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## GENERAL TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

The North Dakota Golf Association is pleased that you have agreed to host one of the annual golf championships sponsored by the NDGA. The NDGA presents the General Information, Course Preparation Guidelines and Formats for the state championships. As always with every tournament, whether it city, state or national, the responsibility of getting the job done rests with the host club and its members. The NDGA is most appreciative of the responsibility accepted by you and if at any time any questions come up, feel free to contact the NDGA Office.

1. **TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE:** It is recommended to form a committee to assist the Host Professional in planning, directing, and managing the hosted championship.
2. **INSPECTION OF TOURNAMENT SITE:** Several weeks prior to the tournament, a NDGA representative may call or physically inspect the course. The purpose will be to offer suggestions for final preparation of the course and review the specific format of the tournament.
3. **ENTRY FORMS:** Shall be mailed by the NDGA on or before April 1st to all NDGA golf clubs. NDGA accepts entries and advises Host Pro of eligible players. Entries close 10 days prior to the tournament date. After the deadline date the Host Pro may accept applications. See entry blank for exact deadline date.
4. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** See individual formats for maximum entries for specific championships. The fields will be filled on a first come, first serve basis. With regard to Match Events, be advised that if less than maximum entries, multiples of 8, (i.e. 128, 112) will be needed to provide even match play pairings (without byes) for all flights.
5. **ENTRY FEES:** See individual formats for specific entry fees. All entry fees prior to deadline shall be collected by the NDGA.
6. **ENTRANT REQUIREMENTS:** Every golfer who enters NDGA sponsored tournaments must:
  - A. Be a male, except for the Junior Championship.
  - B. Have a current NDGA/GHIN Handicap Card and USGA Index # with a minimum of 6 scores posted in the prior 12 months.
  - C. Age requirement - See individual tournament formats.
7. **CONFIRMATION OF ENTRY:** All entries shall be confirmed in writing, electronically by e-mail or posted on the website.
8. **ENTRY CANCELLATIONS:** Host Club shall notify the NDGA immediately of any cancellations so that the NDGA can notify alternates, if any.
9. **PRACTICE ROUND:** The Host Club may charge green fees for the practice round, preferably at the rate normally charged a guest who accompanies a member of the Host Club.

10. SOCIAL FUNCTIONS: A social function (i.e. steak or hamburger fry, banquet or breakfast buffets) is requested and left to the planning of the NDGA and Host Club.
11. USGA rules shall prevail with the exception of local rules determined by the tournament rules committee.
12. RULES COMMITTEE: The Host Professional shall chair the Rules Committee and appoint the Executive Director or Tournament Director of the NDGA and a member on the Host Club rules committee to serve on the tournament rules committee.
13. CALCUTTA: Calcutta's, cash events or greenside games are **NOT ALLOWED** at NDGA sponsored events.
14. CARTS: Golf carts shall be allowed in all championships, except the Junior. The NDGA and the Host Professionals will rigidly enforce rules for cart use.
15. DRESS CODE: Shirts will be worn at all times. Players violating this rule will be subject to disqualification. **This rule should be included on the "Players' Information Sheet" distributed to all tournament participants.**
16. SPEED OF PLAY: Assign ball spotters to known area(s) that may cause slow play. Marshals may be assigned to designate areas; one per nine is suggested. They should be visible by use of signs or flags on carts. **"Players' Information Sheet" should emphasize rule on slow play.**
17. CADDIES: Allowed in accordance with the "USGA Rules of Golf".
18. SCOREBOARDS: The Host Club shall be responsible for setting up and maintaining the scoreboard. Use of hand or motorized carried scoreboards and summary of current scores, on the scoreboard, during the final round in the leading groups is recommended to keep spectators informed of the status of the tournament. NDGA score sheets shall be mailed to the host club prior to the event.
19. WITHDRAWING FROM PLAY: Failure to notify the committee when withdrawing from a tournament after play has begun will subject player to possible suspension in future events by NDGA. **This should be added to the "Players' Information Sheet".**
20. PLAYERS' INFORMATION SHEET: Information to players must include:
  - A. Local rule situations
  - B. Penalty for slow play
  - C. Withdrawing or quitting play -- Paragraph #19
  - D. Qualifying time
  - E. Social activities
  - F. Use of club facilities
  - G. Dress code requirement
  - H. Any other material the Committee deems necessary.

21. AWARDS PRESENTATION: Will be conducted jointly by the NDGA and the Host Club following the championship. In the following formats where it states "Award" or "Gift", these will be provided by the NDGA.
22. MERCHANDISE AWARDS: It is recommended that the Merchandise Awards be in the form of gift certificates from the Pro Shop of the Host Club. The gift certificates should specify the amount and the choice of merchandise should be left to the individual winners.
23. DISSEMINATE RESULTS: The Host Club should forward each day's results by either working with the Sport's Editor of the local newspaper or telephoning, e-mailing or faxing the results. Offer on-site reporters the use of a private club telephone for forwarding results.
24. TIES: All ties will be determined by a sudden death playoff beginning at Hole # 1.

## COURSE PREPARATION GUIDELINES

The following are guidelines to help maintain the quality of the golf tournaments in the State and to assist the host clubs in preparing their golf course for a NDGA Championship.

The purpose is to encourage not only the scratch golfers from playing their best from the championship tees but to allow all caliber of golfers to enjoy their tournament experience. This will include a blend of power and finesse, and a mixture of bogies, pars and birdies to be carded. It should be challenging and an enjoyable experience for all participants.

In preparing the course, we realize there may be special course characteristics, equipment, prevailing winds, superintendent or professional preferences which may prevent courses from following all the guidelines precisely; however we encourage you to do as much as possible. If you have any questions, please contact the NDGA.

The following three stages of preparation have been developed as a guideline in preparing your course for the state championship. Remember these are only guidelines, some course may prepare for a tournament differently therefore; take from these suggestions what your course deems helpful.

### STAGE ONE:

At least three months prior to the tournament date, review the following aspects of your course:

1. **COMMUNICATION:** At this point in your preparation if the Golf Professional and the Greens Superintendent do not feel the course will be ready for tournament play, please contact the NDGA.
2. **TEEING GROUND:** The areas the tees shall be placed for the tournament should see limited play prior to the tournament.
3. **COURSE MARKING:** Discuss with the tournament committee how the course will be marked for the tournament. Consider all water hazards, lateral hazards, ground under repair and in-course and out-of-course out-of-bounds.
4. **BALL DROP AREAS:** If necessary, consider a marked ball drop area to be used in area where identifying and determining a proper drop will create confusion and slow pace of play. **This area should be identified in the "Players' Information Sheet".**
5. **LOCAL RULES:** Consider if local rules should be noted and, if so, **be identified in the "Players' Information Sheet".**
6. **CONDITIONING THE COURSE:** When conditioning your course for tournament competition, your pre-planning should include discussions on:
  - a. Cutting lengths and schedules prior to and during the competition including tee areas, fairways, greens and roughs.
  - b. Flagstick and Tee ground placements

c. Bunker maintenance

d. Major course maintenance should be planned for after the event.

7. FAIRWAYS: Fairways should be maintained to be 27-35 yards in width. The height of cut of the fairways should be between 3/8 to 3/4 of an inch in length.
8. GREENS SURFACE: The greens should be firm and hold a good shot. The stimpmeter reading will depend on weather conditions but good numbers to shoot for are 8 to 11, this will determine the height the grass should be cut. The collar next to the putting surface should be approximately 30 inches wide and cut to a 3/8 to 1/2 inch.
10. ROUGHS: The first cut of rough should be the width of available mowers and cut to approximately 1 1/2 inches in length. All other rough areas should be left at 2 to 4 inches.
11. TEEING GROUNDS: The teeing grounds should be cut at 3/8 to 1/2 inch.
12. BUNKERS: The settled depth of sand in bunkers should be 4 – 6 inches. Rakes for bunkers should be placed outside of bunkers and in positions where they will be least likely to affect play.

#### STAGE TWO:

At least one month prior to the tournament date, review the following aspects of your course:

1. VISIT: A phone call or on-site visit by a representative of the NDGA may occur to review Stage One. Suggestions may be helpful in the final preparations of the course will be offered.
2. HOLE LOCATION: At this time the Host Professional/Course Superintendent shall determine hole locations for the practice and championship rounds. When making placements, consideration should be made for the size and quality of your field. The rule of 6, 6 and 6 (difficult, medium and easy) should be considered when setting hole locations and tees with the most difficult placements set on the final day of play.

#### STAGE THREE:

At least one to three days prior to tournament date, review the following aspects of your course:

1. The Host Professional, Tournament Committee and Course Superintendent should review Stages One and Two and any suggestions made by the NDGA.
2. Mark and paint hazards, place boundary stakes and mark all ground under repair.
3. Prepare "Hole Placement Sheets" and "Players' Information Sheet" to include local rules, social functions and any other pertinent information.

4. Prepare first day pairings and score sheets, if applicable.
5. All Championship Flight matches will tee from the back tees. The Senior Palmer – Championship and flights shall tee from middle tees. The Senior Hogan Championship and flight shall tee from the forward tees. All other flight matches shall tee from the middle tees.

## TWO MAN SCRAMBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

This is our newest Championship, bringing in the best SCRAMBLE golfers from every corner of the state.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS: Gross and Net scramble format with score posted per hole.

MONDAY ----- Post tee times to the website

FRIDAY----- Practice Round

SATURDAY----- 18 holes – 1:00 PM “Shot Gun” start format

**Special Event following play – Cost shared by NDGA and Host Club**

SUNDAY----- 18 holes - 9:00 AM “Shot Gun” start format

2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: The maximum field is 36 teams.
3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Participants must; be 18 years of age or over prior to the first day of the tournament to participate; hold a NDGA/GHIN USGA Index.
4. NET DIVISION FORMAT:
  - 1) Adjust the players index to the course handicap
  - 2) Take 35% of the lower handicap
  - 3) Take 15% of the higher handicap
  - 4) Add the two handicaps and reduce from the gross score
5. ENTRY FEE: \$200 per team.
6. PAIRINGS: In-groups of four players.
7. PRO FORMA STATEMENT: The following pro forma statement is based on a full field of 100 teams (200 players) and is a guideline to tournament officials.

Total income - 36 x \$200 = \$7200

### EXPENSE:

30% to NDGA = \$ 2,160

30% to Host Club = \$ 2,160

30% to Merchandise Awards = \$ 2,160

10% to Golf Projects = \$ 720

Awards will be given for both gross and net team champions.

Merchandise Awards per team based on the following percentages:

Gross - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 45%; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 33% and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 22%

Net - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 45%; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 33% and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 22%

## SENIOR FOUR BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Since its inception, seniors of all handicaps have enjoyed the Senior Four Ball Stroke Play Championship. This event is played in a Gross and Net format. The NDGA Tournament Director may elect to use less than full handicaps for the Net Divisions. The schedule is as follows:

1. MONDAY- Post tee times to Website  
THURSDAY----- Practice Round  
FRIDAY--- 18 holes – 9:00 A. M. by USGA Index –

### **Special Event following play – Cost split by NDGA and Host Club**

2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: The maximum field is 100 teams.
3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Participants must:
  - A. Be 55 years of age or over prior to the first day of the tournament to participate.
4. ENTRY FEE: \$100 per team.
5. PAIRINGS: In groups of four players, 10 minutes a part off both # 1 and #10 tees.

6. PRO FORMA STATEMENT: The following pro forma statement is based on a full field of 100 teams (200 players) and is a guideline to tournament officials.

Total income - 36 x \$100 = \$ 3600

#### EXPENSE:

30% to NDGA = \$ 1080

30% to Host Club = \$ 1080

30% for Merchandise Awards = \$ 1080

10% for Golf Projects = \$ 360

$\$1080 \div 2 = \$540$  each for gross and net divisions

Merchandise awards per team paid in gross and net divisions may be paid to a team in one division only.

Merchandise awards: 1st place - 50%; 2nd place - 35%; 3rd place - 15%;

Awards will be given for gross and net champions.

## FOUR-BALL STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Since its inception, players of all handicaps have enjoyed the Four Ball Stroke Play Championship. It has become one of the most popular tournaments of the NDGA. This event is played in a Gross and Net format. The NDGA Tournament Director may elect to use less than full handicaps for the Net Divisions. The schedule is as follows:

1. MONDAY - Release tee times to participants and media  
FRIDAY----- Practice Round  
SATURDAY--- 18 holes – Split Tee Times - 7:00 A. M. and 12:00 by USGA Index  
**Host lunch served 11-2 – Cost split between NDGA and Host Club**  
SUNDAY----- 18 holes – Split Tee Times - 7:00 A. M. and 12:00 by first day's gross score – High to Low  
**Host lunch served 11-2 – Cost split between NDGA and Host Club**
2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: The maximum field is 100 teams.
3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Participants must:
  - A. Be 18 years of age or over prior to the first day of the tournament to participate.
4. ENTRY FEE: \$200 per team.
5. PAIRINGS: In groups of four players, 10 minutes a part off both # 1 and #10 tees. First day's gross scores, teeing off on both #1 and #10 tees; will group the pairings for the second day of the championship.
6. PRO FORMA STATEMENT: The following pro forma statement is based on a full field of 100 teams (200 players) and is a guideline to tournament officials.  
Total income - 100 x \$200 = \$ 20,000

### EXPENSE:

30% to NDGA =	\$ 6000
30% to Host Club =	\$ 6000
30% for Merchandise Awards =	\$ 6000
10% for Golf Projects =	\$ 2000

$\$6000 \div 2 = \$3000$  each for gross and net divisions

Merchandise awards per team paid in gross and net divisions may be paid to a team in one division only.

Merchandise awards: 1st place - 25%; 2nd place - 15%; 3rd place - 14%;  
4th place - 12%; 5th place - 11%; 6th place - 10%; 7th place - 8%; 8th place - 5%

Awards will be given for gross and net champions.

## STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Since its inception, golfers and sports fans from all sections of the State have enthusiastically received the Stroke Play Championship. The tournament added a new dimension of prestige to golf in North Dakota. Beginning in 1992 a net division was added to increase the number of net participants. The Stroke Play is conducted over 54 holes stroke play in two divisions, gross and net. The schedule is as follows:

1. MONDAY-----Post tee times to website.  
  
FRIDAY-----Practice Round (at participant's expense)  
  
SATURDAY-----First 36 holes are played  
**Special Event during play – Cost split by NDGA and Host Club**  
  
SUNDAY-----Saturday's gross scores will be used to regroup players for final 18
2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: The maximum field is 96 golfers.
3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be 14 years of age or over prior to the first day of the tournament; or be in the top ten male finishers and ties at the North Dakota State High School Tournament (Class A & B) to be eligible to participate.
4. ENTRY FEE: \$100
5. PAIRINGS: In-groups of four players, 10 minutes a part, off both 1 & 10 tees, by USGA Handicap Index. First day's gross scores will group pairings, off 1 & 10 tees, for the second day of the championship. Low gross participants shall play last off tee #1.
6. PRO FORMA STATEMENT: The following statement is based on a full field of 96 golfers.

Total Income - 96 players x \$100.00 =	\$ 9600
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**Expenses:**

30% to NDGA =	\$ 2,880
30% to Host Club =	\$ 2,880
30% for Merchandise Awards =	\$ 2,880
10% for Golf Projects =	\$ 960

GROSS DIVISION - \$ 1,440  
1st Place 40% plus Award  
2nd Place 30%  
3rd Place 15%  
4th Place 10%  
5th Place 5%

NET DIVISION - \$ 1,440  
1st Place 40% plus Award  
2nd Place 30%  
3rd Place 15%  
4th Place 10%  
5th Place 5%

Any player placing in both divisions will receive only one award in the division that he places highest.

## SENIOR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Starting in 2009, seniors of all handicaps will enjoy the Senior Stroke Play Championship. This event will be played in a Gross and Net format. The NDGA Tournament Director may elect to use less than full handicaps for the Net Divisions. The schedule is as follows:

1. MONDAY-----Post tee times to website.  
  
FRIDAY-----Practice Round (at participant's expense)  
  
SATURDAY-----First 18 holes are played  
**Special Event during play – Cost split by NDGA and Host Club**  
  
SUNDAY-----Saturday's gross scores will be used to regroup players for final 18
2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: The maximum field is 24 golfers.
3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Participants must:
  - A. Be 55 years of age or over prior to the first day of the tournament to participate.
4. ENTRY FEE: \$100
5. PAIRINGS: In-groups of four players, 10 minutes apart, off both 1 & 10 tees, by USGA Handicap Index. First day's gross scores will group pairings, off 1 & 10 tees, for the second day of the championship. Low gross participants shall play last off tee #1.
6. PRO FORMA STATEMENT: The following statement is based on a full field of 24 golfers.

Total Income - 24 players x \$100.00 = \$ 2,400

**Expenses:**

30% to NDGA =	\$ 720
30% to Host Club =	\$ 720
30% for Merchandise Awards =	\$ 720
10% for Golf Projects =	\$ 240

GROSS DIVISION - \$ 360

1st Place	50% plus Award
2nd Place	30%
3rd Place	20%

NET DIVISION - \$ 360

1st Place	50% plus Award
2nd Place	30%
3rd Place	20%

## MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

Since inaugural state competitions, the annual highlight of the North Dakota golfing picture has been the Match Play Championship. This tournament attracts the State's best golfers and creates more golfing excitement than most other tournaments. The schedule for the week is as follows:

1. FRIDAY----- Post qualifying tee times on website.  
  
WEDNESDAY----- Practice round for qualifiers.  
  
THURSDAY----- Championship Flight 18 holes qualifying. All participants may attempt to qualify for the Championship Flight. Participants will be paired by USGA Index. The low 31 scores and the defending champion will be paired for match play, which begins Friday. Non-Qualifiers will be flighted by USGA Index.  
**Special Event after Qualifying round – Cost split between NDGA and Host Club**  
  
FRIDAY----- First and second round matches in the Championship Flight and Championship Consolation Bracket. First round matches in all other flights.  
  
SATURDAY----- Third round and Semi-Final matches in the Championship Flight and the second round in the Championship Consolation. Second round matches in all other flights.  
  
SUNDAY----- Final matches in the Championship and Championship Consolation Flights - Final matches in all other flights. Final matches are all played in-groups of two players. An awards ceremony to present the Championship trophy will be held immediately following the Championship Flight final match. The participants following the completion of those matches may pick up awards for other flights.
2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: The maximum field is 128 entries.
3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be 14 years of age or over prior to the first day of the tournament; or be in the top ten male finishers and ties at the North Dakota State High School Tournament (Class A & B) to be eligible to participate.
4. ENTRY FEE: \$100
4. PAIRINGS: For the qualifying round of the Championship Flight, contestants should be placed in foursomes by USGA Index. In groups of four players, 10 minutes apart.

6. PRO FORMA STATEMENT: The following pro forma statement is based on a full field of 128 players and is intended as a guideline to Tournament Officials:

Total Income:  $128 \times \$100 =$  \$12,800

**Expenses:**

30% to NDGA =	\$3840
30% to Host Club =	\$3840
30% for Merchandise Awards =	\$3840
10% for Golf Projects =	\$1280

Championship Flight ----- 1st - \$310 plus Award  
2nd - \$210 plus Award  
Semi final losers - \$150/each  
Consolation Winner - \$140 plus Award  
  
Total - \$960 ( $\$30 \times 32$ )

Lower Flights----- 1st - \$125  
2nd - \$75  
Consolation Winner - \$40  
  
Total - \$240 ( $\$30 \times 8$ )

Medalist - Gift.

## JUNIOR STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Junior Stroke Play Championship is a state tournament that has been a highlight for many juniors and has allowed the NDGA to see the "future" of golf in North Dakota. The Junior Stroke Play Tournament is a 36-hole event consisting of two separate divisions: Boys' division and a Girls' division. The schedule for the tournament is as follows:

1. A Practice Round should be made available for participants.

1st 18 holes of play start at 12 noon on #1 and #10 by tee times determined by the Host Club or shotgun start.

2nd 18 holes of play start at 8:00 AM on #1 and #10. Players are regrouped according to 1st day scores. NDGA recommends that the players be regrouped into an 8-person championship flight and 8-person other flights.

2. **NUMBER OF ENTRIES:** Maximum number of entries for both Boys' and Girls' Championship is 96 players.
3. **ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:** Participants must meet the requirements as outlined in the General Tournament Information Section - Entrant Requirements, except as follows:  
Be a maximum age of 17 years. Thus any boy or girl who has NOT reached their 18th birthday on the first day of the tournament is eligible to play; and be a minimum age of 10 years of age. However, if the tournament is not full, and with the permission of the NDGA, the Host Pro or Tournament Chairman, players under the age of 10 may be allowed to participate. Girls and Boys under 12 years of age use forward tees.
4. **ENTRY FEE:** \$50.00.
5. **PAIRINGS:** In-groups of four players, 8 minutes apart. First day's low scores will be grouped for the second day of the Championship. Boy's and Girls' Championship flights shall tee off last on 1st tee.
6. **PRO FORMA STATEMENT:** The following pro forma statement is based on a full field of 144 participants and is a guideline to tournament officials:

Total Income: 120 x \$50.00 =	\$6000
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**Expense:**

30% to NDGA =	\$1800
30% to Host Club =	\$1800
30% for Merchandise Prizes =	\$1800
10% for Golf Projects =	\$600

Award for 1st place both Boys' & Girls' Division  
Scholarships given in each Division

7. The host club shall determine the percentage distribution of merchandise prizes.
8. CADDIES: No Caddies allowed for Junior Stroke Play Championship participants, except as approved by the NDGA.

## SENIOR MATCH PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP

The Senior Match Play allows seniors (over 40) very stiff competition among their peers. It has not only been a major championship but one of the best senior social events of the year. The schedule for the week is as follows:

1. FRIDAY ----- Post qualifying tees times to website.

WEDNESDAY ----- Practice round for participants trying to qualify for championship flight.

THURSDAY ----- 18 holes of championship flight qualifying and practice round for non-qualifying on Thursday (no additional charge) for all participants. Club should block off tee times for qualifying participants. All participants must declare their intention to qualify for the Championship Flights and designate division. Tournament committee will make the pairings for starting tee times for those qualifying for the championship flights. All other participants must make their own times. Qualifying for Mid Amateur & Nicklaus Divisions shall be from the back tees, Palmer Division shall qualify from the middle tees and the Hogan Division shall qualify from the forward tees.

MID AMATEUR DIVISION (age 40-54) - 32 Maximum

Championship flight will consist of the low 7 qualifying scores. Other flights will consist of 8-man flights according to USGA index.

NICKLAUS DIVISION (age 55-64) – 80 Maximum

Championship flight will consist of the low 15 qualifying scores. Defending champion shall be seeded. Other flights will consist of 8-man flights according to USGA Index.

PALMER DIVISION (65-74) – 56 Maximum

Championship flight will consist of the low 7 qualifying scores. Defending champion shall be seeded. Other flights will consist of 8-man flights according to USGA Index.

HOGAN DIVISION (75 - >) – 16 Maximum

Championship flight will consist of the low 7 qualifying scores. Defending champion shall be seeded. Other flights will consist of 8-man flights according to USGA Index.

Senior Match Pairings – Pairings should be made to reflect crossover bracketing in each flight.

Friday – Field of 184 – In-groups of 4 players

7:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11 groups each

12:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 12 groups each

**Hall of Fame Reception – Beginning at 6:30 PM – Cost included in Entry Fee**

Saturday

7:30 AM 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 11 groups each

12:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> 12 groups each

12:30 PM 1<sup>st</sup> Nicklaus Championship Flight

Sunday

7:30 AM – 11:00 AM 1<sup>st</sup>

Championship pairings join Consolation pairings in each flight

FRIDAY -----First round matches in the championship flights. First round matches in the other flights.

SATURDAY ----- Second and third round matches in Nicklaus Championship flight. Second round matches in all other flights.

SUNDAY -----Final matches in all flights. An awards ceremony to present the Championship Trophies will immediately following the final match. The contestants following the completion of their own matches may pick up awards for other flights.

A champion shall be declared in each of the four divisions.

2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: The maximum field is 184 players.
3. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Participants must; be 40 – 54 years of age prior to the first day of the tournament to participate in the **Mid Amateur Division**; be 55

– 64 years of age prior to the first day of the tournament to participate in the **Nicklaus Division**; be 65 - 74 years of age prior to the first day of the tournament to be participating in the **Palmer Division**; or be 75 years of age or older prior to the first day of the tournament to be participate in the **Hogan Division**; and must declare a division, if no division is declared, placement shall be according to age. A Champion shall be declared in each division.

4. ENTRY FEE: \$115
5. PAIRINGS FOR QUALIFYING ROUND: In-groups of 4 players, 10 minutes apart.
6. PRO FORMA STATEMENT:

The following Pro Forma statement is based on a full field of 184 players:

Total Income 184 players x \$115 =	\$ 21,160
Less \$15 per player for Hall of Fame Reception	<u>(\$ 2,760)</u>
	\$ 18,400

**Expense:**

30% to NDGA =	\$ 5520
30% to Host Club =	\$ 5520
30% for Merchandise Awards =	\$ 5520
10% for Golf Projects =	\$ 1840

Every flight should pay back \$30.00 times the number of players in each flight.

Nicklaus Division Championship Flight - \$30 x 16 players =	\$ 480
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All other Divisions and Flights - \$30 x 8 players =	\$ 240
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<b>Mid Amateur Division Championship Flight:</b>	\$ 240
1 <sup>st</sup> - \$110 plus Award	
2 <sup>nd</sup> - \$75 plus Award	

Consolation winner - \$55 plus Award  
Medalist - Gift

**Nicklaus Division Championship Flight:** \$ 480

1st - \$180 plus Award  
2nd - \$120 plus Award  
Semi final losers - \$60 x 2 = \$120

Consolation winner - \$60 plus Award  
Medalist - Gift

**Palmer Division Championship Flight:** \$ 240

1st - \$110 plus Award  
2nd - \$75 plus Award

Consolation Winner - \$55 plus Award  
Medalist - Gift

**Hogan Division Championship Flight:** \$ 240

1st - \$110 plus Award  
2<sup>nd</sup> - \$75 plus Award

Consolation Winner - \$55 plus Award  
Medalist – Gift

**Other Flights:**

Based on full flight of 8 =

1st - \$110

2nd - \$75

Consolation - \$55

\$ 240

### 3 MAN BEST BALL CHAMPIONSHIP

One of our newest Championships will bring in the best golfers for every corner of the state. The format shall be similar to the Four Ball Championship except with a three-man team. The three man teams shall be separated in order to play with other golfers from around the state.

1. GENERAL CONDITIONS: Gross and Net best ball format with the best two balls of scoring hole by hole. Team members shall be paired individually, throughout the field.

MONDAY ----- Post tee times to the website

FRIDAY----- Practice Round

SATURDAY----- 18 holes – 1:00 PM tee time start format  
**Special Event following play – Cost by NDGA and Host Club**

SUNDAY----- 18 holes - 9:00 AM tee time start format

2. NUMBER OF ENTRIES: The maximum field is 36 teams.
5. ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: Participants must be 18 years of age or over prior to the first day of the tournament to participate and hold a NDGA/GHIN USGA Index.
4. ENTRY FEE: \$300 per team.
5. PAIRINGS: In-groups of four players, posting tee times for both days.
6. PRO FORMA STATEMENT: The following pro forma statement is based on a full field of 36 teams (108 players) and is a guideline to tournament officials.

Total income - 36 x \$300 =	\$ 10,800
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**EXPENSE:**

30% to NDGA =	\$ 3,240
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30% to Host Club =	\$ 3,240
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30% to Merchandise Awards =	\$ 3,240
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10% to Golf Projects =	\$1,080
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Awards will be given for both gross and net team champions.

Merchandise Awards per team based on the following percentages:  
 Gross - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 45%; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 33% and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 22%  
 Net - 1<sup>st</sup> place – 45%; 2<sup>nd</sup> place – 33% and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – 22%

Host Club shall be responsible for hosting a social/dinner following first day's competition.

## HISTORY OF TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

### Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship

- 1994 - Grand Forks Country Club - Jeff Skinner-Todd Schaefer - 129
- 1995 - Minot Country Club - Jon Bruning-Rick Johnson - 134
- 1996 - Bois de Sioux, Wahpeton - Skarperud-Skarperud - 131
- 1997 - Heart River Golf Course, Dickinson - Mike Podolak-Reed Olien
- 1998 - Jamestown Country Club - Andy Doeden-Dan Doeden - 130
- 1999 - Minot Country Club - Mark Ohlhauser-Jack Huseby & Don Neitzske-Fred Strege
- 2000 - Bois de Sioux, Wahpeton - Greg Melhus - Kris Kroetsch
- 2001 - Grand Forks Country Club - Russ Newman - Brandon Askew
- 2002 - Souris Valley Golf Course - Greg Melhus - Kris Kroetsch
- 2003 - Riverwood - Tim Kunick - Joe Kunick
- 2004 - Oxbow Golf & Country Club - Michael Podolak & Reed Olien
- 2005 - Hawktree Golf Club - Tim Kunick & Rick Kuhn
- 2006 - King's Walk Golf Course - Mike Huber & Tim Kunick
- 2007 - Souris Valley Golf Course - Steve Fundingsland/Randy Hanson
- 2008 - Oxbow Golf & Country Club - Chad & Tim Skarperud

### Mid-Amateur Match Play Championship

- 1994 - Fargo Country Club - Gary Johnson over Mike Podolak
- 1995 - Rose Creek Golf Course - Mike Podolak over Mark Ohlhauser
- 1996 - Minot Country Club - Mark Ohlhauser over Todd Cresap
- 1997 - Red Mike Resort, Ray - Russ Newman over Jay Myhre
- 1998 - Heart River Golf Course, Dickinson -- Harlon Hendrick over Randy Westby
- 1999 - Edgewood Golf Course - Mike Podolak over Fred Strege - 2 & 1
- 2000 - No Tournament
- 2001 - Oxbow Country Club - Mike Podolak over P. Benson
- 2002 - Bois De Sioux GC - Greg Melhus over Clint Nelson - 2 & 1
- 2003 - Kings Walk - Michael Podolak over Greg Melhus - 3 & 2

### Match Play Championship

- 1994 - Souris Valley Golf Course - Shane McMenemy over Steve Zarr - 1 up in 20 holes
- 1995 - Oxbow Country Club - Jon Bruning over Greg Hiller - 1 up
- 1996 - Grand Forks Country Club - Shane McMenemy over Russ Newman - 3 & 2
- 1997 - Oxbow Country Club - Mike Podolak over Todd Schaefer
- 1998 - Riverwood Golf Course, Bismarck - Andy Doeden over Joe Kunick
- 1999 - Fargo Country Club - Andy Doeden over Mike Podolak
- 2000 - Oxbow Golf & Country Club - Paul Shogren over Greg Melhus - 6 & 5
- 2001 - Edgewood Golf Course - Colin Bork over Andy Doeden
- 2002 - King's Walk Golf Course - David Schultz over Mike Podolak
- 2003 - Fargo Country Club - Michael Podolak over Todd Schaefer
- 2004 - Minot Country Club - Michael Podolak over Todd Schaefer
- 2005 - King's Walk Golf Course - Aaron Anderson over Tim Kunick
- 2006 - No Tournament

2007 – Maple River Golf Course – Tom Hoge  
2008 – Jamestown Country Club – Tom Hoge

### **Junior Stroke Play Championship**

1994 – Tom O’Leary Golf Course – Boys – Scott Messmer /Girls – Jamie Fundingsland  
1995 – Lincoln Park Golf Course –Boys – Shane McMenemy /Girls – Jamie Fundingsland  
1996 and 1997 – Tournaments not held  
1998 – Souris Valley G C/Minot Country Club – Boys – Dave Schultz / Girls – Briana Berryman  
1999 – Minot CC/Souris Valley G C – Boys – Lucas Ruppert / Girls – Crystal Klein  
2000 – Minot CC/Souris Valley G C – Boys – Chad Nordquist/ Girls – Keyy Weisgarber  
2001 – Souris Valley Golf Course – Boys – Jon Stecher/Girls – Jeanna Dahl  
2002 – Rose Creek Golf Course – Boys – Matt Rubis/Girls – Jeanna Dahl  
2003 – Tom O’leary Golf Course – Boys – Erik Gress/Girls- Chelsey Wongjirad  
2004 – Rose Creek Golf Course – Boys – Tom Hoge/Girls – Amanda Kaler  
2005 – No Tournament  
2006 – No Tournament  
2007 – Souris Valley GC – Boys – Thomas Welk/Girls – Shantel Montgomery  
2008 – Riverwood/Hawktree – Boys – Oliver Boechel – Girls- Laura Kraft

### **Senior Match Play Championship**

1994 - Apple Creek Country Club - Tim Skinner over Doyle Radke - 3 and 2  
1995 - Souris Valley Golf Course - Doyle Radke over James Leigh - 5 and 4  
1996 - Oxbow Country Club - Gary Pearson over Tim Skinner - 1 up  
1997 - Minot Country Club - Doyle Radke over Garry Pearson  
1998 - Grand Forks Country Club - Tim Skinner over Chuck Gad  
1999 – Apple Creek Country – Lank Larsen over Doyle Radke - 1 up 21 holes

### **Super Senior Match Play Championship**

1994 - Apple Creek Country Club - Ray Krueger over Bob Chase - 1 up in 20 holes  
1995 - Souris Valley Golf Course - Paul Ferrell over Jim Kanthack - 4 and 2  
1996 - Oxbow Country Club - Don Oliver over Don Vipond - 2 & 1  
1997 - Minot Country Club - Dan Lynch over Don Oliver  
1998 - Grand Forks Country Club - Herman Gregg over Jim Leigh  
1999 – Apple Creek Country Club – Jim Fleig over James Leigh – 1 up

### **Senior Nicklaus Match Play Championship**

2000 – Fargo Country Club – Doyle Radke over Bob Cram – 5 & 4  
2001 – Jamestown Country Club – Doyle Radke over Tim Skinner  
2002 – Minot Country Club – Doyle Radke over Clint Nelson

2003 – Grand Forks Country Club – Lank Larson over Bob Cram  
2004 – Riverwood Golf Course – Todd Baumgartner  
2005 – Oxbow Golf & Country Club – Doyle Radke  
2006 – Minot Country Club – Doyle Radke  
2007 – Grand Forks Country Club – Todd Baumgartner  
2008 – Souris River Golf Course – Todd Baumgartner

### **Senior Palmer Match Play Championship**

2000 – Fargo Country Club – Ray Schaefer over Jim Fleig  
2001 – Jamestown Country Club – Ray Schlosser over Max Stromberg  
2002 – Minot Country Club – Ray Schaefer over Jim Gailfus  
2003 – Grand Forks Country Club – Ed Herman over Ray Schlosser  
2004 – Riverwood Golf Course – Ray Schlosser  
2005 – Oxbow Golf & Country Club – Ray Schlosser  
2006 – Minot Country Club – Benny Graff  
2007 – Grand Fork Country Club – Dave Koland  
2008 – Souris River Golf Course – Malcolm Rodacher

### **Senior Hogan Match Play Championship**

2000 – Fargo Country Club – Sonny Fosness over Sjostrom  
2001 – Jamestown Country Club – Sonny Fosness over Bill Burkett  
2002 – Minot Country Club – Art Olien over J. Bakke  
2003 – Grand Forks Country Club – Sonny Fosness over Art Olien  
2004 – Riverwood Golf Course – Sonny Fosness  
2005 – Oxbow Golf & Country Club – Jim Leigh  
2006 – Minot Country Club – Jim Leigh  
2007 – Grand Forks Country Club – Jim Leigh  
2008 – Souris Valley Golf Course – Jim Leigh

### **Senior Mid-Amateur Match Play Championship**

2006 – Minot Country Club – Jay Myhre  
2007 – Grand Forks Country Club – Todd Schaefer  
2008 – Souris Valley Golf Course – Jeff Dietz

### **Stroke Play Championship**

1994 – Riverwood Golf Course – Russ Newman – 209  
1995 – Apple Creek Country Club – Craig Palmer – 209  
1996 – Red Mike Resort – Matt Skarperud – 211  
1997 – Rose Creek Golf Course, Fargo – Michael Podolak  
1998 – Red Mike Resort – Michael Podolak  
1999 – Jamestown Country Club – Colin Bork – 209  
2000 – Souris Valley Golf Course – Mark Ohlhauser  
2001 – Riverwood Golf Course – Mike Podolak  
2002 – Jamestown Country Club – David Schultz  
2005 – Oxbow Golf & Country Club – Mike Podolak  
2006 – Fargo Country Club – Tom Hoge

2007 – Hawktree Golf Club – Mike Huber  
2008 – Dakota Winds Golf Course – Nathan Anderson

### **State Scramble Championship**

1994 - Jamestown Country Club - Bill Gehring, Bob Fitzgerald and Tom Pieterick - 127  
1995 - Heart River Golf Course - Stu Bohn, Mark Ohlhauser and Craig Bohn - 123  
1996 - Edgewood Golf Course - Stu Bohn, Mark Ohlhauser and Craig Bohn - 122  
1997 - Riverwood Golf Course, Bismarck - Paul Frydenlund, Dave Agnes, Carey Kakela  
1998 - Prairie West Golf Course, Mandan - Brett McAtee, Mark Retterath, Dave Reimer  
1999 – Heart River Golf Course, Dickinson - Kisse – Thomas – Wolff - 126

### **Best Ball Championship**

2000 – Heart River Golf Course - Marigny, Rebel, Bittenbinder  
2001 – Heart River Golf Course – A.J. Greff, Doug Wahl, Bart Carlwsio  
2002 – Heart River Golf Course – Olhauser, Bohn, Bohn - 281

### **Senior Four Ball Championship**

2002 – Oxbow Golf & Country Club – Doyle Radke – Jim Gailfus  
2005 – Oxbow Golf & Country Club – Clint Nelson – Lank Larson  
2006 – No Tournament  
2007 – Souris Valley Golf Course – Clint Nelson – Lank Larson  
2008 – Oxbow Golf & Country Club – Fred Strege & Don Neitzke

### **Nodak-Sodak Senior Challenge Cup**

2002 – Team North Dakota – Aberdeen, SD  
2003 – Team North Dakota – Wahpeton, ND  
2004 - Team North Dakota – Milbank, SD

### **State Team Championship**

2000 – Hawktree Golf Club - Riverwood – Greg Melhus, Jack Huseby, Mark Ohlhauser  
2001 – Oxbow Country Club – Paul Holland, Gary Johnson & Matt Mayer  
2002 – King’s Walk Golf Course – Mike Podolak, Greg Melhus & Clint Nelson  
2004 – Bully Pulpit Golf Course – Michael Podolak, Clint Nelson & Greg Melhus  
2005 – Bully Pulpit Golf Course – Mike Podolak, Clint Nelson & Greg Melhus

### **3 Man Best Ball Championship**

2006 – Riverwood Golf Course – Nelson, Podolak & Melhus  
2007 – Oxbow Golf & Country Club – Nelson, Podolak & Melhus  
2008 – Hawktree Golf Club – Huber, Kuhn & Lamp

## **CHAMPIONSHIP PRESS RELEASES**

### **Pre-Championship Press Release**

(City), ND: The North Dakota Golf Association (Name of Championship) will be played at the (Host Club) (location from city) of the city. (Number of Golfers) golfers from across the state of North Dakota will begin teeing it up (First Tee Time AM or PM) on (Day). (Previous Year Champion) of (Home Course and City) will attempt to defend his title this weekend on the (# of Yards) yard (Designer of Course) layout. "This Championship is one of the one of our highlights for the year and this year's field of participants is outstanding", says, Steve R. Bain, Executive Director of the North Dakota Golf Association. (Host Professional) of the (Host Course) says, "The course is in superb condition and will prove to be a good test for these golfers." Spectators are welcome any time at no charge. The Championship will conclude on (day PM) with the presentation of the trophy.

### **First Day of Championship Press Release**

(Weather) (Course Conditions) (List top 10 Gross and Net include Home Course and City) (Special events, i.e.: Hole in One, Double Eagle)

### **Second Day of Championship Press Release**

(Weather) (Course Conditions) (List top 10 Gross and Net include Home Course and City) (Special events, i.e.: Hole in One, Double Eagle)

### **Final Results of Championship Press Release**

(Weather) (Course Conditions) (List top 20 Gross and Net include Home Course and City) (Special events, i.e.: Hole in One, Double Eagle)

## **“PLAYERS INFORMATION SHEET”**

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