

APPENDIX D – Tournament Organization and Top Dog Points System

The MGA Committee has elected to revise how we award the annual “Top Dog” honor and the qualification into the annual “Top Dog Shootout”.

We will award Top Points for Flighted and Full Field Tournaments as indicated below.

We have elected to make this move for these reasons:

- Help drive participation in our tournaments throughout the year
- Develop more interest in the overall “Top Dog” standings.
- Give the MGA Committee flexibility with budget for, tee gifts, food and beverage for tournaments.
- Simplify Flighted Top Dog Points and expand Full Field Points.

MGA Members are encouraged to compete in as many tournaments as possible throughout the year. Depending on your placement within a given tournament you will be awarded points towards the annual “Top Dog” honor and invitation to play in the “Top Dog Shootout” for your participation in any MGA event.

TOP DOG Qualification

MGA Season begins December 1 each year and ends November 30 of the following year.

To Qualify to win Top Dog Honors and participate in the current year Top Dog Shootout, you must have posted 20 verifiable scores from December 1 to November 30 of the following year.

(Example: December 1, 2024 to November 30, 2025.)

Number of Teams Payout

The pro shop and the MGA tournament committee **will do it's best to payout as many places as reasonable in each tournament depending on participation (Payouts will be as close to 25% of the Field as possible).**

TOP DOG POINTS and PAYOUTS for Flighted MGA Events.

The MGA Committee voted that **1st Gross** and **1st Net Top Dog Points** and **Payouts** do not receive same top dog points and pro shop credit in flighted MGA tournaments. 1st Gross to receive more than 1st Net.

Full field events payouts will be based on net scores.

Gross Scores in Tournament play are played **according to USGA Rules of Golf.**

Net Scores are based on based on the handicap of individual player or playing partner/partners based on handicap index from **Non-Tournament Play which may or may not be played according to USGA Rules of Golf.**

The MGA Committee does not have a way to verify if **Non-Tournament Play is played according to USGA Rules of Golf.**

TOP DOG POINTS for players that do not complete the tournament rounds

The MGA Committee voted to award zero (0) top dog points for tournament rounds that are not completed. In Two (2) day Tournaments, **Both** rounds must be completed.

FINISHING POSITION <u>FLIGHTED</u>	FLIGHTED <u>TDP</u>	FINISHING POSITION MGA CHAMPIONSHIP <u>FLIGHT</u>	CHAMPIONSHIP <u>FLIGHT TDP</u>	FINISHING POSITION FULL <u>FIELD</u>	FULL FIELD <u>TDP</u>
1 st Gross	125	1 st Gross	125	1 st	175
1 st Net	105	2 nd Gross	105	2 nd	155
2 nd Net	90	3 rd Gross	90	3 rd	140
3 rd Net	80	4 th Gross	80	4 th	130
4 th Net	70	5 th Gross	70	5 th	120
5 th Net	60	6 th Gross	60	6 th	110
6 th Net	50	7 th Gross	50	7 th	100
7 th Net	40	8 th Gross	40	8 th	90
8 th Net	30	9 th Gross	30	9 th	80
9 ^{th+} Net	20	10+ Gross	20	10 th	75
				11 th	70
				12 th	65
				13 th	60
				14 th	55
				15 th	50
				16 th	45
				17 th	40
				18 th	35
				19 th	30
				20 th	25
				21 ^{st+}	20

Hole-in-One

**30 CTP +
100 pts**

130

**Closest to
Pin**

30

Top Dog Points for Closest to Pin and Hole in one only receive points as designated above (Hole-in-One and/or Closest to Pin points).

Top Dog Point for Tournaments are as follows:

- 4 Man Tournaments – Points per the Full Field Top Dog Point System matrix.
- 2 Man Tournaments – Points 1.5X the Flighted Top Dog Point System matrix.
- Individual Tournaments – Points 2X the Flighted Top Dog Point System matrix.

Major Tournaments (as designated by committee)

- 4 Man Tournaments – 2.5X points per the Full Field Top Dog Point System matrix.
- 2 Man Tournaments – 2.5X points per the Flighted Top Dog Point System matrix.
- Individual Tournaments – 2.5X points per the Flighted Top Dog Point System matrix.
- MGA Championship Tournament – All Flights (except Championship Flight) Points 3 times per the Flighted Top Dog Point System matrix. Championship flight 3 Times per the Championship Flight Top Dog Point System matrix.
- Individual Match Play Points each Flight:
300 (winner), 200 (runner-up), 150 (Round 2 loss), 100 (Round 1 loss)
- 2 Man Match Play Points each Flight:
250 (winner), 180 (runner-up), 130 (Round 2 loss), 70 (Round 1 loss)

Flight Equity

The pro shop and the MGA tournament committee does it's best to have equal numbers of teams/players in each flight.

Distribution of Players Handicap Index per Flight.

The pro shop and the MGA tournament committee **will do it's best** to have same numbers of teams/players in each flight so that the difference from lowest handicap index team/player and highest handicap index team/player will be no more than 8 index points **where possible**.

Full Field events will be designated as Net Flights.

Determination of Tied Scores

For awarding "Top Dog" points in the event of a tie, points will be added up for all points for the tied places and divide by the number of teams/players tied for the spot. The tied teams/players will then be awarded the same number of points.

Top Dog Points and Pro Shop credit - 4 Man Team has to Draw a player from the field when player is missing.

Top Dog Points and Pro Shop credit will be awarded to player drawn from the field based on the original team the player is on and not the team the player is drawn on.

Flight Assignment

Pro Shop will establish flights and MGA committee will review.

A. 2 Man Events - Players with same index

In 2 Man Team Events, if 2 teams have same handicap index and are at the flight break point, the 2 players with lower handicap indexes' will be used to determine which flight the team is assigned to.

1. The team with the player that has the lower handicap index will be put in the flight with the lower handicap index players and the team with the player that has the higher handicap index will be put in the higher flight with the higher handicap index players.
2. If the 2 lower handicap indexes are the same, then teams will be assigned flights based on Top Dog position. The lower position of the player assigned in the lower handicap flight and the higher position of the player assigned in the higher flight

B. Individual Events - Players with same index

Flight for individual player will be determined based on player whose top dog position is lower.

Justification for 1st Gross and 1st Net TOP DOG POINTS and PAYOUTS for Flighted MGA Events NOT receiving the same TD Points or Pro Shop Credit.

The items below were the justification for the change to the 2025 MGA Flighted Tournaments that was put in place for the Tournament Organization and Top Dog Points System.

- 1st Gross (based on skill) and 1st Net (based on Casual Play handicap index and handicap)
- 1st Gross and 1st Net will no longer receive same points or Pro Shop credit.

Gross Scores for MGA Tournaments are:

1. **Played in accordance with USGA Rules of Golf.**
2. Actual scores shot by individual player or playing partner/partners the day of the MGA Tournament.
3. Putts are holed out. NO GIMMIES.
4. Scores are verified and attested to by individual player or playing partner/partners the day of MGA Tournament.
5. 14 Club Run in effect.

Net Scores for MGA Tournaments are:

1. Based on handicap index of individual player or playing partner/partners from **Casual Play (not played according to USGA Rules of Golf).**
 - a) Handicap index is used to determine flights and handicap for MGA Tournament.
 - b) Some scores may be from MGA Tournament Scores posted as Tournament Scores.
 - c) Most scores are from Non MGA Tournaments (**Casual Play not played according to USGA Rules of Golf.**)
 - d) Selective score posting or not posting scores is possible and not verifiable by MGA Committee.
 - e) Scores may or may not be from current playing year, but from previous years.
2. Putts may or may not be holed out. Putts are given in the leather (GIMMIES).
 - a) Some as much as 28 inches or more, depending on whose leather is used).

- b) The MGA Committee has no way to verify if putts are holed out or not.
 - 3. Scores may or may not be verified and attested to by playing partners within groups.
 - 4. Players may or may not have more than 14 clubs in bag in casual play.
- The MGA Committee has no way to verify this.