

**Metropolitan Golf Club
2019 Team Match Play Tournament
Day 1, Saturday, March 23**

Format: The tournament is a net four-ball (best ball) match play elimination bracket event consisting of four rounds of competition. All competition will be played from the white tees.

Round 1 matches will be determined by random draw from a hat. Note: If more than 16 teams are registered, Round 1 will be a one-day net four-ball play in tournament with the low 8 teams moving on to match play.

Two partners play as a team, each playing their own ball. The lower net score between the partners is the team score for the hole. Each player plays to their low index for the past year as established by GHIN. This index based on March 15 and will be “frozen” from going up for the for the balance of the tournament. But if a player’s low index is revised lower by the GHIN Handicap Network or the Handicap Committee, then they will be responsible for using the updated lower low index.

There will be a maximum of five (5) strokes between two partners on one team. If player A is a 5 handicap and player B is a 14 handicap, player B will have to play to a 10 handicap.

All players will play off the lowest handicap of the player in the foursome.

Example:

Player Index Handicap Strokes

Team A-1 3.9 4 0

Team A-2 10.1 9 5

Team B-1 7.0 8 4

Team B-2 11.2 12 8

Player A-1 plays with no handicap. Player A-2 has a stroke on each of the five lowest handicap holes, Player B-1 on the four lowest handicap holes, and Player B-2 on the 8 lowest handicap holes. If one partner fails to complete play of a hole, there is no penalty.

All players will play the first round on the same day. 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 and the flight playoff. Play will be completed by Sept. 16. Results being updated on the club website and in the Metropolitan clubhouse as play occurs.

Round 1: March 23

Quarter Finals: Mar 24 – Apr 14

Semifinals: Apr 15 – May 5

Finals: May 6 – May 27

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.

There may be an occasion when one team member is late or unable to play at all. In that event, the remaining team member may play alone but is only allowed to play their own

ball. If late, the partner may join after a completed hole but is not allowed to play previous holes.

If one team is present at the scheduled tee time, and the other team member or members arrive at the tee within 5 minutes of the scheduled tee time, the late team will be penalized loss of the first hole.

If only one team, or one member of one team, is present at the scheduled tee time, after five minutes they will be declared the winner. If neither is present at the scheduled tee time, then both teams will be disqualified, and the team scheduled to play the winner of that match will receive a bye.

Entry Fee: Registration of \$50 per team payable at the desk in the lobby of the club house. Green fees of \$45 (walking) and \$55 (with cart) payable in the golf shop.

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

Posting and Scoring Unfinished Holes: Scorecards must be dated and signed by each Opponent team and turned into the golf shop (to the Tournament Committee for Round 1). Scores will be posted for Round 1 by the MGC Handicap Chair. Subsequent rounds should be posted by players.

Players are encouraged to pick up their ball after the hole has been decided. 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.

Playoff: If opponents are tied after 18 holes of play, the match continues until one team wins.

Pace of Play: The Metropolitan Golf Club Pace of Play Policy will be in effect on Day 1.

Please remember that your position on the course is directly behind the group in front of you, not directly in front of the group behind of you. If it appears the group is lagging, play ready on the greens as well. Also, if the group is falling behind, individual players should head to the tee as soon as they putt out in the order of play.

Be sure to record the time of the initial tee off, when the flag goes in the holes on #9 and #18.

Prizes: Prize fund payout will be paid to overall winner and semi-finalists of each flight. 1st place team 40%, 2nd place team 30%, 3rd place teams (2) 10% each. Player of the Year points will be awarded. All players receive 50 points each for Round 1 and 25 points each for each additional round played. Closest to the hole prizes will be awarded for Round 1.

Food: For Round 1 played on Saturday, Wedgewood Grill offers tournament players a free beverage of soda or tap beer (add'l \$1) with the order of a grilled sandwich. The Grill has a list of player's names.