



Frequently Asked Questions for Clubs

Can there be more than one team representing a Member Club?

- For Year 1 of Men's Team Matches, **only one team from each Member Club** will be accepted prior to the close of entries on a **first come, first served basis**.
- Clubs that wish to field secondary teams will be waitlisted and will be accepted on a space available basis after the entry deadline based on a random draw. If your club wishes to be put on the waitlist for a secondary team, BOTH teams from your club are required to host a match.

We have a lot of interest in participating among our membership, but can only have one team representing our Club. How should we handle this, and who can participate?

- The players on a team can change from match to match, so the same six players do not have to play in every match. The team captain can choose to rotate different players into each match if they wish.
- As long as a player has a Handicap Index® affiliated with the Member Club the team is representing that has been active at least two weeks prior to a match date, they can participate in a match.

Are we required to host a match?

- **All participating Member Clubs are required to host one match.**

Is there a revenue opportunity for host Clubs?

- Mass Golf is asking that host Clubs waive green fees for matches, however the host Club may set a cart and/or caddie fee at their discretion.
- As mentioned below, host Clubs may also offer a food & beverage component for additional revenue.

What does hosting a match entail?

- All four teams will participate in each match day, with six players representing each of the four teams. Therefore, there will be **24 competitors playing in six consecutive tee times**.
- Mass Golf encourages host Clubs to arrange some sort of social/food & beverage component during and/or after the match, however this is not a requirement to host. Specific arrangements regarding payment, arrangement, etc. are at the discretion of the host Club and the team captain.

What are participating Clubs responsible for?

- Participating Clubs are responsible for working with the team captain to schedule the match they are hosting, as well as communicating all applicable Club policies with the captain (fees, policies, hospitality offerings, pace of play expectations, etc.).
- **Captains are responsible for** coordinating and communicating with their host Club and fellow captains, forming their team's roster for each match, coordinating matches with the other captains in their region, and managing the matches in the Golf Genius Tournament Management Program.

When do we have to host a match?

- Once regions have been determined, Mass Golf will assign each participating team a month to host their match (June, July, August, or September).
- Once your Club has been assigned a month in which to host, **the match can take place anytime during that month**. As long as the day and time are agreeable to the other three teams in the region, and 18 holes can be completed by all participants before dark, then the host Club can determine what day and time works best for them.

We have renovation taking place on the course during the month we have been assigned to host, and will not have a full course available. What should we do?

- If your Club is unable to host a match during the month you have been assigned, then you may switch host months with another team in the region by mutual consent, and inform Mass Golf of the change via email.

For additional information, please have your Team Captain contact Kyle Sherman at Mass Golf at mensteammatches@massgolf.org or 774-430-9014.



Men's Team Matches Information

Format/Eligibility:

- Entries are open to all male amateur Mass Golf Members with an active Handicap Index® of 54.0 or less affiliated with the Member Club the team is representing.
- Team Matches take place once a month in **June, July, August, and September**. Each team must host one match, and each match must be played during the month assigned by Mass Golf to the host team.
- A player may only play for one team during the season.
- Players compete for match points in a Net Four-Ball Match Play format. Points will be awarded as follows: 1 point for winning a hole, .5 points for a tied hole, and 0 points for losing a hole. In addition, each side (pairing) will be awarded 2 additional points for every match won.
- Players will be limited to 90% of their Playing Handicap™. Players with a Handicap Index higher than 36.0 will be limited to a Playing Handicap of 36.0.

Teams:

- Teams are created, managed and represented by a captain. Captains can be any male Mass Golf member who have an active handicap index at the Member Club they are affiliated with. Captains are required to obtain consent from their host club or course to participate in the Team Matches. Captain's duties include forming their team's roster for each match, coordinating matches with their host Member Club, coordinating matches with the other captains in their region and managing the matches in the Golf Genius Tournament Management Program.
- Each team will consist of 6 male amateur Mass Golf Members with an active Handicap Index, affiliated with and representing a specific Member Club.
- The players on team rosters can change with each match.
- Each team will be represented by a captain, who will be responsible for managing their team, coordinating matches with their host Member Club, and coordinating matches with the other captains in the region.
- Teams that enter will play other clubs within their region. Each region will consist of 4 teams.
- Teams may request to be assigned to a region with other teams (in combination with one, two or three other teams), subject to mutual consent as part of the registration process. To meet this condition, all two/three/four teams must agree to be in the same region, they must all sign up prior to the entry deadline, and Mass Golf must be informed via the Region Request Form prior to the entry deadline. Otherwise, teams will be assigned to regions by Mass Golf.
- Only one team from each Member Club will be accepted prior to the close of entries on a first come, first served basis. Clubs that wish to field secondary teams will be waitlisted and will be accepted on a space available basis after the entry deadline based on a random draw. If your club wishes to be put on the waitlist for a secondary team, BOTH teams from your club are required to host a match.
- Mass Golf Members from Affiliate Member Clubs are eligible to participate and form a team after gaining consent from a Member Club willing to host that team's match.
- Entry fee of \$240 per team for four matches.

Matches:

- Each team plays 4 matches: one head-to-head match against every team in their region. After the conclusion of the first 3 matches, teams will be seeded and play the final head-to-head match based on cumulative points in their region (1st vs 4th, 2nd vs 3rd). All four teams will compete in each match day.
- Match rosters consist of 6 players competing from each team on the day of a match.
- Players will be paired to matches by Handicap Index, low to high (1&2, 3&4, 5&6).
- Region standings are determined by points won across all four matches.
- All four teams in each region will host one match at their home course throughout the season, during a month designated by Mass Golf (June, July, August or September). Teams may switch hosting assignments by mutual consent, and are required to confirm any modified host month schedules to Mass Golf no later than May 1st.