

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to welcome everyone to the 2024 MGA season, and hope this letter finds you well.

The MGA schedule, rules and protocol are below. We no longer require an MGA application; we only require that you have an active and up-to-date GHIN membership. Additionally, we would like to have no fewer than ten scores posted in your 2024 season by the time we get to our third tournament, which is on June 28th.

The purpose of this association is to provide a social league with a competitive edge, our goal is to facilitate relationships within our membership.

I look forward to an enjoyable 2024 MGA season!

If you ever need to speak with me, please contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Julio A Brodsky

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Santa Fe Country Club Head Golf Professional

Tournament Date	Format
Friday, April 26 th	Stroke Play
Friday, May 24 th	2-Man Better Ball
Friday, June 28 th	Stableford
Friday, July 12 th	Stroke Play
Friday, August 9 th	2-Man Trifecta
Friday, September 20 th	Nassau
Friday, October 25 th	4-Club

MGA Protocol

How to become an MGA member

1. Maintain an active GHIN account for 2024. No exceptions
2. Read the rules and protocol.
3. Email Head Pro, Alo Brodsky to get placed on the league roster.
alobrodsky@santafecountryclub.com

How to play in the tournaments

- All MGA tournaments are played on Fridays in the afternoon.
- You will receive an email before each tournament from Golf Genius, make sure golf genius emails aren't going to your spam. Remember, all social and competitive golf tournaments will be operated using Golf Genius. The deadline to play in all MGA tournaments will be on the Wednesday prior to the tournament at 12pm. Please accept or decline your invitation to play. If you have a time preference, let us know when you sign up and we will try to accommodate.
- Pay the \$20 entry. The \$20 dollars will be divided with \$15 towards the week's tournament and \$5 toward "closest to the pins". Side action for gross and net score skins is optional.
- We ask that you please honor your tee times.
- Pace of Play is 3 hours and 40 minutes. You should be finished with your front nine in 1 hour and 50 minutes.

How we (MGA) will communicate with you

- All communications will be from Golf Genius. Please check your spam folder as some servers mistake these emails as spam.
- The tournament format and rules will come with the invitation. Tee Times will be compiled and sent out Thursday am.
- Scores and winners will be posted at the course after the round is played.
- Tournament winners, prizes, and side-action winners will be communicated through email following the tournaments.

Rules of MGA

The spirit of the MGA is driven by the concept of fair and friendly play. All the MGA tournaments will be subject to oversight from the Santa Fe Country Club Head Golf Professional with guidance from the USGA handicap manual. Your GHIN handicap is established and maintained on two principals (1) You try your best through all holes played and (2) you enter **ALL** your scores. Disregard for the Rules of Golf or distortion of one's handicap will not be tolerated as it destroys the integrity of tournament play and trust among MGA membership.

As a member of the MGA, you agree to the following:

- All tournament golf is played “down” unless otherwise stated by the Course Superintendent and Head Golf Professional. This means you play the ball as it lies unless the rules provide for the ball to be touched and potentially moved.
 - **If, for any reason, there is a need to move your ball, it should be done in coordination with an opponent (or teammate if necessary). Never take the liberty of moving your ball on your own.**
 - If you (and your opponent) doubt a particular ruling, hit two balls. Hit the first as it lies and the second from the “drop”.
- The wall around the SFCC property is a boundary wall. As such and per the USGA, you get no relief without a one-shot penalty. There is not a free drop due to the wall.
- **Putt everything out. “Gimmies” are not allowed in the MGA.**
 - It is important that all MGA participants take this seriously. Just because your group agrees to “gimmies” does not mean that the rest of the field has agreed to this. In the spirit of fair play, please honor this rule.
- We intend to mark the course for tournament play.
- We ask that all participants post at least 10 rounds in the GHIN system by June 15th, 2024.
- The pace of play is 3 hours and 40 minutes.