

**Metropolitan Golf Club**  
**2018 Sal Gomez Cup Individual Match Play Tournament**

**Format:** This tournament is an individual match play elimination bracket event. There will be one bracket based on 32 places. There will be five rounds of competition. All play is from the white tees. Pairings will be done by a ranking system based on the GHIN index.

Handicap will be 100% of the course handicap based on the players lowest GHIN Index and over the prior 12 months and locked for the tournament. If an index decreases during the tournament, the handicap will be reduced.

Handicaps will be based on the lower handicap of the two players. The player with the lowest handicap (referred to as player 1) shall be adjusted to "0," and the other player (referred to as player 2) will subtract their handicap from player 1's handicap.

For example, handicaps for a match would be applied as follows:

- Player 1 has a tournament handicap of 8, which would be adjusted to a 0.
- Player 2 has a tournament handicap of 12, which would be adjusted to a 4 by subtracting player 1's 8 handicap from their 12 handicap.
- Player 2 will stroke on handicap holes 1-4.

All players will play the first round on the same day except for players receiving a bye. Subsequent rounds will be arranged between the players with deadline dates. Three weeks are given for the competitors to complete rounds 2, 3 and 4. Play will be completed by August 23. Results being updated on the club website and in the Metropolitan clubhouse as play occurs.

**Round 1:** May 19

**Sweet 16:** May 20 - June 10

**Quarter Finals:** Jun 11 – July 1

**Semifinals:** July 2 – July 22

**Finals:** July 23 – Aug. 12

All matches will be played at Metropolitan Golf Links. All matches **MUST** be completed within the schedule listed above. Players are responsible for scheduling their matches being ready to play at scheduled tee time (see Rule 6-3 for penalty and disqualification). Matches may not be played in combination with a stroke play tournament (Rule 33-1).

**Rules of Play:** The 2016-2019 USGA Rules of Golf are in effect. Metropolitan Golf Links and Metropolitan Golf Club Local Rules apply.

**Fees:** Green fees are payable in the golf shop to Metropolitan Golf Links - \$45 walking, \$55 with cart. This rate is good for additional rounds played on weekend days. Lower rates may apply for weekday or afternoon play. Tournament registration is \$30 payable at the desk in the clubhouse hallway. There will be an optional overall skins game with \$10 entry fee. The skins game will be based on actual gross low score per hole.

**Posting and Scoring Unfinished Holes:** MGC will post scores for round 1. For the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> round matches, scorecards must be dated and signed by each opponent and turned into the golf shop. Players are responsible for posting their own scores.

Players are encouraged to pick up their ball after the hole has been decided (unless skins game factors in a hole). If a player starts but does not complete a hole, the marker shall record an "X" followed by the most likely score to be made. The score is for handicap purpose only and shall not exceed the Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) limit for his/her course handicap. For unplayed holes, the player shall use the likely score based on hole and course handicap.

**Prizes and Player of the Year Points:** Prize fund payout will be paid to overall winner and semi-finalists of each flight. Overall champion (1) 20%; 2<sup>nd</sup> place (1) 15%; Semi – final losers (2) 10% each; loser quarterfinals (4) 5% each. Player of the year points will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> place in each flight. 250 points for overall champion, 150 points for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, 100 points semi final losers, 75 points for losers of quarter finals, 50 points for Day 1 winners 25 points for all remaining players.

For Round 1 play on 5/21 there will be two closest to the hole prizes. There will also be an optional skins game. For skins competition, the player must putt out the hole if the hole was conceded by the opponent. The concession will count for the match play.

**Pace of Play: MGC Pace of Play Policy will be in effect.**

The Committee suggests:

- 1) If the group is falling behind, individual players should head to the tee as soon as each person is finished putting.
  - 2) Encourage players to hit a provisional ball if there is any question if a ball may be lost... such as headed way off line from the fairway or toward the "no mow" grass.
- The Rules of Golf state the group that is responsible for pace of play even if a single player is slow. We recognize incidents happen, we all have a bad day. But in general we can do better and if something happens, we can pick up the pace to catch up.

**Food:** For Round 1 play on Saturday, Wedgewood Grill offers tournament players a free beverage of soda or tap beer with the order of a grilled sandwich. The Grill has a list of player's names.