How the MGA Operates

Information Sheet

St. Johns County
Men's Golf Association
(SJCMGA)

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◆ Description / Overview

The Men's Golf Association (MGA) promotes friendly competition. The MGA plays on **Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings** with a game entry fee of $5. **PLAYERS MUST ARRIVE BY 7:00 AM SHARP.** Play is governed by USGA and local MGA rules. **Members may choose to play from one of six assigned tees,** listed from shortest to longest as follows**:** **1. Nearest** (Blue), **2. Combo** (mixed Blue & Green), **3. Relief** (Green)**, 4. Hybrid** (mixed Green & Gold)**, 5. General** (Gold)**,** and **6. Match** (White). To compete on an equitable basis, games are flighted by handicap & prize money is distributed to each flight.

◆ Membership Dues / GHIN Handicaps

Membership Dues: $60 upon joining (reduced rates after May), and then $60 annually every December to renew membership.

New members without a GHIN handicap must play 3 rounds (without the $5 game entry fee) to establish a **GHIN handicap** before they can play for prize money. After that they will pay the $5 game entry fee to compete for prize money.

New members with a current GHIN handicap will pay the $5 game entry fee to immediately compete for prize money.

◆ Tournaments / Games

Sign up to play: Members must use the **SignUpGenius.com** PC website or Smart phone app - **ask for set up guidance**. The sign up **deadline is 4 days prior** to the date of play. See the **MGA Mandatory Sign Up Policies** for more sign up rules.

Monday and Wednesday tournaments are **individual games** flighted by handicap. Here are four sample games:
(1) *18 Holes, Low Net* (2) *18 Holes, Points Plus Handicap (modified Stableford)* (3) *Best 9, Front or Back, Low Net*
(4) *Best 9, Front or Back, Points Plus Half Handicap.*

Friday tournaments are **team game competitions**, usually ABCD-flighted 4-man teams, and occasionally 2-man teams. There is a wide variety of team games that are played. A simple example of a 4-man team game is *Best 2 Balls*.
A more creative example is *Best 1 or 3 Balls on Odd Holes & Best 2 or 4 Balls on Even Holes*.

Two major tournaments are played each year: (1) **President's Cup** (2) **Club Championship**

◆ Communications / Email

Members need a **valid email address** to join **GHIN** and to receive **Constant Contact emails.** Completed ***Sign-Up Lists*** are emailed 3 days before each competition, ***Pairing Sheets*** one day before, and ***Winners*** after the competition. There are many useful links included with every email, such as: ● the weekly (Sat.) *GHIN Handicap Report;* ● the monthly *Games Schedule;* ● the local *MGA Rules of Golf;* ● *Committee Lists* with current tournament *Table Workers*; ● *SignUpGenius* manual, etc..

How To Become a Member of the Men's Golf Association

- Fill out an **MGA New Member Application** form (available at the Clubhouse Pro Shop).
- **Show up at 11:30 on Monday, Wednesday or Friday to speak with any Membership Committee person - OR -**
- **Contact:**

Ron Saathoff	**Membership Chairman**	**904-417-0267**	**rjsaathoff927@gmail.com**
John Zilles	**MGA President**	**920-321-4165**	**jlzilles@gmail.com**
Peter Loney	**Membership Committee**	**305-772-6165**	**poflondon@aol.com**
Bill Plunk	**Membership Committee**	**618-920-2607**	**billplunk1945@gmail.com**

- **If approved, pay Dues $ 60 OR after May pay reduced Prorated Dues $ (TBD)** in **cash** or **check to SJCMGA**.
- Upon payment, receive a ***NEW MEMBER PACKET*** + ***SIGN UP GENIUS INSTRUCTIONS*** + ***MGA RULES OF GOLF***.