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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 54 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 - 54 x \$200 = \$10800

EXPENSE:

25% to NDGA = \$ 2700

35% to Host Club = \$ 3780

30% to Merchandise Awards = \$ 3240

10% to Golf Foundation = \$ 1080

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

Merchandise Awards per team based on the following percentages:

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

Net - 1st place – 45%; 2nd place – 33% and 3rd 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:

25% to NDGA = \$ 900

35% to Host Club = \$1260

30% for Merchandise Awards = \$1080

10% for Golf Foundation = \$ 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:

25% to NDGA = \$ 5000

35% to Host Club = \$ 7000

30% for Merchandise Awards = \$ 6000

10% for Golf Foundation = \$ 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
 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%

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

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~~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

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

Expense:

25% to NDGA =	\$1500
35% to Host Club =	\$2100
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 1st 10th 11 groups each

12:30 PM 1st 10th 12 groups each

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

Saturday

7:30 AM 1st 10th 11 groups each

12:30 PM 1st 10th 12 groups each

12:30 PM 1st Nicklaus Championship Flight

Sunday

7:30 AM – 11:00 AM 1st

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: \$125
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 \$125 =	\$ 23,000
Less \$15 per player for Hall of Fame Reception	<u>(\$ 2,760)</u>
	\$ 20,240

Expense:

25% to NDGA =	\$ 5060
35% to Host Club =	\$ 7084
30% for Merchandise Awards =	\$ 6072
10% for Golf Projects =	\$ 2024

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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Mid Amateur Division Championship Flight:	\$ 240
1 st - \$110 plus Award	
2 nd - \$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
2nd - \$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:

25% to NDGA =	\$ 2,700
35% to Host Club =	\$ 3,780
30% to Merchandise Awards =	\$ 3,240
10% to Golf Projects =	\$ 1,080

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

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

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

HISTORY OF TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

2 Man Best Ball Championship

2009 – Bully Pulpit GC - Rick Kuhn and Mike Huber

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
2009 – Hawktree Golf Club - Rick Kuhn and Jeff Lamp

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
2009 – Hawktree Golf Club – Guy Otteson and Todd Baumgartner

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
2009 – Riverwood/Hawktree - Boys – Lukas Davidson – Girls – McKenzie McMillan

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
2009 – Grand Forks CC - Shane Feist

Senior Stroke Championship

2009 – Grand Forks CC - Lee Peterson

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
2009 – Oxbow G & CC - Mike Huber

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
2009 – Grand Forks CC - Jay Myhre

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
2009 – Grand Forks CC - 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
2009 – Grand Forks CC - Malcolm Rodacker

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
2009 – Grand Forks CC - Noel Fedje

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
2009 – Crossroads GC – Huber, Kuhn & Lamp

Previous Events

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

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

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

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

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)

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