

Changes Summary – 2018

For Details See 2018 Rules, 2018 Regulations, Website

OPERATIONAL CHANGES

Start Types

For 2018 - only Split Tee and regular Shotgun starts. Fun and very quick to play – good for us and our courses.

Reverse Shotguns (with consecutive A/B Groups) were eliminated by negotiation with several courses.

Reverse Shotguns took 30 to 45 minutes longer than average pace.

Split Tee Start – Registration Reduced to 1 Hour After Start Time

Registration time will be reduced to 1 hour after the first tee time. The goal - everyone on the course earlier including the Starters. Earlier finishes so Scorers can finish earlier, too. Registration times will be:

Start Type	Start Time/First Tee	Registration Start	Registration Ends
Split Tee (6:30 Start)	6:30 AM	6:00 AM	7:30 AM
Split Tee (7:00 Start)	7:00 AM	6:30 AM	8:00 AM

Members arriving AFTER registration ends may not register and will not be included in the tournament for flight prizes, CTP, or handicaps. Arrive to register. Start promptly (about 8 minutes behind the group ahead).

Scorecards

We will be looking for ways to improve the scoring process – from starting the Universal Scorecards through getting the data to OurGolfStats. Several ideas are being discussed and may be tested or piloted during 2018. Our goal - reduce members' time to complete, errors and omission from score writing to data entry, and the delays to get final reports.

RULE CHANGES

CONTINUING RULES FOR 2018

- **Nine (9) Stroke Maximum rule is continuing. This seemed to help with pace.**
- **Putting Out Required if Under 8 Strokes for a Hole**
- **Men Flights A, B, C, D Play From Either Forward or Regular Tees**
- **Flagstick may remain in hole while putting. No penalty if flagstick is hit during a putt.**

PACE OF PLAY IS A CONTINUING FOCUS AREA FOR 2018

Continuing effort in 2018 will include:

- Expectations – Shotgun AND Tee Starts Target – 4 ½ hr average or better.
- Slow Play Enforcement as needed

OTHER CHANGES

Starter/Scorer Instructions

We will continue to simplify Starter / Scorer Instructions. Starters / Scorers will focus more on facilitating the process of registration and scoring and less on checking math and data.

Discount Cards for 2018

Our Discount Card is contracted with over 30 courses and golf stores. You get one unique card at the March Meeting or from your Division VP. No replacements! Use it! Don't lose it!

Season Long “60 is Nifty” - Discontinued

Participation was dropping. Mid-season standings were confusing. Volunteer efforts to manage were significant. Ideas for a replacement program? Bring them to the Special Events Committee or your Division Board member.

Special Events Payouts Revised

Payout Guideline for Special Events Prizes will target 1/3 of participants to receive a cash prize of at least \$5.

Special Events Handicaps “Standardized”

Participants' individual handicaps will be based on the official Handicap Guide just before each event. For Team Handicaps, we will use a USGA recommended method.

Better Courses for Special Events – More “Special” in the Special

Higher quality, more exclusive courses to be scheduled for Special Events. We expect registration to fill fast so be sure to register as early as possible.