



PINEHURST FOURSOMES

Friday, February 28, 2025
Player and Palmer courses

I. GENERAL MEMBERS MONTHLY TOURNAMENT GUIDELINES:

- Open to **amateur golfers** only.
- The **maximum** handicap index allowed for any player is **40.0**.
- A player or team may only win one (1) award, whichever is higher.
- Members must adhere to the Club's dress code, which strictly prohibits wearing any slippers in the Clubhouse, especially during awarding. Open-toed sandals are permitted for ladies, but slippers are not allowed. Non-compliance may result in a request for members to change their footwear. This guideline aims to maintain a consistent and respectful atmosphere in line with the Club's standards, golf traditions, and country club etiquette.
- The guidelines mentioned above may change as necessary.

II. ELIGIBILITY:

- Open to all members, spouses, and enrolled junior dependents in good standing.
- Dependent children (unenrolled), 12 years and above, shall be waitlisted and accepted if members do not fill the slots by **Tuesday, February 25**.

III. REGISTRATION:

- SMS registration opens on Monday, **February 3**, from **6:00 AM to 12:00 MN**.
- To register via SMS, text **joinmmt** and send to **0917-888-2345** or **0918-888-5432**. Only those enrolled in the SMS tee time booking system may register using the said platform.
- Further registration, registration of partner, and/or cancellation shall be made through the Golf Office beginning **Tuesday, February 4**.
- Only a **maximum of 120 teams** shall be accommodated. Those who exceed the limit shall be on a waitlist and notified should there be available slot/s.
- Winners of the 2025 Club Championship will be given automatic slots for the awarding of trophy.
- **Players who are able to secure a slot will be responsible to complete and submit their partners at the Golf Office on/or before February 17, Monday, 5:00 PM.**
- Slots with **incomplete team members** by **Tuesday, February 18**, shall be **automatically cancelled** and given to the team/s on the waitlist.
- The team/s on the waitlist who will secure the cancelled slot/s, shall complete its players within **forty-eight (48) hours**, from the time the notification of availability is received. Otherwise, the slot will be given to the next team on the waitlist.

IV. ENTRY FEE/RAFFLE:

- **P1,000.00** per player, inclusive of food and raffle
- Entry fees may be settled on the tournament day through the player's folio.
- Only players who participated in the tournament will be included in the raffle.
- Presence is **required** for the special and major raffles.
- Presence is **not required** for the previous month's feedback and cash raffles.



V. LATE CANCELLATION PENALTY:

- The following cancellation penalties per player shall apply:
 - **No penalty** – for cancellations made **on/or before Friday, February 21**
 - **P500.00** – for cancellations made **from February 22 to 25, 5:00 PM**
 - **P1,000.00** – for cancellations made **beyond 5:00 PM on February 25**

VI. FORMAT:

18 Hole 2-Man Team Strokeplay Competition using the **Pinehurst Foursomes** format.

• **Mechanics of Play of Pinehurst Foursomes:**

- Both partners tee off
- On the second shot, each partner hits his partner's ball (**switch ball**)
- For the third shot, they shall choose one ball and play alternately from that point until they complete the play of the hole. The partner whose ball is not chosen shall hit the third shot.

VII. COURSE/TEE TIME:

- **Player** - Shotgun starts at **6:45 AM**
- **Palmer** - Shotgun starts at **7:00 AM**

VIII. HANDICAP INDEX & HANDICAP:

- Tournament handicap index – Player's **February 1, 2025**, WHS handicap index shall be used with the following adjustments:
 - Players with less than 20 games recorded as of February 1, 2025 shall have a handicap index adjustment
 - 16 to 19 games – 5% reduction
 - 11 to 15 games – 10% reduction
 - 10 games or less – 20% reduction
- **Players Tournament Handicap** – is the player's course handicap based on **Palmer's Slope & Course Rating**
- **Team Handicap** = 60% of the lower course handicap + 40% of the higher course handicap. The Total will be rounded off.

IX. CLASSIFICATION/ COURSE ASSIGNMENT

- Teams shall be divided into four (4) groups based on the team's handicap. As much as possible, 25% of the teams in each group.
- Groups A and B shall play Palmer Course
- Groups C and D shall play Player Course
- Classification shall be done on Tuesday, Feb.25 at 5:00 PM to determine participants course assignments. Any change of partner after the pairings have been announced that will change or affect the team's **course assignment**, their score will not be counted for the tournament.

X. STARTING TEES

- Ladies shall tee off from the Red Tees
- Men shall tee off from the Silver Tees
- Men participants 70 years old and above may opt to play from the White Tees

XI. SPECIAL TOURNAMENT RULES TO SPEED UP PLAY:

- The maximum score in any hole is nine (9), including penalties.
- **"Gimme" Putt** – Any ball **lying within or above the line** of the 24-inch gimme circle shall be considered holed on the player's next stroke. The player must pick up his ball and add one stroke to his last stroke's score.



XII. AWARDS

- Overall Low Net
- Overall Low Gross
- Group Team Champions & Runners-up

XIII. TIES:

- Ties shall be settled through the team's net score:
 - a) last 9-holes totals (10-18);
 - b) last 6-holes (13-18);
 - c) last 3-holes (16-18);
 - d) countback starting the 18th hole, then finally; by
 - e) toss coin

XIV. RULES OF GOLF:

Play shall be governed by the latest Rules of Golf published by R&A Rules Limited and the Club's Local Rules. Questions shall be settled by the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final.

XV. Committee:

The Committee reserves the right to make any changes in the ToC, if it deems fit and necessary. Disputes if any, shall be settled by the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be final.