

SHOTGUN START INSTRUCTIONS - 2016

1. Check with your Division VP in order to know if Metro Seniors is getting the whole course to ourselves or, for our smaller Divisions, if we are sharing the course with non-Metro Seniors golfers. If we have the whole course, follow the hole assignments as denoted below.
2. For Shotgun starts, it is best to have a list of what holes are going to be assigned in what order, so that you know ahead of time which hole will be assigned to the next group.
3. Shotgun starts are normally at 7:00, 7:30, or 8:00 AM. Starters should note start time, and arrive NO LATER THAN ONE hour before, with all Closest-to-the-Pin markers already completely filled out, so that they are ready to handle the rush of early arriving foursomes. Prepare four (4) CLOSEST-TO-THE PIN holders and information sheets for placement on the selected par three greens (usually the shortest par 3's on each nine). Prepare 2 info sheets for "**Forward Tees**", and 2 sheets for "**Regular**". Put FORWARD CTP's on "**RED**" cards and REGULAR CTP's on "**YELLOW**" cards, Assign one of each for the front and back nine, with the shorter holes selected for forward tees.
4. Do not use the plastic sequence numbers ordinarily used for holes 1 and 10 starts.
5. Follow the regular instructions regarding foursomes, check in, and use of the Universal Score Cards.
6. Check with the golf course to see if they number the carts in a manner different than what is described below. (See item 16 below concerning Links at Dardenne.)
7. Assign starting hole No 1A to the Scorers so they may finish nearest to the clubhouse and handle the incoming groups.
8. Assign starting hole No 1B to the Starters so you may complete the starting tasks, then proceed to the tee box a few minutes after the end of the start time.
9. Assign starting holes 2A through 18A in sequence.
10. In putting a 2nd group on a starting hole, alternate between Front 9 and Back 9 in order to spread the tournament evenly over the course. For example, 1B has already been assigned to the Starters, so the next group after 18A would get assigned to start on hole 10 as 10B. Then assign 2B, 11B, 3B, 12B, etc. For the 2nd time through the course, it is best to hold out the Par 3's to the end of this line. {Avoid doubling up on the Par 3 tee boxes if you don't need to use them.} In the example above, if hole 3 is a par 3, skip assigning it and put that group on hole 4B. Again, having a list before you get to the course, of the order that holes will be assigned, is extremely helpful. Also on this list, you can denote which groups will take out the Closest-to-the-Pin markers.
11. It is also helpful to hand each foursome a post-it note or small sheet of paper on which you have written their starting hole number. This saves confusion when the group gets to their carts.
12. In the unlikely event that you have more than 36 foursomes, continue to assign the next ones alternating front and back, i.e.: to holes 1C, 10C, 2C, 11C, 3C, 12C, etc, again, skipping the Par 3 holes.
13. An acceptable alternative is to assign groups to par 5 holes before you assign the par 4 holes. The purpose is to spread the tournament across the golf course to minimize the amount of time groups might have to wait on the group ahead of them.
14. Determine which groups will pick up the Closest-to-the-Pin markers and notify them of that responsibility.
15. If Metro Seniors does not have the whole course, modify the hole assignments as needed. Again, this happens only with the approval of your Division VP. For example, when a smaller Division plays a course and the course has reserved holes 15-18 for other golfers, just take holes 15 through 18 out of the starting holes that you assign.
16. Another exception is what Links at Dardenne does for shotgun tournaments. Their cart staff numbers each cart and lines them up to proceed in order to the starting holes. Their staff does not put a "B" cart on a par 4 that directly follows a par 3. If you assign a group to be the B group for a hole where there is no cart, there will be a lot of confusion. It is best to call the course and ask about the cart numbering process that they use, in order to avoid confusion before our tournament starts. You can then modify your assignment list to coincide with what the course is doing.