

# **BOEING EMPLOYEES GOLF ASSOCIATION**

## **2026 RULES OF PLAY**

**To clarify the conduct of the 2026 BEGA season, these rules have been adopted by the BEGA Council and shall be adhered to by all members. Communication from the BEGA Board to the Leagues shall be by email, when possible, with paper copies as an alternative when email is not feasible.**

### **A. MEMBERSHIP**

#### **1. QUALIFICATIONS**

- a. Participation in the BEGA program is open to the following:
  - (i) Boeing employees and retirees
  - (ii) Spouses and dependents of Boeing employees and retirees
  - (iii) Domestic partners, as defined by Boeing, of employees and retirees
  - (iv) Government, customer, contract, and supplier personnel assigned full-time to support the Boeing Company, including their spouse and dependents
  - (v) Associate Members as defined by Boeing Recreation

#### **2. FEES**

- a. Active Employees and Associate Members
  - (i) A \$20.00 fee will be charged for BEGA membership (\$10.00 each additional league after initial membership).
- b. Retired Employees
  - (i) A \$13.00 fee will be charged for Boeing Retirees and their spouses for BEGA membership (\$10.00/league after initial membership).

#### **3. TRANSFERRING LEAGUES**

- a. Members may shift between leagues due to changes in work schedules. League dues shall be prorated, and a refund made to the member transferring. Members who are transferred to out-plant locations will also be entitled to a pro-rated refund. BEGA membership fees will not be refunded.

#### **4. FEE DUE DATES**

- a. A player whose BEGA membership fee has not been received by the League Treasurer by the second week of league play will not be considered to be a member in good standing and shall not be scheduled for league play, or eligible to enter BEGA tournaments, until the membership fee has been paid.

#### **5. TROPHIES**

- a. BEGA will award league trophies, or cash equivalent for the lowest valued trophy, based on the membership fees paid, for the following number of members:
  - (i) <10: 1 Trophy
  - (ii) 10-19: 2 Trophies
  - (iii) 20-39: 3 Trophies
  - (iv) 40-59: 4 Trophies
  - (v) 60-79: 5 Trophies
  - (vi) 80-99: 6 Trophies
  - (vii) 100-119: 7 Trophies
  - (viii) 120+: 8 Trophies (maximum)

#### **6. HOLE-IN-ONE**

- a. Any BEGA member who scores a hole-in-one during the year shall be given honorable mention on the BEGA website.
- b. If the hole-in-one occurs during a league event, the player shall be awarded a trophy supplied and paid for by BEGA.
- c. A league event includes regular league play, league tournaments, and BEGA tournaments.

## 7. DRESS CODE

- a. The following dress code guidelines are recommended for BEGA tournament play and league play:
  - (i) MEN: Attire generally should consist of:
    - Slacks, tailored shorts, shirts with a collar, sweaters, and jackets.
      - NOT RECOMMENDED: Tank tops, sleeveless tees or sweatshirts, tee shirts intended as undergarments, non-sports shirts with slogans, pictures, and/or sayings on them, spandex shorts, cut-offs, sweatpants and pajamas.
  - (ii) LADIES: Attire generally should consist of:
    - Slacks, shorts, skirts of modest length, long-sleeved, short-sleeved, or sleeveless shirts designed for golf, with or without collar. Sleeveless tops must have 2-inch shoulder straps.
      - NOT RECOMMENDED: Halter tops, strapless tops, bare midriffs, tank tops, tee shirts, spaghetti straps, short-shorts, spandex shorts, sweatpants and pajamas.

## 8. CONDUCT

- a. BEGA members and guests are expected to conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the published Boeing Code of Conduct. Members and guests who do not adhere to the Boeing Code of Conduct or ordinary reasonable, commonsense rules of conduct are subject to disciplinary action up to and including being removed from league and association participation. League Officers should contact the BEGA Executive Board, when potential violations have occurred, for direction and advice.

## **B. LEAGUE PLAY**

### 1. SEASON

- a. The league season shall be twenty (20) weeks (plus or minus two (2) weeks) divided into two 10-week periods. The official season will begin as early as practical and shall be completed (i.e., first and second division winners determined) to support the Inter-League Championship Tournament traditionally held the first weekend in October.

### 2. DIVISIONS

- a. Leagues may be divided into divisions based on handicap, at the discretion of the league, with approximately the same number of players in each division. Players shall be transferred between divisions whenever a change in their handicap would justify change, but not after the fourth round of point play of each half; players will be frozen in their division after the fourth round of play in each half.

### 3. LEAGUE WINNERS

- a. Suggested calculation of league winners to be represented in the Inter-League tournament/championship: Points will be won by match play (with handicap) and/or net medal play. Each league will use 7 out of 10 games to determine, by their own method, the first and second half winners. However, if legal holidays conflict with a round of league play, 6 of 9 games may be used. For match play competition, only threesomes

and foursomes will be scheduled, and each player will be matched against two opponents, i.e., 1st and 3rd players against 2nd and 4th players. In the case of a three some, each player will be matched against the other two players.

- b. Two points will be awarded for winning a match play competition. In case of a tie, one point shall be awarded to each player. A maximum of eight points can be won by an individual during each round of play within a threesome or foursome. Players will not receive points by default. Make-up matches will not be allowed.
- c. In team play (which is the format used by couples' leagues), two points will be awarded to the team winning the match and two points to the team winning medal, for a maximum of four points.
- d. For leagues using Golfsoftware.com and net medal play, the software will award points, automatically.

#### 4. TRANSFERRING LEAGUES

- a. Members forced to transfer to another league due to job assignment changes will have their points and handicap records transferred to the Secretary of the new league. Points earned prior to the transfer will be applicable to the new league. The transferring player must play a minimum of three rounds in the new league to be eligible for the league trophy.

#### 5. SCHEDULED PLAY

- a. The leagues will schedule players on a round-robin basis. If the software the league is using does not have that format the league secretary makes the round-robin designation.

#### 6. EXEMPT LEAGUES

- a. At the discretion of the Executive Board, leagues may be exempt from BEGA League Rules B.1. through B.5. Leagues desiring exemption shall develop and submit a copy of their playing rules to the BEGA Secretary for Executive Board review and approval.

### **C. RULES OF PLAY**

#### 1. DEFAULT RULES

- a. Play will be governed by USGA rules, except where local course/league rules prevail.

#### 2. USGA INTERPRETATION

- a. Each league President and Secretary will use the USGA Rules online App, and it is their responsibility to interpret the rules for their league or to contact a BEGA Executive Board member.

#### 3. WINTER/SUMMER RULES

- a. Winter or summer rules of play will be observed depending on the status of the course being played. When a change in status occurs, the league Secretary shall notify the players of his/her league of this fact and establish when new playing rules will go into effect.

#### 4. HOLE OUT

- a. In all BEGA tournaments, championships and weekly league play, the ball must be holed out (except in scramble tournaments/events). For scramble tournaments, the ball being used for scoring must be holed out.

#### 5. NOT FINISHING A HOLE

- a. Any player picking up on a hole is disqualified from net medal points for their league round competition. They shall record an "X" for their score on the hole. They may continue match play with their opponents. The league Secretary shall pro-rate the "X" holes, for handicap purposes, to the maximum hole score allowed per equitable stroke control (see Section G.8.).

## 6. MAXIMUM HANDICAP

- a. Each league should use maximum handicap index of 54.0 for both men and women for 18-holes. The maximum handicap index for both men and women for 9-holes should be 27.0.

## 7. SCORE CARD

- a. Each player shall complete their scorecard before submitting the card to the league Secretary for league play or the Tournament Director for tournament or championship play.

## 8. LEAGUE DUES

- a. All payments for league dues shall be made payable to the participant's league. The acceptance of membership shall bind each member to all provisions of the Constitution and other rules of the Association.

## 9. ROUND SCORES

- a. For handicap purposes, league Secretaries shall calculate all round scores in 9-hole increments. 18-hole rounds shall be calculated as two 9-hole rounds, in accordance with the WHS (World Handicap System).

## 10. DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICE

- a. Each league may make their own determination whether to invoke USGA rule 4.3a by establishing a Local Rule to disallow the use of distance measuring devices for league play. The use of distance measuring devices for BEGA tournament or championship play is permitted.

## 11. HANDICAP RULE

- a. When a competition is played from two or more sets of tees (such as mixed gender or mixed ability events), depending on the format of play and any difference in par between tees, additional strokes may have to be added to the standard calculation of the Playing Handicap for equity purposes and to determine finishing positions, results, and prizes.
  - (i) Stroke Play and Match Play formats (where results are recorded as gross or net scores). A player competing from a set of tees with a higher par will receive additional strokes for the round, equal to the difference between the par of the tees they are playing and the tees with the lowest par.
  - (ii) These additional strokes are added to the player's Playing Handicap as follows:
    1.  $\text{Playing Handicap} = (\text{Course Handicap} \times \text{handicap allowance}) + \text{difference in pars}$
    2. Note: As an alternative, when most of the field are playing from the tees with the highest par, players competing from a set of tees with a lower par will be allocated less strokes for the round, equal to the difference between the pars.
- b. For all mixed or multiple tee events, if pars are different, the WHS will be applied.

## **D. SPECIAL EVENTS (MEMBERS/GUESTS)**

1. Special Events (which include the availability to invite guests, non-BEGA members, to enter) are the following golf-related events open to the BEGA membership, at large. These Special Events shall be approved by the Executive Board prior to publication.

For each of these Special Events, at least one person on each two-person team must be an active BEGA member. BEGA will include \$5 per BEGA member toward the prize fund. All guests will pay an additional \$10 per entry fee, over the published BEGA entry fee.

## E. TOURNAMENT RULES

### 1. BEGA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

- a. All individuals participating in BEGA tournaments must be members in good standing of BEGA and one of its member leagues unless otherwise stipulated in the tournament application. A BEGA member in good standing is one adhering to the BEGA constitution and Rules of Play, having all dues paid, to-date, and being an active member of a BEGA league in good standing. A BEGA league in good standing is one adhering to the BEGA constitution and rules and having paid all required dues, to-date.
- b. A BEGA member belonging to any BEGA league which is not in good standing will not be eligible to enter in or participate in any BEGA tournaments.
- c. BEGA members eligible to enter tournaments may only enter once in each tournament.

### 2. DRESS CODE

- a. Dress code rules as defined in Section A.7. apply.

### 3. DIFFERENTIALS

- a. Tournament Differential requirements:

- (i) League Player Qualifications

- The following differential requirements must have been posted with a league during the last twelve (12) months preceding the tournament date.
  - Tournaments scheduled prior to June shall require three 9-hole differentials.
  - Tournaments scheduled in June shall require five 9-hole differentials.
  - Tournaments scheduled in July shall require six 9-hole differentials.
  - Tournaments scheduled after July shall require seven 9-hole differentials.

- (ii) WHS Player Qualifications

- The following number of **18-hole differentials** must have been posted to an approved World Handicap System (such as the USGA GHIN) during the 12 months preceding the tournament date.
  - Golfers who have been using an approved WHS for twelve months or more **must** have posted **ten** scores to the approved system.
  - Golfers who have been using an approved WHS for less than twelve months shall have posted the following number of 18-hole differentials to the approved system during the 12 months preceding the tournament date:
    - ⇒ Tournaments scheduled prior to June require **two** scores.
    - ⇒ Tournaments scheduled in June require **three** scores.
    - ⇒ Tournaments scheduled in July require **five** scores.
    - ⇒ Tournaments scheduled after July require **seven** scores.

- (iii) The Officers Tournament and the Inter-League Tournament do not require a set number of differentials to be entered.

- (iv) 2-Person Best Ball Tournaments: The playing handicap for each player will be determined using 85% of their full course handicap for both men and women.

- (v) 4-Person Best Ball Tournaments: Using three best balls in competition, each player's playing handicap will be determined using 85% of their full course handicap.

- (vi) Chapman Tournaments: Team playing handicap should be 60% of the lower of the two full course handicaps and 40% of the higher of the two full course handicaps. The percentage allowances are added together before rounding, and the total is rounded to the nearest whole number with 0.5 or more rounded upward.

- (vii) **Shamble Tournaments:** Team playing handicap should be 80% of each player's full Course Handicap. May consist of a two-, three-, or four-person team with the best 1 or 2 scores contributing to the team score. If 2 scores are used, both scores are added together on each hole.
- (viii) **Stableford Tournaments:** Can be a single or team consisting of two, three, or four players. Playing handicap should be 95% of each player's full Course Handicap.
- (ix) **Match Play Tournaments:** Require official handicap index (GHIN index) and will consist of multiple rounds played over a defined time. Each playing round will allow approximately 3-4 weeks to complete the matchup. Current Handicap Index should be applied to the course and tees being played for each match.
- (x) For all mixed or multiple tee events, WHS, as defined in C.11 above, will be applied after all other handicap calculations are made.

#### 4. SCHEDULE/ENTRY FORMS

- a. Tournament schedule and applicable entry forms may be distributed via BEGA Executive Board communications or found on the BEGA website ([www.begagolf.org](http://www.begagolf.org)).

#### 5. FORMATS & HANDICAP USAGE

- a. Tournaments requiring a league handicap or an approved WHS handicap index; the active GHIN handicap index will be used to determine the Tournament Handicap for flights:
  - (i) **Chapman Tournament:** Two-player team low net competition (if enough players allow, a gross competition may be added). There are no handicap limitations. Each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es). Each player then plays the second shot on his partner's ball. After the second shot, the team chooses the ball they wish to play and continually alternates shots until the ball is holed out.
  - (ii) **Two-Person Best Ball Tournament:** Two-player team low net competition (if enough players allow, a gross competition may be added). There are no handicap limitations. Each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es) and plays their own ball. The lowest net score (and lowest gross score) on each hole will be used to determine the team net score (and the team gross score).
  - (iii) **Four-Person Best Ball Tournament:** Four-player team low net competition (if enough players allow, a gross competition may be added). There are no handicap limitations. Each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es) and plays their own ball. The three lowest net scores (and three lowest gross scores) on each hole will be used to determine the team net score (and the team gross score).
  - (iv) **Two-Person Scramble Tournament:** Two-player team low net competition (if enough players allow, a gross competition may be added). There are no handicap limitations. Each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es). The team selects the best shot, and each player plays from that spot. Continue selecting the best shot and playing from that spot until a ball is holed out. There will be one net score (and one gross score) per hole used as the team score. A set number of drives per player may be required.
  - (v) **Four-Person Scramble Tournament:** Four-player team low net competition (if enough players allow, a gross competition may be added). There are no handicap limitations. Each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es). The team selects the best shot, and each player plays from that spot. Continue selecting the best shot and playing from that spot until a ball is holed out. There will be one net score (and one gross score) per hole used as the team score. A set number of drives per player may be required.

- (vi) Two/Three/Four-Person Shamble: Two-, three-, or four-player teams of low gross and low net competition. Regardless of the number of players per team, each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es). The team selects the best drive, then each player plays their own ball from that spot through completion of the hole. There will be two/three/four individual scores on each hole in which the best score (or 2 scores) is used for the team score. A set number of drives per player may be required.
- (vii) Individual or Team Stableford: May be an individual event or a two-, three-, or four-person team event with a low net competition (if enough players allow, a gross competition may be added). For team events, the best 1 or 2 scores may be required for the team score. Each player plays their own ball through completion of the hole. Points are awarded based on each player's net score (and gross score) for each hole. Refer to and utilize the point structure in the table below. A Modified Stableford (different point scheme) format may be used, but the point values must be stipulated in the registration and tournament information.

Net Points per Hole	
Double Bogey or above	0 points
Bogey	1 point
Par	2 points
Birdie	3 points
Eagle	4 points
Albatross	5 points
Condor	6 points

- (viii) Two-Person Best Ball Championship: Two-player team low net and low gross competition. Handicaps for this championship will be limited to no more than a ten-stroke differential between partners (the higher handicap used shall be no greater than ten (10) strokes more than the lower handicap of the team). Each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es) and plays their own ball. The lowest net score and lowest gross score on each hole will be used to determine the team net score and the team gross score.
- (ix) Four-Person Best Ball Championship: Four-player team low net and low gross competition. Handicaps for this championship will be limited to no more than a ten-stroke differential between partners (the highest handicap used shall be no greater than ten (10) strokes more than the lowest handicap of the team). Each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es) and plays their own ball. The lowest net score and lowest gross score on each hole will be used to determine the team net score and the team gross score.
- (x) The Men's and Women's BEGA Championships: These are a pair of thirty-six (36) hole championships (one for men; one for women), with individual low net competitions by flight and individual low gross overall. There are no handicap limitations. Each player tees off from the assigned tee box(es) and plays their own ball. The individual with low net of the field is the BEGA Low Net Champion [and the individual with the low gross of the field is the BEGA Low Gross Champion], and each receives free entry into the Championship tournament the following year.

Additionally, BEGA will supply \$100 toward the entry fee for the WA Golf Champion of Champions Tournament held at The Home Course for the following year for both the Men's and Women's Low Gross Champion.

- (xi) The Officer's Tournament: Each League's officers (limit of four) will play as a four-member team. The format for this event may change each year and will be identified in the registration and tournament information.
- (xii) The Match Play Tournament: May be an individual competition or a two-person team competition. Players or teams will be placed in a bracket that is contested over a determined time. All players participating shall have an active GHIN handicap. In match play, the handicap differential between the two players or teams is determined, and the lower player/team handicap is set to zero while the higher player/team handicap is set at the difference between the two. The higher handicap of the two players/teams in the match will receive strokes on the lowest handicap-numbered holes. (e.g., If one player is a 9 and the other a 13 handicap, then the 13 will receive one stroke on the holes handicapped 1 thru 4.). The handicap will be applied on the day of play using the course and tees used during each match. The USGA GHIN app or website ([www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com)) makes this easy.

b. Tournaments using only League Handicap Index (LHI)

- (i) The Interleague Tournament: (LHI only – GHIN is ONLY used if the League does not use a LHI) Two-player team, best ball low net competition. This tournament will consist of three divisions (Men's, Women's and mixed). Men's and Women's leagues will be represented by the team consisting of their first and second division champions (or alternates). Mixed leagues will be represented by their league champions (or alternates). No BEGA member shall represent more than one league. The league secretaries will confirm the required minimum number of rounds played, verify the league handicap, and provide information to the Tournament Director. Flights will be determined and controlled using the LHI as reported for this tournament qualification. Participants with a valid WHS handicap index will have their competition scores posted to GHIN by the Tournament Director. The Tournament Director will give the league secretaries hole-by-hole scores to be added to their league records. Teams consisting of two men will play in the Men's Division, teams consisting of two women will play in the Women's Division, teams consisting of one man and one woman will play in the Mixed Division. All divisions may have multiple flights based upon the number of entries. In the event there are not enough entries (5 is recommended) to create a flight, the Tournament Director may create flights as most reasonably represented (e.g., women and mixed teams in the same flight, all flights based on team handicap, etc.) in accordance with WHS guidelines.

6. HANDICAP SOURCE

- a. An approved WHS handicap index, or a league handicap index as required in Section 5.a., must be used for BEGA tournaments and championships. The GHIN index will be used if both a GHIN index and a LHI exist (except for the Interleague Tournament). The maximum 18-hole handicap index for BEGA tournament play for men and women is 54.0.

7. SCORING RECORD AUDITS

- a. The complete scoring records of each league member shall be made available to the BEGA Tournament Director upon request.

8. CONTROLLING RULES

- a. Summer or winter rules will be observed as directed by the Tournament Director.
- b. All tournament play shall be governed by USGA stroke (medal) play rules except as documented in the tournament registration information.

## 9. RESULTS POSTING TO LEAGUES

- a. All best ball tournament results and the 36-hole Two-Day Championship results must be added to the players' league handicap records.

## 10. TIE BREAKING

- a. For 1<sup>st</sup> place only, tournament ties will be broken by:
  - i. USGA/CONGU/WHS/EGA/Golf Australia (Last 9,6,3,1 holes): If the tying players have the same score for the last nine holes, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, then last three holes, and finally the 18th hole. If this method is used in a competition with a multiple tee start, the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.
  - ii. For competitions where the strokes/hole allocation is not relevant, if the last nine, last six, last three holes card matching is used, one-half, one-third, one-sixth, etc. of the Playing Handicap should be deducted from the score for those holes. Round the fractional handicap to the nearest whole number.
  - iii. In net competitions where the strokes/hole allocation is relevant, such as four-ball stroke play and Par/Bogey or Stableford competitions, handicap strokes should be applied consistently with how they were applied for the competition. For details on this method, consult the Golf Genius tournament management software.
  - iv. If players all start on the first hole (or first/tenth hole combo), the lowest net score on hole 18 is used. If still tied, use the lowest net score on hole 17. Continue working backwards until a single lowest score is identified.
  - v. With a shotgun format start, use the lowest net score on the lowest handicapped hole (index 1). If still tied, use the lowest net score on the next lowest handicapped hole (index 2). Continue working backwards until a single lowest score is identified.
- b. Ties for runner-up positions will result in dividing place awards evenly between those players. For example, a 2-way tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place results in adding the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes and dividing by 2 to determine the prize for each of the two teams.

## 11. PACE OF PLAY

- a. USGA Rule 5.6 (Unreasonable delay; Prompt Pace of Play) will be enforced. The penalty is loss of hole in match play or two strokes with disqualification for repeated offenses in medal play. This rule will be monitored by course marshals, as designated by the Tournament Director, who shall assess penalties as appropriate. Slow play in tournaments will result in a penalty on the offense after one official warning. Slow play is being more than one hole behind, which is defined as a group not teeing off before the group ahead has cleared the green (exception on par 3's). Upon encountering slow play within a foursome, if the violator(s) does not speed up play, upon request, an individual in the foursome has the right to call the course marshals to intervene, so the non-offenders in the foursome do not incur the two-stroke penalty. If a foursome completes play on holes 9 or 18 at least twenty (20) minutes after the preceding foursome has completed play on the hole, each member/team of the foursome shall be penalized two strokes for slow play. If a foursome completes play on holes 9 or 18 at least thirty (30) minutes after the preceding foursome has completed play on the hole, each member/team of the foursome shall be disqualified for slow play. Prompt Pace of Play is

defined as taking forty (40) seconds or less to play a stroke. The forty (40) seconds starts when it is your turn to play and includes practice swings and reading of the green.

## 12. TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY

- a. All BEGA members in good standing, adhering to the BEGA Constitution and Rules of Play (including all dues paid to-date), are eligible to enter tournaments for which they have otherwise met the specific tournament qualifications. A BEGA member belonging to any BEGA league which is not in good standing (not adhering to current the BEGA Constitution or Rules of Play (including paying BEGA league dues)), will not be eligible to enter or participate in any way in any BEGA tournaments. BEGA members eligible to enter tournaments may only enter once in each tournament.

## 13. SCORING COMMITTEE

- a. The BEGA President shall appoint a Scoring Committee prior to each tournament. The Committee's purpose will be to adjudicate any tournament scoring problems. Members of the committee shall be the Tournament Director and two other members of the Executive Board and/or associates ad largum.

## F. TOURNAMENT MANAGEMENT GUIDELINES

### 1. ENTRY DEADLINE

- a. Entry deadline date for all final information submitted to the Tournament Director should be ten (10) days prior to the tournament date. Entry submission process may be dictated by each Director, which shall be stipulated on each tournament entry form, and may include such acceptable transmissions as U.S. Postal Service, E-mail, Web submission, or any combination thereof, and as deemed appropriate for the Director to enroll timely and properly presented participants. The Tournament Director shall receive all entry forms by the deadline date. Incomplete entries or entries received after the deadline are not eligible for tournament play.

### 2. LEAGUE DATA REQUIREMENTS

- a. Entry forms for tournaments shall be provided by BEGA members to their league secretaries at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the tournament date. It is recommended that the form be sent, simultaneously, to the Tournament Director.

### 3. SECRETARY DUTIES FOR ENTRIES

- a. League secretaries shall provide completed entries by tournament entry deadline. Handicap index (LHI and/or GHIN) cut-off date is two weeks before the tournament for entrants with an adequate number of rounds.

### 4. FIELD/FLIGHT DIVISIONS

- a. It is recommended that a minimum of twenty-four (24) players in the field per tournament be required to offer the event. The number of flights for each tournament will be based on the number of teams or individuals entering the tournament and their registered handicaps. At the Tournament Director's discretion, for all tournaments, the entry form should include an option for entry into a senior flight consisting of players over sixty (60) years of age. There must be at least five (5) players or teams to make a separate flight. The Monday, June, Fall Getaway, and Spring tournaments, as well as any advertised Men/Women/Mixed (combination field) tournament, shall strive to provide Men's, Women's and Mixed flights for team competition. In the event insufficient Women's or Mixed teams are entered, at the Tournament Director's discretion, they may be combined into the same flight.

### 5. CONFIRMATION/TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

- a. Starting times and team information will be distributed, per instructions included on each tournament entry form, no later than one week prior to the tournament. The Tournament Director will distribute final critical information (via email or in printed form) to each player or team captain prior to starting the tournament round. This includes whether the event is being played under summer or winter rules, applicable handicap for each player/team, clarifying any local or course-specific rules applicable at time of tournament play, and any other information the Director deems necessary to share with enrolled players which was not covered in the entry communications.
6. PRIZE FUNDS
    - a. BEGA contributions to tournament prize funds are determined by the Tournament Director with approval of the BEGA Treasurer. Funds for each tournament will not be published until they are approved by the BEGA Treasurer and Tournament Committee, as deemed necessary by the Tournament Director, and shall only be distributed to participants, BEGA Executive Board members and player league officers. Standard tournaments may include a BEGA contribution of \$10 per player, and Championships may include up to \$25 per player. Only active BEGA members in good standing are eligible to receive BEGA-funded prize winnings (see Section E.1). If the tournament includes both low gross and low net competitions, low gross takes precedence over low net. The winners for each category will receive equal prizes.
  7. SCORE/REPORTING
    - a. The Tournament Director shall use the BEGA-provided application, Golf Genius (GG) <https://www.golfgenius.com/>, for scoring, reporting results, and posting scores to GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network). Hole-by-hole scores, with course slope and rating for tees used in the event, will be sent to the league secretaries to be added to each player's league records.
  8. RESULTS
    - a. Results of the Tournament and prize information will be sent out no later than two (2) days from the last day of the Tournament and made available to tournament players and BEGA Executive Board for league distribution.
    - b. Results should include:
      - (i) complete player lists with handicap used for course,
      - (ii) results for each player/team including ranking and winnings,
      - (iii) gross hole-by-hole scores for posting to league records with league names or 9- or 18-hole ESC reports with league names.
    - c. Report formats will be in accordance with the tournament application report format, presented in industry standard format (pdf) to the BEGA Webmaster for publication on the BEGA webpage. The Tournament Director shall post scores to each players GHIN account within two (2) weeks of the tournament completion.
  9. PAYOUTS TO WINNERS
    - a. Prizes and results for each Tournament, as specified under Section 8.a., shall be finalized by the BEGA Treasurer and sent to each winning golfers League Treasurer (in good standing, see Section E.1.), for disbursement to the winning BEGA member no later than thirty (30) days from the results being posted/made available to the tournament participants. Each League Treasurer should dispense prize winnings to the winning member(s) within thirty (30) days of receiving directed prize funds.

## G. LEAGUE HANDICAPS

1. **HANDICAP COMPUTATION:** Handicaps will be computed each week and posted on the player's handicap record. Handicap records kept on a computer must display the date when the round was played. Any record submitted without effective dates will not be accepted. All handicaps will be computed utilizing the WHS method including slope rating, course rating, and course par (see Section G.5). Optionally, leagues, at their discretion, may require an official WHS (e.g., USGA GHIN) handicap for league play. The exact WHS slope rating and course rating of each 9-hole section of all courses used by the BEGA league will be used for handicap computations. Those ratings can be found on <https://ncrdb.usga.org/>. If a league chooses to purchase commercially-available software for index maintenance/scoring, they do so with the understanding that compliance with Section E.6.a. is mandatory. Golfsoftware.com is one BEGA-endorsed system that utilizes WHS methods.
2. **PRIOR YEAR DATA:** Handicaps and handicap record data must be carried forward from year to year. Records from any previous BEGA league must be used, unless a later non-BEGA (WHS) handicap has been established. If there has not been a more recent non-BEGA (WHS) handicap established, the BEGA handicap will be used, if possible, even if the player was not a BEGA member in the immediate past year or years.
3. **NEW PLAYER HANDICAP:** Players entering a league who have not established a BEGA handicap in the previous year(s) will provide the league Secretary their prior club or other association handicap (if available) or provide the Secretary scores or information sufficient for the Secretary to assign a handicap for the first three (3) rounds. If they cannot do this to the Secretary's satisfaction, they shall play the first three (3) rounds scratch. A stable handicap index requires 20 rounds (see Section G.5.c).
4. **LEAGUE MATCH:** Full handicap difference shall be allowed in league matches.
5. **DIFFERENTIALS:**
  - a. For an 18-Hole Score
    - i. An 18-hole Score Differential is calculated as follows and is rounded to the nearest tenth, with .5 rounded upwards:
    - ii.  $(113 \div \text{Slope Rating}) \times (\text{adjusted gross score} - \text{Course Rating} - \text{PCC}^* \text{ adjustment})$ 

\*Playing Conditions Calculation (PCC) is the statistical calculation that determines if conditions on a day of play differed from normal playing conditions to the extent that they significantly impacted players' performance. Examples of conditions that could impact players' performance include Course conditions, Weather conditions, and Course set-up.
    - iii. Note: The PCC adjustment ranges from -1.0 to +3.0 and is only established by the official handicapping organization.
  - b. For a 9-Hole Score
    - i. Once the players' 9-hole Score Differential has been calculated, it is combined with an expected Score Differential based on the player's current Handicap Index to create an 18-hole Score Differential. The expected score is based on the average Score Differential of a player with a given Handicap Index and a normal distribution of scores – so it is not specific to each player. Notes:
      1. Golfers are required to play all 9 holes with a valid 9-hole course rating.
  - c. For Fewer Than 20 scores
    - i. A Handicap Index is calculated from the lower Score Differentials in the scoring record. The table below is used to determine the number of Score Differentials to

be included in the calculation and any adjustment that may apply. Round the result of the calculation to the nearest tenth.

<b>Number of Score Differentials in Scoring Record</b>	<b>Score Differential(s) Used in Calculation of Handicap Index</b>	<b>Adjustment</b>
3	Lowest 1	-2.0
4	Lowest 1	-1.0
5	Lowest 1	0
6	Average of lowest 2	-1.0
7 or 8	Average of lowest 2	0
9 to 11	Average of lowest 3	0
12 to 14	Average of lowest 4	0
15 or 16	Average of lowest 5	0
17 or 18	Average of lowest 6	0
19	Average of lowest 7	0
20	Average of lowest 8	0