

PCM9GA Members:

"Our next tournament will be held on Thursday 13 March and it will be a Best Ball format (not to be confused with "scramble")-a set of guidelines will be provided separately.

Yesterday's four club tournament was very enjoyable for the players, but was a management nightmare due to 14 late cancellations and 10 late signups at the last minute. We cannot continue having tournaments with this lack of personal discipline. Remember the tournament management is done by volunteers on their own time, for free. We are restricted to certain hours to use the pro shop computer to set up foursomes. Once it is done it cant be automatically changed-it has to be done by hand-a laborious, unnecessary effort that confuses both our managers and the pro shops..

For all future tournaments the following rules will apply without exception:

1. All signups must be made before noon on the preceding Saturday. Note: Association officers and Committee Chairs (and their wives) are tired of answering phone calls to add names simply because a member forgot to sign up. The deadline is noon Saturday. If not signed up for a tournament by that time you cannot participate in the tournament. For our Championship Tournaments in April there may be an even earlier signup time requirement.
2. Members MUST HAVE an established handicap in the AGA system for all tournaments or they may not participate in the tournament. This may pose a temporary hardship on a brand new member but we will have to live with it. The requirement should provide an incentive to get the five scores entered as quickly as possible. If the Tournament Committee Chairman finds sufficient (but less than the required five) handicap entries in the AGA system he will create a temporary handicap for the tournament for one tournament only. If a new member has an established handicap other than AGA, and the Tournament Committee Chairman has that information, a temporary handicap will be assigned for the tournament.No other exceptions..

For all normal non-tournament events we expect all signups to be completed by noon Saturday and for all cancellations to be for unforeseen, legitimate reasons and phoned in to the proshop. Cancellations with no notification and/or frequent repetitive cancellations will result in application of our formal, current rule (which we have heretofore decided to not enforce)- non participation in the next event.

Please, lets apply some discipline to our enjoyable events.

Thanks

Bruce Hulbert