



## **RULES, HANDICAPPING, FORMAT, SCORING**

### **July 29 & 30, 2022**

#### ***SUPPLEMENT TO USGA RULES***

USGA rules, as modified by local rules, apply at Northern Pines, Meadow Lake and Buffalo Hill golf courses during the Montana Chamber Foundation 2022 Governors' Cup. Observance of the rules by all participants is greatly appreciated by the management and staff of the host courses and tournament organizers.

1. All yardages indicated on signs, sprinkler heads, and fairway plates are measured to the middle of the green.
2. Drive carts on paths wherever possible. On fairways observe the 90-degree rule. Carts are limited to two per team.
3. Replace divots and repair ball marks please.
4. Out of bounds is indicated by white stakes & perimeter fences.
5. Penalty areas are marked with yellow and red stakes and lines.
6. Ground under repair is marked by white lines.
7. Immovable obstructions include: valve/control boxes; sprinkler heads; staked/ ribbon marked trees; yardage markers; asphalt, dirt and rock cart paths; French drains; yardage plates, flower beds and buildings.
8. All golf equipment must conform to USGA specifications.

#### ***HANDICAP PROCEDURE***

Each team will have five players. The team handicap is derived by: (1) multiplying the lowest individual handicap by .25; (2) multiplying each of the remaining four individual handicaps by .10; and (3) totaling the results. Maximum individual handicap is 30.

#### ***FORMAT***

Play for both tournament days will be a modified five-person scramble. Teams must use at least one tee shot from four (4) team players. Use of the drives of the 5<sup>th</sup> team player (formally known as the "Guest Golfer") is permissible but not required. From the drive to the green, shots must be struck within one club length of the ball chosen. On the green, you may putt from a spot no more than one putter head length from the ball chosen, but no nearer the hole. Ball chosen in the rough or penalty area must be played from that location.

Men will tee the ball from the White tees; women will tee from the Red tees. Most holes will have "Governors' Cup" tee markers. Players 65 and older may use the most forward or "Golden" tees on par 5 holes only.

Pairings of teams, including the 5<sup>th</sup> team players, are assigned by the tournament committee. Deviation from announced pairings may result in ineligibility for team net and gross score prizes.

### **SCORING PROCEDURE**

Current daily scores will be posted at all courses and official scores will be maintained at all courses. Upon completion of play, Buffalo Hill will consolidate scoring from all courses and publish the final official standings. Final results, including hole prize winners, will be posted at the Montana Chamber of Commerce Governors' Cup webpage.

In the event of a tie in either the net or gross score competition, a score card play-off will be used to determine the winner using the last nine holes (10-18) at the final course played by the tied teams. If still tied, the winner will be determined based on the last six holes (13-18). If still tied, the last three holes, (16-18) will be used. If still tied, the winner will be determined using the 18<sup>th</sup> hole played.

In the event a team posts both the lowest gross and net score, that team will be declared the winner of the gross competition. The team with the next lowest net score will be declared the net score competition winner.

### **HOLE PRIZES**

Hole prize winners are determined and awarded at the end of play on the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of the Tournament. All hole prize information from the first Tournament day is carried forward.

In fairness to the field, participants may win only one hole prize per course. In the event a player is the apparent winner on two or more holes per course, that player will receive the prize associated with the first hole in which he or she is listed as the winner on that course. The player who is second on the other hole(s) will be declared the winner.

Because of the one prize per course rule noted above, players are encouraged to record their information on prize holes even though a previous competitor has recorded a shot that is better.

### **HOLE IN ONE**

Car Prize Holes: Hole-in-one must be verified by 3 people: One (1) team member other than the member holing the shot plus 2 volunteer hole monitors witnessing the shot. No limit on car hole-in-one winners.

Other Par 3 Holes: Hole in one must be verified by the team member who holed the shot and one other team member. No limit on hole prize or cash equivalent to hole-in-one winners.

### **RULES COMMITTEE**

Invitations to register and participate in the Montana Chamber and Governors' Cup Golf Tournament are extended exclusively by the Montana Chamber Foundation and may be revoked at its discretion at any time. Breach of any rule(s), complaints or requests for clarification of any rule should be addressed to the Governors' Cup Rules Committee, which is comprised of the three tournament golf professionals at the courses hosting the tournament.

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