

2019 MGA 9 RULES & GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

I. GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. The **501-915-0408** answering device is for MGA9 use only. For Wild Bunch call the designated person on the web site to play or cancel.

2. **Computer Contact:** www.hsvmens9hole.com. The MGA9 web site is used for tee times/pairings, weekly scores, sign up, league general information, membership application, rules, rosters, and play schedule for the MGA 9 and Wild Bunch.

3. **Dual Membership:** The Constitution of the Hot Springs Village Men's Nine Hole Golf Association does not permit dual membership with the HSV Eighteen Hole Men's Golf Association.

4. SIGN UP:

a. Sign up online at www.hsvmens9hole.com (Follow the instructions under "Men's 9 Hole Signups"). Signups are open through Monday 5 PM of the week before a play date for MGA9 and Sunday 5PM of the week before a play date for Wild Bunch. Exception: Winter Wild Bunch plays on Wednesday and Friday with the closeout Sunday and Monday, respectively.

b. Tee times and pairings will be posted on line at www.hsvmens9hole.com (Click on "Pairing Sheet".)

c. If you wish to play and didn't get signed up call the answering device for the MGA 9. If you signed up and wish to cancel call the answering device. Either way follow the instructions on the answering device. If you need to cancel late – call the course to cancel in order to maintain your right to reserve a tee time.

II. RULES:

1. Except as noted in the following, current USGA rules apply to all play.

2. Play READY GOLF from tee through green. If you are ready and someone is not in the way, HIT! NO MULLIGANS ARE ALLOWED. All putts of 18 inches or less from the hole are "gimmies." If within 18 inches, DO NOT PUTT, pick up and COUNT THAT AS ONE STROKE. NOTE: 18 inches does not mean "inside the leather."

3. Allow TWO MINUTES to look for a lost ball. If lost, play a new ball from the fairway as near as possible to where the original ball was last seen, but no closer to the hole. Take a one-stroke penalty.

4. OUT OF BOUNDS--take a one stroke penalty and play a new ball from the fairway nearest to where the first went out of bounds, but no closer to the hole.

5. WINTER RULES apply at all times. A ball may be moved up to one club length to improve your lie through the green without penalty. A ball in an unmarked hazard (i.e., a temporary drainage ditch, ground under repair or standing water, etc.) may be moved one club length from the hazard without penalty, but no closer to the hole. A ball in a marked hazard (creek, pond,

lake, ditch) may be moved up to two club lengths from the hazard boundary (staked line), but no closer to the hole, take a one stroke penalty. A ball resting in rocks may be moved to the nearest grass not nearer the hole with no penalty.

6. SAND BUNKERS: Players MAY choose to lift the ball from a sand bunker and place it two club lengths outside the bunker, NOT NEARER TO THE HOLE, at any time without a penalty stroke. Any strokes taken in the bunker prior to this removal must be counted.

7. Play the forward tees (gold) on all courses, unless advised otherwise by the MGA 9 starter.

8. On a closed hole, take a bogey and proceed to the next hole. On any temporary green, if the ball is inside the sprayed circle, you may pick it up and take two (2) strokes (for the putts). If the ball is within 18 inches, it is a “gimmie”, pick up and take one (1) stroke. (Note: If you elect to putt inside the circle and miss, then pick up--you must take a stroke for the putt and two strokes for the pick up, i.e., two strokes are not the maximum you can take inside the circle. If you elect to putt, you are on your own.)

9. The MAXIMUM number of strokes allowed per hole, in individual play, will be listed on the scorecard, by flight (A-B-C-D). If you reach the limit, PICK UP!

10. The captain should keep the scorecard and maintain the pace of play. One other player will verify the accuracy of the scores per hole and total(s). No player should be awarded more strokes than listed for him on the scorecard. The scorecard is to be signed by the captain, attested by a team member and turned in at the clubhouse (In the scorecard box at the starter’s table.). Write names on the scorecards on the same line as the score for each player.

11. In a FOUR (4)-man scramble, you must use each player’s tee shot twice in the first eight holes. A player, whose drive has been used twice, will not drive again (except on par 3’s for closest to the pin prize). On the tee shot, the person whose drive is selected will not be eligible to hit the second shot. All players will be eligible to hit third and subsequent shots. All players will be permitted to putt on each hole. All players may hit a “drive” on the ninth hole and the captain will select the drive to be used.

12. In a THREE (3)-man scramble, use each players tee shot three times. All players hit all shots including putts. Once a player has hit his three tee shots, that player should not tee off again, except on par 3’s for closest to the pin prize. A three-man scramble will have 4 putts with the captain designating who will be the fourth putter on each hole.

13. There will be no two-man scrambles. The starter will take a player from another team.

14. Players will pay green fees at the pro shop and check in with the league starter at least 30 minutes before his scheduled tee time. Players who have not checked in 30 minutes before assigned tee times may be replaced by substitutes. However, any member who has signed up to play in a tournament and arrived for his assigned tee time but has been replaced will play at his assigned tee time. The other player will return to the starter table for reassignment.

15. A league handicap is established for a new member by playing a minimum of three (3) individual league rounds in one season. Returning member’s handicaps will be based on a previous year’s league handicap. MGA 9 handicaps are found in the column to the left while Wild Bunch handicaps are found in the Wild Bunch Home section in the lower left column.

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a. A member without an individual handicap will NOT be eligible to compete in scheduled scramble events and will be assigned No Handicap (NH) to participate in the individual events. All members must submit at least three (3) individual league scores during the season to retain their individual handicap for the current year.

b. New members, and returning members who did not meet the required minimum three (3) individual scores the previous season, who play three or more rounds alongside the Wild Bunch as non-qualifying players between November and March will qualify for MGA 9 weekly tournament play, may play in league scrambles, and may begin competition with the Wild Bunch upon completion of their three (3) qualifying rounds. Their official handicap entry into the MGA 9 Handicap and Wild Bunch Directories reflects their eligibility.

c. Normally, individual handicaps will be updated the week of a scheduled MGA9 scramble. The exception to this procedure is that a new member, or returning member with less than three (3) qualifying rounds, will have their handicap established after they complete three qualifying rounds. The Wild Bunch/MGA9 scorer will turn in the scorecard for each qualifying member to the Computer Coordinator. The computer coordinator will update the appropriate documents/records/handicap directories upon receipt of the appropriate scorecards.

17. A member must have established a league handicap to be eligible for weekly individual prize money and the individual league flight championships. The only exception will be the weekly “closest to the pin” competition in which case all participants are eligible for prize money. A scheduled play date will be considered complete when 50% or more of the scheduled players, on the day of play, finish playing and those players finishing will be considered eligible for prizes.

18. In the event of inclement weather that could cause the course to be closed, players should check with the pro shop on the day of play to ascertain if play will be permitted. If the course is closed, that week’s tournament will be cancelled. If the course is open and play is permitted, that week’s tournament will be held. In the event play has started and it begins to rain, the Starter will contact the League President, or his designated representative, who shall make the decision to continue play or cancel the tournament. If 50%, or more, of the scheduled players have completed play, that play date will be considered a valid tournament.

19. Each year two play dates are set-aside for the “Club Champions Tournament”. Prizes are awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each flight (A-B-C-D) and a member must play in at least six (6) individual tournaments during the calendar year to be eligible for a flight Championship. All members may play; however, one must be signed up and play in BOTH tournaments to be eligible for a prize.

III. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. CAPTAINS.

a. Selection of captains each week is rotated by handicap flights (A-B-C-D). The “schedule of play” includes which flight is captain for each play date.

- b. Generally, the captain will call the members of his group and determine whether they will or will not play. The captain will advise each member to be in the clubhouse at least 30 minutes before the scheduled tee time. However, it is always the individual golfer's responsible to follow the rules and notify the Starter and/or course that they will not be playing.
- c. When the captain initially prepares the scorecard, he must list the players in his group by their LAST NAME and in the same sequence used on the white sticker attached to the scorecard.
- d. Captains will total individual scores, date and sign the scorecard; a team member will then verify and sign the scorecard. Please Do NOT calculate the NET score (total score less handicap).
- e. Captains will also help with pace of play. He will advise all team members to play ready golf.

2. STARTER.

- a. The Starter will be the primary starter per play date. Between the time the pairing sheet is posted and the play date, anyone wishing to add or cancel in that tournament should call the League Answering Device. The Starter will coordinate all deletions and additions to the pairings and will notify the affected players, and the pro shop for that tournament of the changes.
- b. Refer to the instructions/schedule provided prior to your scheduled duty by the tournament committee member. If you have any questions, call the committee member who briefed you.
- c. Assigned starters should call and trade dates with another starter if he is unable to be the starter on his scheduled date. He should then call the Starter Chairman and advise him of the change.

3. SCORER.

- a. Winners and scores in each flight will be posted on www.mens9hole.com, following the Friday play date. To accomplish this, the scorer is responsible for getting the proper information to the computer coordinator in a timely manner. (Normally, within three (3) hours of the final score card being turned in.)
- b. The assigned scorer will collect the close to the pin markers and signs, all scorecards, check each for arithmetic errors and deliver the cards, close to the pin markers and the bag per instructions in the bag.
- c. The assigned scorer should call and trade dates with another scorer if he is unable to be the scorer on his assigned date. Then he should call the Scoring Chairman and advise him of the change.
- d. Contact the Scorer Chairman for clarification to the scorer's responsibilities when an issue arises. The Scorer Chairman and/or Tournament Director provides clarifying instructions to the scorer's responsibilities. The Computer Coordinator can provide instructions on what is required to insure game results are proper recorded and results are promptly posted.

The 2018 MGA 9 Rules & General Instructions was updated, modified, and corrected by Board action on November 1, 2018. This document is now entitled 2019 MGA Rules & General Instructions.

CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE I: NAME

Section 1:

This organization is the Hot Springs Village Men's Nine-Hole Golf Association. It is hereinafter referred to as the Association or the MGA 9.

ARTICLE II: PURPOSES

Section 1:

To promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among the members of the Association.

Section 2:

To contribute where and when appropriate to the general well being of Hot Springs Village.

Section 3:

Not to operate in any way for pecuniary gain, or profit, but to use or distribute income from any source for the benefit of its members. Upon dissolution, or upon abandonment, to donate all assets remaining after provision for the payment of all debts and liabilities of the Association to the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association or to such corporation or corporations, association or associations, fund or funds, or foundation or foundations having analogous purposes as this Association as a quorum of the membership may designate.

Section 4:

To plan, arrange and conduct competitive nine hole golf for play by the members of the Association, such golf to be played according to U.S.G.A. Rules, as modified for special purposes or occasions by the Board of Directors of the Association, and according to the Rules and Regulations for Hot Springs Village Golf Courses as promulgated by the Hot Springs Village Property Owners Association. Said modified rules shall be posted on the MGA 9 web site.

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1:

The membership shall be limited to any male Property owner or lessee of Village property entitled to the vested privileges of said Property and not a current member of the 18-Holers.

Section 2:

18-Holers may transfer to this group.

Section 3:

All regular members shall be assessed annual dues as determined by the Board of Directors payable in advance.

Section 4:

New members joining during the calendar year shall be assessed the full amount of the annual dues through July 31st and an amount to be determined by the Board of Directors for the remainder of the year.

Section 5:

The Hot Springs Village golf professional and his assistant professional(s) shall be honorary non-dues paying members of the Association.

ARTICLE II: QUORUM

Section 1:

A quorum vote as referred to herein signifies a vote by a majority of the members at any meeting or other activity of the Association upon any proposal or issue presented thereat for action or decision by the Association. At Board of Directors' meetings, five directors will be considered a quorum.

ARTICLE III: DUES AND FINANCES

Section 1:

The Treasurer will make disbursement from the funds of the Association as authorized by the Board of Directors in accordance with the needs and obligations of the Association.

Section 2:

The Treasurer's accounts will be audited, as the Board of Directors deems necessary or desirable by an auditor appointed by the President. The auditor will report the result of such audit to the Board of Directors immediately and to the membership at the next meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE IV: MEETINGS

Section 1:

There shall be two general meetings of the Association each year, one in the spring, at or just prior to the beginning of scheduled play on the golf course, and one in the fall, at or just after the end of the operational year. All pending issues, which require approval by quorum vote, will be decided at those meetings. In particular, at the fall meeting new Board of Directors will be elected for the ensuing operational year.

Section 2:

The President may call extraordinary meeting of the Association at any time that the Board of Directors considers such a meeting necessary or desirable, giving 15 day's notice by posting notice on the MGA9 website and/or by email.

ARTICLE V: BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1: Election

The President will appoint a nominating committee of three members annually prior to October 1st for the purpose of selecting a slate of nominees for the ensuing year. It will be the normal practice to secure the acceptance of the nominees before they are presented. The committee will submit its nominations to the President prior to October 15th. The President will submit this slate of nominees to the membership at the fall meeting of the Association, at which time additional nominations may be made from the floor. Election will be consummated by voice vote or show of hands at the discretion of the President.

Section 2: Directors; Term of Office

The Board of Directors shall consist of eight members, and the term of office of Directors shall be three years. In order to maintain continuity of director experience, these terms shall be staggered so that no more than three of the eight members will be replaced in any one year. If for any reason a vacancy occurs, the remaining directors shall elect a member in good standing to fill such vacancy for the unexpired portion of the term.

ARTICLE VI: DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Section 1:

It shall be the duty of directors to attend all regular and special meetings of the Board. Failure to attend three consecutive regular meetings, unless such failure is the result of illness or other good and reasonable cause, shall create a vacancy on the Board to be filled by the remaining directors for the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 2:

The Board of Directors shall conduct, manage, and control the affairs and business of the Association and make such rules and regulations, not inconsistent with these by-laws, it may deem proper and necessary.

Section 3:

The Board of Directors shall cause to be kept minutes of all of its meetings. These minutes will include all actions taken and proceedings of membership meetings. The Board shall cause to be presented at its annual meeting a complete financial statement at the fall annual meeting of members.

ARTICLE VII: OFFICERS

Section 1:

The officers, who shall be chosen from the members of the Board of Directors, by the members of the Board of Directors, shall be: President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. The past President shall call for a new Board of Directors meeting immediately following the fall meeting for the purpose of electing new officers for the term of one year, or until their respective successors are elected and qualified.

ARTICLE VIII: DUTIES OF OFFICERS

Section 1:

The President shall be Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall:

(a) Preside at all meetings of the members and meetings of the directors and shall have the deciding vote, when necessary.

(b) Call the directors together whenever he deems it necessary and shall have, subject to the advice of the directors, direction of the affairs of the Association and, generally, shall have all the powers and duties usually conferred upon that officer or which might be required of him by the Board of Directors.

(c) Appoint chairmen for all special committees and assign committee responsibilities. He shall cooperate with the golf professional and assistants in the promotion of mutually beneficial programs. He shall also diligently promote harmony within the membership of the Association and with other groups and organizations.

Section 2:

The Vice President shall act in place and stead of the President when the President is unable to perform the duties of office or is absent from meetings. In the event the Vice President is unable to act, the Board shall appoint some other member of the Board in who shall be vested, for the time being, all the duties and functions of the President.

Section 3:

The Secretary shall:

(a) Keep a record of all annual and special meetings of the members.

(b) Keep a record of all meetings of the Board.

(c) Keep or cause to be kept all membership records.

(d) Serve all notices required by the By-Laws.

Section 4:

The Treasurer shall:

(a) Receive all Association funds and deposit such funds in such depositories as may be approved by the Board of Directors.

(b) Disburse funds upon approval by the President, or as established by the budget.

(c) Maintain records of all receipts and disbursements.

(d) Submit such reports to local, state, and federal agencies as may be required by law.

(e) Submit reports to the Board of Directors and an annual report to the membership at the fall annual meeting of the Association.

(f) Keep or cause to be kept all membership records, as they relate to the financial aspect of said membership.

ARTICLE IX: COMMITTEES

Section 1:

There shall be five standing committees, namely: 1) Tournament Committee, 2) Handicap Committee, 3) Rules Committee, 4) Publicity Committee, and 5) Budget Committee. Members of the Board shall chair all committees.

Section 2:

The President shall assign the duties and responsibilities of each committee.

Section 3:

Special committees - At least two special committees shall be established as required. These are:

(a) A Nominating Committee with the responsibility of securing candidates for Association office, and

(b) An Audit Committee with the responsibility of auditing all Association records at the end of each Association year or at such other times as may be deemed necessary.

(c) Additional special committees may be established whenever the need arises.

ARTICLE X: OPERATIONAL YEAR

Section 1:

The operational year for all purposes and activities of the Association extends from the date of the fall annual meeting to the fall annual meeting of the succeeding year.

ARTICLE XI: PARLIAMENTARY AUTHORITY

Section 1

The rules contained in the current edition of Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised, shall govern the Association in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with these Bylaws and any special rules of order the Association may adopt.

ARTICLE XII: AMENDMENTS

Section 1:

These By-Laws can be amended at any regular meeting of Association members, at which a quorum is present, by two-thirds of the vote cast by those present and voting. Proposed board amendments will be posted on the official Association web site and members notified by email of the posting no less than seven days before the regular meeting.

ARTICLE XIII: TOURNAMENTS

Section 1:

The Tournament Committee shall schedule tournaments.

Section 2:

Prizes awarded by the Association shall primarily be in the form of cash, at the option of the Board of Directors.

The Association members at the regular meeting held on March 3, 2017 herein have duly approved these By-Laws with the changes.