

LATIN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.
Club and Tournament Rules

- A. **LAGA MEMBERSHIP** – At the **November Board meeting**, the Board will set the yearly club dues for the succeeding year. LAGA and NCGA dues are payable on or before December 15th. Dues paid after that day will incur a late fee. Once the NCGA dues are submitted, there will be no refunds upon resignation or termination by the club.
- 1) Membership is open to all **amateur golfers** interested in fostering the ideas of LAGA and the pursuit of the game of golf under a cooperative union of players.
 - 2) New members will be defined as **new to LAGA** and will receive a hat with the LAGA logo. Returning past members will not be considered new to LAGA.
 - 3) Members will enjoy the following **privileges and benefits**: All rights outlined in the bylaws and club tournament rules; eligibility to all LAGA tournaments (refer to Rule B, 1); eligibility for the hole-in-one pool (see Rule D); eligibility for the EAGLE contest, where members can earn \$50 by scoring an Eagle or better on any par 4 or par 5 hole. *Par 3 holes and any special events conducted by LAGA are excluded from the EAGLE contest.*
 - 4) If a husband and wife join LAGA, one spouse will pay 50% of the yearly dues, while the other will pay the full amount. This discount does not apply to NCGA annual dues. Additionally, members who already pay NCGA dues through other clubs or associations will only be responsible for the yearly LAGA dues set by the Board.
 - 5) Prior to signing up for any LAGA tournament play, members owing monies to LAGA must settle their debts.
- B. **TOURNAMENTS RULES** – Monthly tournaments will be held from February through November, with potential for additional tournaments based on membership interest. The tournament schedule will be available on the LAGA website.
- 1) **PAST DEBTS**: Any member or guest with outstanding debts to LAGA must settle them before participating in a tournament. Members are responsible for their guest's green fees in the event of no-shows. Exceptions may be made for medical or emergency situations.
 - 2) **MEMBER PRIORITY**: Members who pay in advance will receive priority tee times. In the event of more players than available tee-times, members in good standing will have priority over guests. Except for special events, **guests** are allowed to play in LAGA tournaments a maximum of **two (2) times per calendar year**. After that, they must join the club to continue participating.
 - 3) **FAILURE TO SHOW**: Members who sign up but fail to show without notifying the Secretary/Treasurer by the Wednesday prior to the tournament will be charged the green fee if the golf course requires payment.
 - 4) **FLIGHTS**: The number of flights will be determined by the Secretary/Treasurer, President, or Handicap Chair. Each flight, except for the guest flight, will have a low gross/net winner. The guest flight's low gross scorer will receive a sleeve of balls. Players without an index will compete in the guest flight.
 - 5) **SEVENTY OR OLDER**: Members aged 70 and older can choose to play from the SENIOR Tees, or the Red Tees if SENIOR Tees are unavailable. SENIOR Tees will generally be placed ahead of the men's white tees or other tees designated for players under 70. Courses may label tee areas as FRONT, MIDDLE, or BACK.
 - 6) **SCORECARDS**: Scorecards must be submitted to the Handicap Chair, President, or Secretary/Treasurer and should include full legible names, the correct gross score for each hole, and both a player and attester's signature. Incomplete or incorrect scorecards **may lead to disqualification**. Once submitted, no changes or corrections can be made.

- 7) **NCGA RULES:** All play will follow NCGA rules and regulations, with local rules applicable as indicated on the scorecard. Players may use devices that measure or gauge distance and slope. **All players are required to putt out or risk disqualification.** The President, Handicap Chair, or Secretary/Treasurer may declare lift, clean, and place rules based on weather and course conditions on the day of the tournament.
 - 8) **Any disputes will be resolved by the President, Secretary/Treasurer and Handicap Chair.**
- C. **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** – LAGA will have two yearly champions, **Club** and **Net Champion**. The Championship will be held over an 18-hole event played in September or October. To be eligible for the Championships, members must be in good standing and have played in at least three (3) LAGA tournaments within the previous 8 months leading to the scheduled date of the Championship Tournament. Exceptions may be made for medical reasons.
- 1) The Club Championship will be played from the white tees or tees specified by the Board, except for the ladies, who may play from the red tees or designated women’s tees. Some golf courses may have a different color system or refer to teeing areas as FRONT, MIDDLE, and BACK. In these cases, the middle tees will be equivalent to the white tees. **The Club Champion** will be the player with the lowest GROSS score (without handicap adjustments).
 - 2) The NET Championship may be played from the white, senior, or red tees. Members who are 70 plus years of age may play from the senior tees if available or red tees. **The Net Champion** will be the player with the lowest NET score (**handicap applied**).
 - 3) In case of ties, the player with the lowest total **gross score** on the number one handicap hole will determine the winner. If the tie continues, the second lowest handicap hole will be used to determine the winner. Thereafter, the winner will be determined by using the next hardest handicapped hole starting with three. **This rule shall apply for all tournaments.**
 - 4) The Club/Net Champions will receive **paid green fees** for the next ensuing Club Championship, a jacket with player’s name, year, and LAGA Club Champion or Net Champion embroidered on the jacket. (**In lieu of a jacket**, the player may select a hat, any everyday apparel, or have the LAGA dues waived for the ensuing year). In addition, the player’s name will be engraved in the respective perpetual Championship trophy and the Champions may keep the trophy until the subsequent Club Championship.
 - 5) Any disputes will be resolved by the President, Secretary/Treasurer and Handicap Chair.
- D. **Hole-in-One Pool (HIOP)** – Members in good standing who score a hole-in-one (ACE) on any par 3 are eligible for a prize of up to \$1,000. New members qualify for the HIOP prize on a pro-rated scale as follows: 1st year - \$250, 2nd year - \$500, 3rd year - \$750, 4th year - \$1,000. Guests scoring an ACE, witnessed by a member, will receive \$25.
- 1) The HIOP pool will always maintain a minimum of \$500 but will be capped at \$3,000. The maximum payout for an ACE in a LAGA sanctioned tournament will not exceed \$1,000. The pro-rated formula will be applied first, and then the payout will be determined.
 - 2) If multiple ACES are scored during a sanctioned tournament, the total HIOP payout will not exceed \$1,000. For example, if two ACES are scored in one day, the pro-rated formula will be applied first, and if both are eligible for \$1,000, they will split the \$1,000 equally.
 - 3) **Any disputes will be resolved by the President, Secretary/Treasurer and Handicap Chair.**