

2026 CGMA OPEN TOURNAMENT RULES

4-Person Scramble Tournament Rules

1. **Team Structure:** Each team consists of four (4) players. The team plays as a unit, and one (1) team score is recorded for each hole. Each player's drive must be used at least twice during the round. The player's name or initials must be noted on the scorecard each time their drive is used.
2. **Tee Off:** All team members tee off on each hole. After all drives have been played, the team selects the best shot.
3. **Tee Boxes:** To speed up play and fuel egos: **Men will play from the White Tees, Men 60 and older may play from the Red Tees and Women will play from the Red Tees.**
4. **Required Drives:** Each team must use at least **two (2) tee shots from each team member** during the 18 holes. The team member's name or initials must be annotated on the score card clearly indicating which player's drive was used on each applicable hole.
5. **Playing the Selected Shot:** Once the best shot is selected, all players pick up their balls and move them to within **one club length** of the selected ball, no closer to the hole. Players moving their ball to the selected shot may place their ball for the best lie within one club length. However, if the ball you choose to play is in a hazard (sand, water, etc.), the rough, or out of bounds, you cannot drop the ball outside of the hazard or rough even if relief is within one club length away. All players then hit their next shot from that position.
6. **Repeating the Process:** This process continues until the ball is holed. The team records the score based on the number of shots taken by the team throughout the hole no closer to the hole.
7. **Putting:** When on the green, players must mark their balls and putt from within a **putter's head length** of the marked position. Putts need to be attempted from within 3 inches of the marked spot (no closer to the hole). **2 putt maximum** (All 4 players hit first putt, if it does not go in, pick up and add 1 additional stroke to your score).
8. **Scoring:** The team's score is recorded as though the team is a single player, with a maximum score of **bogey** on each hole.
9. **Prizes:** Gift cards will be awarded given to the **top three teams in each scramble session – the 8:00 AM shotgun and the 1:30 PM shotgun** at the Welcome Reception on Tuesday, November 10th. Ties will be broken by the Golf Pro using the course handicap allocation (scorecard playoff).
 - Additional gift cards will be awarded for: Closest to the Pin, and Straightest Drive.
 - Long Drive Pro: Players will have a chance to participate on a par 5 tee box and win a Krank Driver or Kradul Golf Bag shipped directly to the winner.



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36-Hole Medal Play Rules Wednesday & Thursday

1. **Rules:** Play will be governed by the USGA Rules of Golf, except as modified for this tournament.
 - Out of bounds and lost balls will be played as lateral hazards.
 - Players may improve their lie by placing the ball within a **6-inch radius**, no closer to the hole, except in bunkers or penalty areas. The ball must remain on the same type of surface (e.g., a ball in the rough must remain in the rough).
 - The maximum score on any hole is **Double Par**. Once a player reaches Double Par, they should pick up their ball and proceed to the next tee to help maintain pace of play.
 - There is a maximum of **three (3) putts per hole**. Once a player has taken three putts, they should pick up their ball and record their score for the hole.
2. **Tee Boxes:** To help maintain pace of play:
 - Men will play from the **White Tees**.
 - Men **60 and older** may elect to play from the **Red Tees**.
 - Women will play from the **Red Tees**.
3. **Competition and Flights:** The 36-Hole Medal Play starts Wednesday morning at 8:30 AM.
 - Players will be assigned to flights **prior to the tournament** using their submitted GHIN Handicap Index or average score.
 - If a player does not submit a handicap or average score before the tournament, the **Wednesday medal round score** will be used to determine the appropriate flight.
 - Final standings within each flight will be based on the **combined gross scores** from both Wednesday and Thursday.
4. **Awards:** Awards will be presented during the Awards Reception on Thursday, November 12th.
 - **1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place** in each flight will receive a **gift card**.
 - **Overall Tournament Champion, 60+ Division Champion, 70+ Champion and Women's Champion** will receive a **trophy**.
 - **Overall Tournament Champion** will be awarded to the player with the **lowest 36-hole gross score** in the field.
 - Players are not eligible for both **Overall Tournament Champion trophy** and an **Age Division or Women's Division** champion trophy.





- If tournament Committee elects to combine age divisions, the award structure may be adjusted accordingly.
- Any unclaimed gift cards or trophies will be mailed to the winners following the tournament.

5. **Prizes:** Gift cards will be presented during the **Awards Reception on Thursday, November 12th** for the following winners:

- Longest Drive
- Closest to the Pin
- Straightest Drive

In the event of a tie, the winner will be determined by the Golf Pro using the course handicap allocation (scorecard playoff).

Contests Included

PALMER COURSE

	Men	Seniors (60+)	Women
Longest Drive	Hole #9		
Straightest Drive	Hole #10		
Closest to the Pin	Hole #16		

WATSON COURSE

	Men	Seniors (60+)	Women
Longest Drive	Hole #8	Hole #1	Hole #14
Straightest Drive	Hole #17		
Closest to the Pin	Hole #7		

NICKLAUS COURSE

	Men	Seniors (60+)	Women
Longest Drive	Hole #18	Hole #3	Hole #15
Straightest Drive	Hole #6		
Closest to the Pin	Hole #16		

Winners will receive a Reunion Pro Shop gift card. Prizes can be picked up the following day at the CGMA table located in the Reunion Fireplace Lobby.





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Player Conduct, Sportsmanship & Rules Compliance

The CGMA Invitational is intended to provide an enjoyable, respectful, and fair experience for all participants while supporting the mission of Coast Guard Mutual Assistance. All players are expected to conduct themselves with integrity, honesty, and good sportsmanship throughout the event.

By participating, players agree to:

- Play by the established tournament rules and honor the spirit of the game.
- Accurately record and report scores.
- Refrain from intentionally violating tournament rules or attempting to gain an unfair competitive advantage.
- Treat fellow players, volunteers, sponsors, staff, golf course personnel, and guests with courtesy and respect.
- Follow all golf course rules, safety requirements, and directions provided by Tournament Officials.
- Avoid disruptive, abusive, discriminatory, or unsportsmanlike conduct that negatively impacts the tournament or other participants.

Any suspected rules violations, score manipulation, cheating, or conduct inconsistent with these expectations should be reported to a Tournament Official as soon as practical. The Tournament Committee will review any reported incident and make a final determination.

The Tournament Committee reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to impose appropriate actions for violations, including score adjustments, disqualification from contests or prizes, removal from the tournament, or exclusion from future CGMA golf events.

All decisions of the Tournament Committee are final.

CGMA reserves the right to interpret or modify these rules as necessary to preserve the integrity, fairness, safety, and enjoyment of the tournament.

Questions, please email golf@mycgma.org

