

Changes Summary – 2020

For Details See 2020 Rules, 2020 Regulations, Website

OPERATIONAL CHANGES

Split Tee Start – Registration Time Ending 1 ½ Hours After Start Time

Starters to arrive 1 hour before scheduled tournament start time. Registration time will start about 30 to 45 minutes BEFORE the tournament start time. For Split Tee starts, Registration time will close 1 ½ hours AFTER tournament start time. We do find that smaller Divisions (usually Divisions 1 and 2) will register fewer players and may finish earlier. *Division VPs may announce shorter the ending time for registration (to 1 hour after the start time).* The goal - everyone will get to play but for smaller tournaments, the Starters may be able to get on the course earlier. Earlier finishes mean that Scorers can finish earlier, too. Registration times will be:

Start Type	Starters Arrive	Scorers Arrive	Start Time/First Tee	Registration Start	Registration Ends **
Split Tee (6:30 Start)	5:30 AM	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	5:45 to 6:00 AM	8:00 AM
Split Tee (7:00 Start)	6:00 AM	6:30 AM	7:00 AM	6:15 to 6:30 AM	8:30 AM

*** Division VP may announce an earlier Registration ending time (reduce by 30 minutes) if Division attendance history is low and members are finishing registration earlier.*

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).

RULE CHANGES – USGA

USGA has completely rewritten the rule book in 2019. It is simpler, shorter, easier to use. We highly recommend that everyone look over USGA rules. They are the foundation of rules for Metro Seniors. Metro Seniors has a very few changes to USGA rules that make our rounds a little faster and a little easier. However, If you know and follow USGA rules you will be within our rules.

A great deal of change is on areas that were previously identified as “hazards”. Penalty areas are now better defined. Red Penalty areas replace the old “lateral hazards” and offer similar lateral relief options. Yellow Penalty areas now cover the old “water hazards” areas.

NOTE: Metro Seniors now treat Yellow Penalty areas like Red Penalty areas (lateral penalty relief). Plus, we add Drop Zones, and a special carryover provision (and penalty) if member feels they cannot hit over a Yellow penalty area.

CONTINUING RULES FOR 2020

- **Nine (9) Stroke Maximum rule per hole.**
- **Putting Out Required if Under 8 Strokes for a Hole**
- **Ladies Flights A, B, C, D Play from Either Forward or Back Tees (added a back tee)**
- **New bunker rules for unplayable or relief from abnormal conditions**
- **More clarity on relief options per USGA and MSLSGA for various penalty situations.**

PACE OF PLAY FOCUS WILL CONTINUE

- 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 2020

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!

METRO PLUS

Metro Plus our premium individual, net score group has started. 16 tournaments are scheduled for 2020.

CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS REVISION

The Constitution and Bylaws were revised and approved by members at the November 2018 meeting. You can view or download the Constitution and Bylaws on our website.