

METRO ST. LOUIS SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION

MEMBERSHIP MEETING REPORT  
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TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

2023 CHANGES

Maximum Score

The maximum score in 2023 will change to Quad Bogey. In 2022 the maximum score was 9.

<u>Par</u>	<u>Old</u> <u>Max</u>	<u>New</u> <u>Max</u>
3	9	7
4	9	8
5	9	9

This change was the result of a recommendation from the Handicap Committee in 2021. Metro Plus maximum score will remain at Triple Bogey.

Tee Boxes

Over the past 2 years there has been considerable discussion on the appropriate tee boxes in play to improve member satisfaction. For 2023 we plan to have 3 rated tee boxes available on all Metro Senior courses for division 1 - 5. Based on a review of 2022 MS courses the following distances would be in play:

	<u>Average</u>	<u>Minimum</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
Forward	4900	4500	5350
Middle	5400	5000	5800
Back	5900	5600	6200

The Handicap Committee will be reviewing courses to identify the specific tees in play. Tee boxes will need to be rated for handicap purposes.

This change does not apply to MS division 9, MS Special Events or Metro Plus.

Closest to the Pin

Past changes to tee boxes created several issues and confusion on Closest to the Pin (CTTP) contests. As a result we will be modifying CTTP in 2023. CTTPs will be in place on all Par 3's with prize money of \$5 on each hole. Everyone will have the opportunity to win on each Par 3 regardless of tee box. That is there will be 1 CTTP

on each Par 3 with all players having an opportunity to win. This change will also apply to MS Special Events and Metro Plus.

### Course Update

- 14 of the 26 weeks have been confirmed for 2023 (as of 10/13/2022).
- We will continue to play 26 weeks but will start the 2023 season on April 13-14. This is one week later than 2022. We will schedule tournaments the Friday before July 4th.
- We have added Quail Creek and dropped Deer Creek/Fore Honor.

### Weekly Prize Winnings

The number of places winning prize money will be increased to 7 for division membership  $\geq 130$  and to 6 if  $< 130$ . Payouts for each place will increase by \$1.

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th
$\geq 130$	\$16	\$13	\$11	\$9	\$7	\$5	\$3
$< 130$	\$15	\$12	\$10	\$8	\$6	\$4	

### Groupings

Reminder, MSLSGA reserve the right to move tee times and split up groups as needed to accommodate golf course requests. Several courses have complained about too many 3somes and have adjusted the tee times in order to open public play.

### Pace of Play

The biggest complaint about MS from members and courses is PACE OF PLAY. All courses expect POP at  $\leq 4 \frac{1}{2}$  hours. A couple of key points:

- Metro Seniors plays "Ready Golf" and not "Honors." This applies from Tee Box to holing out on the green.
- Pace is determined by the group in front of you, not the group behind.
- Keep up with the group in front of you.
- Limit your time looking for a lost ball, especially if you know its deep in the woods/brush and clearly unplayable.
- If cart partners are on opposite sides of the fairway, drop off your partner and then drive to your ball, hit and then go back to pick them up.
- It's ok to start putting while others are struggling to get on the green.
- Everyone in the group is responsible for group POP.

We improved POP in 2022 and this has been noticed by members and Courses!