

NIMAGA

WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE DAY OF THE TOURNAMENT

TEE TIMES

- The day following the Registration Closing Date, expect to receive an email asking you to Choose Your Tees. You can only win gross if you play from the longest tee option for your division. If at least 5 or more players do not wish to play from the longest tee option, it will be eliminated, and everyone will play from the shorter tees. If you do not respond to the email, you will be assigned the shortest tee option.
- All NIMAGA Members are required to play in their respective divisions. Pairing and starting times will be assigned on a random basis. Consideration of requested playing partner will be given but there will be no guarantee. Every effort will be made to place those traveling together for tournaments in close groups. Special requests (early/late time, or to be paired close to someone) need to be made when you register, not when the tee sheet is done. Requests may be honored but aren't guaranteed.
- The tee sheet is posted 4-5 days before the tournament on the NIMAGA homepage & emailed to you. There are usually several revisions due to WD's, course issues, weather, etc. Please check the night before / morning of the tournament to confirm your time.
- If an emergency arises and you will be late or miss your time, please send an email to admin@nimaga.org AND call or text one of the TD's (tournament directors) listed on the tee sheet. Preferably one playing in your division.
- If you cancel/withdraw prior to the closing date of the tournament you will receive a full refund. If paid by credit card, a refund will be issued to the credit card. If payment was mailed, you will have a credit that can be applied to a future tournament.
- If you cancel/withdraw once the tee sheet has been published, you will receive a partial refund less prize and overhead. If paid by credit card, partial refund will be issued to the credit card. If payment was mailed, you will have a partial credit that can be applied to a future tournament.
- Try to show up at least 30 minutes before your time.
- Check into the pro shop & pay for a cart if you want one. They aren't always included in the cost. The tournament registration page shows whether a cart is included or not.
- It is your job to be on the tee before your tee time. If you are late, you can be penalized. Generally, there is nobody announcing or calling you to the tee box, so be there by your time.

SKINS

- There is an optional \$10 Skins game that you can enter.
- Each division's Skins games are separate.
- The preferred method of entry into Skins is through Venmo prior to tournament day. You can pay cash on the day of the tournament, but Venmo is preferred. A different TD will be collecting Skins for each division. His Venmo account will be on the tee sheet under the times. There will also be a Skins envelope that will be passed between TD's on the day of to collect cash entries.
- If you don't have Venmo, download it from your app store or enroll here: <https://venmo.com/signup/>
- The amount the winners receive depends on how many enter and how many win.

CLOSEST TO THE PIN

- There is a free Closest to the Pin contest at every tournament. Guests are not eligible.
- Each division has a separate contest. There may be one or multiple contest holes.
- The rules sheet will have listed which par 3's each division is using for Closest to The Pin.
- The winners get a \$20 PGA Superstore gift card.

HOLE-IN-ONE POT

- The NIMAGA Hole-In-One Pot is a cash pot that is collected from participating NIMAGA members (\$1 per event) at each NIMAGA sanctioned event. Participation is optional.
- A member must pay \$1 to the Hole-In-One Pot prior to teeing off on their first hole of the event in order to win a portion of the pot if he gets a hole-in-one at that event.
- Guests are excluded from the Hole-In-One Pot.
- Click on http://nimaga.org/pdfs/HoleInOne_Rules.pdf for more details and how to pay.

SCORING

- We are using Golf Genius for scoring. We ask that one person and only one person in the group enters scores on the app. If someone in your foursome is not present, just leave their score blank. Everyone else can use the app to look at scores or leaderboards, but just don't enter scores. You can access the app with your Golf Genius email User ID and password. The GGID is on the white official scorecards.
- Please be sure to download the Golf Genius app to your mobile device. This free phone app is available for Android (Play Store) and Apple devices (App Store). Golf Genius will be used for game-day scoring & live leaderboards (which are unofficial), and much more.
- You will be given a white scorecard prior to starting your round in order to keep score for another player in your group. That card will be the official score for that player. Do not keep score for the same person that is keeping your score. You should not keep the score for the person you are sharing a cart with. Both the scorer and player should make sure all scores are accurate before signing the scorecard. Scores later determined to be inaccurate can lead to penalty and/or disqualification. Scoring for a tournament might not be official until the next day.
- It is advised that you keep score for everyone in your group. Verify that you all have the same scores after 9 holes, and if not, go over the card, find the error, and correct it.

RULES

- There is a Rules Sheet for every tournament. It is posted on the NIMAGA homepage. Feel free to print one out and bring it to the course. There will usually be one posted on the first tee. If there are any last minute changes due to weather or otherwise, that will be noted on the Rule Sheet on the first tee.
- NIMAGA plays by all USGA rules unless otherwise noted on our tournament rules sheet.
- There are never "give me" putts. The ball must be putt into the hole.
- We DO NOT use the USGA or course Local Rules unless otherwise indicated on the rules sheet. (E.g. Dropping your ball on the fairway when hitting out of bounds and adding 2 strokes is a Local Rule.)
- NIMAGA allows lift, rake, place in bunkers.
- NIMAGA DOES NOT use drop areas unless noted on the Rule Sheet. If we are not using them, then you need to proceed like you normally would if you hit a ball into a penalty area. (E.g. Replay from where you hit your last shot or take a drop from the penalty area).
- We will sometimes play fescue or other areas as penalty areas to speed up play. You can play your ball in these instances as it lies with no penalty, or you can take a penalty and play as if in a penalty area whether you find it or not.
- Please try to have a basic understanding of the rules; however, if you are unsure of a rule, consult with your playing partners.
- If there is ever a question on how to proceed, you always have the option to play 2 balls and record both scores. Consult with a **Tournament Director (TD)** after the round to get a ruling as to which score you should record.
- If you observe someone breaking a rule, discreetly bring it to their attention. Sometimes people are not aware they are breaking a rule. If there is a disagreement, let it go and consult with a TD afterwards. It is everyone's job to protect the field.

- Some frequently broken rules to be aware of:
 - You must mark any ball before you pick it up. Whether it is to identify it or if we are playing lift clean and place. This includes bunkers. Otherwise, it's a 1 stroke penalty.
 - You must announce if you are hitting a provisional. If you hit a 2nd ball without declaring you're hitting a provisional, it becomes the ball in play, and you are now laying 3.
 - Slow play. NIMAGA has a slow play policy. It is on the tee sheet. Please read & abide.

PLAY

- If the course is open, we play regardless of weather. If there is a tournament cancellation, you will be notified by text.
- If you are riding a cart, you must share with one of your playing partners, unless the course allows differently, or you pay for a single cart.
- Please keep up with the group in front of you. You must finish within the course's established Pace of Play. If the group is outside of the Pace of Play and finishes 14 or more minutes behind the group in front of you, each member of the group would receive 1 Pace of Play violation. Please refer to <http://nimaga.org/rules/rules-tournament.php> for additional information.
- Please play ready golf, especially if you are behind. When it is your turn, be ready to play. It is not necessary to recognize "honors" or wait for the furthest golfer to go first. This is recommended on the greens as well as the rest of the course.
- Declare and play a provisional ball to speed up play if you are unsure if your ball is lost.
- Tips on playing faster:
 - Record scores on the way to the next hole or on the next tee box.
 - Bring multiple clubs to your ball or the tee if you are unsure of the club you need.
 - If riding, drop a player off at his ball then go hit yours and return. No need to wait.
 - Replace the club(s) in your bag after riding to the next shot or tee when in a cart.
 - Be ready when it is your turn. If another player is not ready, and you are, play on.
 - Park carts toward the back of the green not in front of it.
 - Pay attention to where you and your playing partners hit their ball. Assist playing partners in searching for balls if needed.
 - Play provisional balls if unsure if your ball went OB or may be lost.
 - Make sure to have at least one extra ball with you to prevent an unnecessary walk back to the cart if you hit a ball OB, in a penalty area, or you end up with a lost ball.
 - Get your yardages and plan your shot while others are hitting.
 - On the green, try and read your putt while others are putting or preparing to do so.
- NIMAGA does not allow twosomes in order to protect the field. If your group finds itself in a twosome, notify the group in front or behind you and one of them must join you. If it is prior to teeing off, notify a TD and they will assist you.
- You need to be able to identify your ball, so please mark it somehow. If you need to play a provisional, you must make it distinguishable from your first ball. So, either play a different ball, a different numbered ball or mark it differently.

AFTER THE ROUND

- After putting out on the last hole, proceed without delay to the TD scoring area. We need to then verify and attest to each other's scores. The official scorecard (white card) that each player received prior to starting the round for a playing partner in their group needs to be filled out, attested to and signed by both the player and scoring partner before being turned in to the TD scoring area. DON'T rush this process!
- When attesting your playing partner's scores, please go hole by hole against his scorecard, and make sure each 9 and the total are the same. If there is a discrepancy, go over it with your playing partner(s) and correct the mistake on the official white card.
- If you are in contention, please do not leave after turning in your white card. Using Golf Genius, this is easy to determine as scores appear from the rest of the field. If there is a tie for gross or net, we will have a playoff if the course allows and there is enough daylight. If you are in a playoff, but you have left, you forfeit the playoff. If the course will not allow a playoff, it will be a scorecard playoff starting with 18 and going backwards.

- If you are not in contention, feel free to leave. If you would like to stick around to meet some of the other members, please do. If you have won a Skin or Closest to The Pin, you can usually get your prize if you are there at the end. It is possible that Skins might not be paid out until the next day in the case of an unresolved scoring issue.
- You can see the results in real time using the Golf Genius app. The results will usually be finalized by the next day to confirm prize money and NIMAGA Cup Points.
- NIMAGA records all tournament scores in CDGA. So do not record any scores played in a NIMAGA tournament unless you are disqualified or withdraw. Please report all other scores for rounds played to the CDGA.

PRIZES AND ELIGIBILITY

- New members can win no more than a \$20 prize certificate until one NIMAGA tournament score has been reported to the CDGA.
- Any member remains fully eligible for tournaments as long as the required number of scores is reported for a tournament. Please refer to the tournament portal for the minimum number of scores required. <http://www.nimaga.org/rules/rules-prizes.php>

BEHAVIOR

- All NIMAGA members and guests at every event must adhere to all regulations that a golf course might post on their entire property.
- **NO MUSIC ON THE COURSE.** Members and their guests cannot play music during a tournament.
- All NIMAGA members and guests at every event must show respect for the golf course property and their staff, as well as for all fellow NIMAGA members and guests. Any excessive behavior contrary to this is subject to NIMAGA Board review and could result in sanctions for that person(s).
- If you ever feel that a person(s) at an event is being disrespectful in any excessive manner, please notify a TD(s) to discuss. This goes for any other questions you might have regarding anything about NIMAGA not covered in this writing.