

MWGA COMPETITION FORMAT RULES

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MWGA Scramble Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for MWGA 2-Woman and 4-Woman Scrambles competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

- 1) All players tee off at each hole. The best or most strategic shot is then selected as the spot from which the next shots will be played. The ball(s) of the other team member(s) are then picked up and moved to that spot. From that location, all team members will play a second shot. This same procedure is followed until the ball is holed.
- 2) All team members may clean and place their ball. The balls are to be placed within one club length of the landing spot, no closer to the hole (*except on the green, where a ball marker shall be placed within one putter head length to the right or left of the ball to ensure that all balls will be played from the same location*).
- 3) If a selected shot is played from a hazard, bunker or the rough, the ball must be placed within a club length of the original position, no nearer the hole, and must remain in the hazard, bunker or the rough. When the hazard is a bunker, the bunker may be raked after each shot. The grass surrounding the sand bunker is not part of the hazard. If any part of the ball rests on a hazard line, it is considered to be in the hazard.
- 4) A ball may not be placed on the green when the selected location is off the green.
- 5) Continuous putting is encouraged to speed up play. A team may knock in a short putt before trying to sink a long putt.
- 6) When a selected ball is eligible for relief under the USGA Rules, relief should be taken before marking the selected location.
- 7) If a team is missing a golfer, the team will not get an extra shot to make up for the missing player. Likewise, as prizes are awarded on an individual basis, if a missing player(s) has (have) paid their entry fee(s), a winning team that is short a player(s) will not be awarded the prize money of the player(s) that is (are) missing.
- 8) A minimum number of drives must be used from each player on the team.
 - a) In a 4-Woman Scramble, each team in all flights must use three drives from each player.
 - b) In a 2-Woman Scramble, each team in all flights must use six drives from each player.
 - c) Each player's required drives must be clearly indicated on the scorecard.
- 9) Violation of the MWGA Scramble Rules will result in a team being disqualified.
- 10) MWGA Pace of Play Policy will be in effect.

Mulligan Rules for Scrambles

Mulligans are sold at MWGA scramble events as a fund raising activity.

1. Mulligans are \$2 a player and a player gets only two.
2. Mulligans can be used to replay any shot anywhere on the course. The original ball must be abandoned.
3. *Mulligans cannot be used for contests, such as closest to the pin, longest drive or chip-ins.*
4. Mulligans can be used in skins.
5. Each group will keep track of where everyone's mulligans are used.
6. Do not delay play.

Violation of the MWGA Scramble Rules will result in the team being disqualified.

MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect

MWGA TOURNAMENT FORMAT RULES (continued)

2-Person (Woman) Four-Ball Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of any local rules, which will be presented before play begins.

The format is a 2-Person (Woman) Four-Ball. It is a handicapped **stroke play** team event with teams consisting of two (2) players and each player on the team plays their own ball. Upon completion of each hole, the gross score of each player is recorded. The lower of the two scores, both gross and net, are recorded on the scorecard as the team score for that hole. If a team member elects not to complete a hole, they should use their most likely score, not to exceed their equitable stroke control (ESC) score, suffixed with an X. This score is used for posting purposes only, and cannot be used for the team score.

At the end of the competition, prizes are awarded for the lowest gross and net team scores in each handicap division.

**Violation of the MWGA 2-Person (Woman) Four-Ball Rules will result in the team being disqualified.
MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect**

Best 2 -of- 4 Four-Ball Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of any local rules, which will be presented before play begins.

The format is a Best 2-of-4 Four-Ball. It is a handicapped **stroke play** team event with teams consisting of four (4) players and each player on the team plays their own ball. Upon completion of each hole, the gross score of each player is recorded. The lowest two scores, gross and net, are added and recorded on the scorecard as the team score for that hole. If a team member elects not to complete a hole, they should use their most likely score, not to exceed their equitable stroke control (ESC) score, suffixed with an X. This score is used for posting purposes only, and cannot be used for the team score.

At the end of the competition, prizes are awarded for the lowest gross and net team scores in each handicap division.

**Violation of the MWGA 2 -of- 4 Best Ball Rules will result in the team being disqualified.
MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect**

3-Person and 4-Person (Woman) Cha Cha Cha Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for Cha-Cha-Cha competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

The format is a 3 or 4-Person (Woman) Cha Cha Cha. It is a handicapped **stroke play** team event with teams consisting of three (3) or four (4) players and each player on the team plays their own ball throughout the 18 holes. A 3-hole rotation exists for determining how many scores are used to establish the team score.

- On the first hole (cha), the one lowest ball score, both gross and net, are recorded as the team score.
- On the second hole (cha cha), the two lowest ball scores, both gross and net, are recorded as the team score.
- On the third hole (cha cha cha), the three lowest ball scores, both gross and net, are recorded as the team score.

The rotation starts over on the fourth hole and continues throughout the 18 holes.

This format has been modified for 2012 to use the three lowest scores on all par 3's; the two lowest scores on all par 4's and the one lowest score on all par 5's.

If a team member elects not to complete a hole, they should use their most likely score, not to exceed their equitable stroke control (ESC) score, suffixed with an X. This score is used for posting purposes only, and cannot be used for the team score.

At the end of the competition, prizes are awarded for the lowest gross and net team scores in each handicap division.

**Violation of the MWGA 3 or 4-Person (Woman) Cha Cha Cha Rules will result in the team being disqualified.
MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect**

MWGA TOURNAMENT FORMAT RULES (continued)

2-Person (Woman) Eraser Rules (Also known as Select Score; Eclectic Score)

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for 2 Person (Woman) Eraser competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

The format is a 2-Person (Woman) Eraser, also known as Select Score or Eclectic Score. This is a handicapped **stroke play** team event based on playing 36 holes either in one day or over a two day period. Each team member plays their own ball throughout the 36 holes. After completion of 36 holes, from the two scores, each player selects the better score on each hole, scoring the lowest total score for 18. **The team score per hole is determined by taking the better score of the two days for each player and adding them together.** – You simply “erase” the higher scores. Prizes are based on the lowest **combined team** “Eraser Scores” awarding both gross and net prizes in all divisions. Each actual 18 hole score will be used for posting and if a team member elects not to complete a hole, they should use they should use their most likely score, not to exceed their equitable stroke control (ESC) score, suffixed with an X. This score is used for posting purposes only, and cannot be used for the team score. **Note:** a player must complete each hole in at least one of the two rounds played. Only a completed hole can be used in the combined team score.

Any team having a player that has not completed each of the 18 holes, at least once, will be disqualified.

**Violation of the MWGA 2-Person (Woman) Eraser Rules will result in the team being disqualified.
MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect**

2 or 4 Person (Woman) Shamble Rules

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for 2 or 4-Person (Woman) Shamble competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

The format is a 2 or 4 Person (Woman) Shamble. A shamble is golf event that combines both scramble and stroke play elements. As in a scramble, all members of a team (usually four) tee off on each hole and the best or most strategic shot of the four tee shots is selected. All players move their balls to the spot of the best ball. From this point, the hole is played out as stroke play, with all members of the team playing their own ball into the hole. So, select the best shot off the tee, move all balls to that spot, then play individual stroke play until each member of the group has holed out.

All four team members may clean and place their ball on the first shot only. The balls are to be placed within one club length of the landing spot, no closer to the hole (**except on the green**, where a ball marker shall be placed **within one putter head length** to the right or left of the selected ball). When the selected tee shot ball is eligible for relief under the USGA Rules, relief should be taken before marking the selected location.

If a selected tee shot ball is played from a hazard, bunker or the rough, the balls must be placed **within a club length** of the original position, no nearer the hole, **and must remain in the hazard, bunker or the rough.** When the hazard is a bunker, the bunker may be raked after each shot. The grass surrounding the sand bunker is not part of the hazard. If a ball rests on a hazard line, it is considered a hazard.

Players scores from this format are not to be posted.

Scoring is to be determined by the Tournament Committee as it can be done any number of ways, such as using one low score per hole for a 2 or 4 Person Team, or using two or three low scores per hole in a 4 Person Team. Both gross and net prizes are awarded per flights.

**Violation of the MWGA 2 or 4 Person (Woman) Shamble Rules will result in the team being disqualified.
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2-Person (Woman) Chapman (aka the Pinehurst method)

The current USGA Rules of Golf and the MWGA Rules and Conditions of Competition for Tournaments will govern all MWGA competitions, with the exception of the following rules, which are in effect for 2-Person (Woman) Chapman competitions. Any additional local rules will be presented before play begins.

This is a two-person, handicapped modified chapman competition:

- Both players, on the side, hit drives;
- Each plays their partners ball for their second shot;
- The team must then select one ball location from which to complete the hole using alternate shot format. If Player "A" last hit the selected ball, Player "B" shall play first in the alternation.
- Alternate shot continues until the ball is holed out.

All balls are to be played as they lie, unless relief is being taken as specified under the Rules of Golf. Each hole must be holed-out.

At the end of the competition, prizes are awarded for the lowest gross and net team scores in each handicap division.

**Violation of the MWGA Chapman Rules will result in the team being disqualified.
MWGA Pace of Play Policy Will Be In Effect**