ball from a Wrong Place in Breach of Local Rule: General Penalty Under Rule 14.7a." ***This local rule is suspended for the SCGA Net Fourball Qualifier and the Club Championship.***

Awards, Flight Size & Payouts

- A. Payouts General:** The goal is to pay at least one-third (1/3) of the field in any event. Amounts of payout are determined by the number of entries in the field (exceptions to this are the Club Championship, the President's Cup, and the Tournament of Champions). In general, the first-place finisher should receive at least the cost of entry, the lowest payout should approximate the prize fund. A player can receive payout for only one place in an event (either gross or net).
- B. Flight Size and Determination:** The general approach to flight sizes for individual play is to have flights of equal size, with a minimum of 15. Unequal flight size may arise based on the handicap index of the entries. Individuals with the same handicap index must be in the same flight. Teams with the same course handicap must be in the same flight.
- C. Club Championship:** The award for the Club Champions (Gross and Net) will be determined by the Board as part of its annual budgeting process. The flight winner payout in the Club Championship will be determined as described in "A" above. In addition to the award the Net and Gross Club Champions will have their entry fees paid to the SCGA Tournament of Champions. Other awards determined to be appropriate by the Board may be granted.
- D. President's Cup:** The award for the winner of the President's Cup will be determined by the Board as part of its annual budget process. Total prize fund will be a combination of the budgeted amount and qualifying entry fees. Payouts will be made for each match won; if a bracket is not fully filled there will be no payout for the bye.

- E. **Tournament of Champions:** The award for the Tournament of Champions will be determined by the Board in its annual budgeting process. The award will be granted to a Gross and Net winner. The Tournament of Champions is not a stand-alone event but played as a Tournament within a tournament.
- F. **SCGA Net Fourball Qualifier:** Payouts are determined as in “A” above. In addition to the payouts the two teams with the lowest net score and meet the eligibility requirements for participation in the SCGA Net Fourball Tournament will have their entry fees paid. Other awards determined to be appropriate by the Board may be granted.
- G. **Annual Competition:** Modeled on the SCGA one day series; every time a player enters a monthly tournament, they will receive points. The accumulation of points is separate from flight winners for the tournament. A player can only receive points from one source for each tournament. See Table 1 for the distribution of points. The award for the Annual Competition will be determined by the Board in its annual budgeting process. Table 2 shows the distribution of award.

Table 1 – River Ridge Cup Point Distribution

Place Gross or Net	Bi-Monthly Events	SCGA Qualifier, Club Championship & River Ridge Cup
1 st	100	200
2 nd	75	150
3 rd	60	120
4 th	50	100
5 th	40	80
6 th	35	70
7 th	30	60
8 th	25	50
9 th	20	40
10 th	15	30
Participation	10	20

Table 2
Annual Award Payout Distribution

Annual Points Total	Annual Award (Based on 2,000 Point Prize Fund)
1 st	400
2 nd	200
3 rd	150
4 th	140
5 th	130
6 th	120
7 th	110
8 th	100
9 th	90
10 th	80
11 th	75
12 th	70
13 th	65
14 th	55
15 th	50
16 th	45
17 th	35
18 th -20 th	30