

Dear Members and Friends,

I want to welcome everyone to the 2021 MGA season, and hope this letter finds you well. This season, we look forward to again providing expanded tournament experiences at the Santa Fe Country Club. After such a trying year for us all in 2020, the 2021 MGA season will provide a great opportunity for new and longtime members alike to get to know one another through fun spirited, competitive golf.

Our 2021 MGA Handbook is attached below. The Handbook is intended to coordinate our schedule of tournaments, and inform participants about general protocol and rules. We continue to strive to increase the effectiveness of our communication. If you have provided contact information in the past, it is best not to assume it is still in our system. Keeping your information up to date will help us keep you informed of upcoming events, schedule changes, weather delays, and event results.

It was a great honor to serve as MGA President in the 2019 season and I will be continuing to serve in this capacity to assist in the facilitation of the 2021 events. As with past MGA Presidents, it is my goal to keep the league fun, fair, and competitive while also looking for ways to improve. I really enjoy hearing from the MGA membership about ways we can improve, and suggestions for how we can move forward to make the MGA enjoyable for all participants of all skill levels.

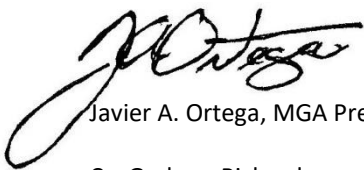
A few things I need everyone to do: (1) Read the Handbook. It lays out the rules of the league and sets-up our communication. We encourage everyone to review the document even if you have participated in the past. (2) Work to get your scores posted in the Handicap System. We are hoping everyone can post **at least 10** scores by the middle of June. This helps us ensure that event scoring, and participant flight assignments are accurate and fair.

I will be working closely with Graham Richardson to coordinate each event. The efforts of Graham and the rest of the staff are what make all of this possible. Please be sure to thank them for all they do. Graham will continue to manage the MGA finances, advise on all decisions, tournament formats, and The Rules of Golf.

The Schedule of events is included in the MGA Handbook. While we can't control the weather, we will however try to stay as close to this schedule as possible.

I look forward to an exciting 2021 MGA season, and hope to be able to play with each of you at least once. If you ever need to speak to me, I can be reached at 505-670-7122.

Respectfully,



Javier A. Ortega, MGA President

Cc: Graham Richardson

MGA HANDBOOK

2019 Schedule of Events

MGA Events

Date	Tournament Type
May 28th	Stableford – Chicago Quota
June 25th	Stroke Play
July 9th	Pick Your Partner, Two –Man Team Scramble
July 23rd	Stroke Play
August 13th	Five Club Stroke Play Tournament
August 27th	Pick Your Partner, Two Man Better Ball Stroke Play
September 17th	Stableford – Chicago Quota
October 1st	Stroke Play Final
October 29th	Diablo (weather permitting)

Protocol

How to become an MGA member

1. Read the MGA Handbook and sign the application
2. Email the application to Graham Richardson at:
grahamrichardson@santafecountryclub.com or leave the printed application in the shop.
Please make sure to indicate which tees you will be playing for the 2019 season.
3. Maintain an active GHIN handicap. No exceptions

How to play in the tournaments

- All MGA tournaments are played on Fridays in the afternoon.
- You will receive an email before each tournament. Please accept or decline your invitation to play. We will cut-off the invitations on Wednesday afternoon, so we can prepare the tournament. We need to produce tee-times in a timely fashion and cannot wait until the last minute. If you have a time preference, let us know when you sign up and we will try to accommodate.
- Pay the \$15 entry. The \$15 dollars will be divided with \$13 towards the week's tournament and \$1 toward end of season banquet \$1 for event "closest to the pins". Side action for gross and net score skins is optional.
- We ask that you please honor your tee times.
- Pace of Play is 3 hours and 40 minutes. You should be finished with your front nine in 1 hour and 50 minutes.

How we (MGA) will communicate with you

- All communications will be from Golf Genius. Please check your spam folder as some servers mistake these emails as spam.
- The tournament format rules and tee times will be compiled on Wednesday PM and sent out Thursday PM, before the tournament. We need your email address to be current.
- Scores and winners will be posted at the course after the final round is played.
- Tournament winners, prizes, and side-action winners will be communicated through email the following Tuesday after the tournaments.

Rules of MGA

The spirit of the MGA is driven by the concept of fair and friendly play. All of the MGA tournaments will be subject to oversight from the Santa Fe Country Club Handicap Committee with guidance from the USGA handicap manual. Your GHIN handicap is established and maintained on two principals (1) You try your best through all holes played and (2) you enter **ALL** your scores. Disregard for the Rules of Golf or distortion of one's handicap will not be tolerated as it destroys the integrity of tournament play and trust among MGA membership.

As a member of the MGA, you agree to the following:

- All tournament golf is played “down” unless otherwise stated by the Course Superintendent and Head Golf Professional. This means you play the ball as it lies unless the rules provide for the ball to be touched and potentially moved.
 - **If, for any reason, there is a need to move your ball, it should be done in coordination with an opponent (or teammate if necessary). Never take the liberty of moving your ball on your own.**
 - If you (and your opponent) doubt a particular ruling, hit two balls. Hit the first as it lies and the second from the “drop”.
- The wall around the SFCC property is a boundary wall. As such and per the USGA, you get no relief without a one shot penalty. There is not a free drop due to the wall.
- **Putt everything out. “Gimmies” are not allowed in the MGA.**
 - It is important that all MGA participants take this seriously. Just because your group agrees to “gimmies” does not mean that the rest of the field has agreed to this. In the spirit of fair play, please honor this rule.
- We intend to mark the course for tournament play.
- We ask that all participants post at least 10 rounds in the GHIN system by June 20th.
- Pace of play is 3 hours and 40 minutes

MGA – 2021 Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Best Phone Number: _____

I will play from the following tee box in every tournament:

(This is where you play each week and will not change. Check one below)

GOLD | BLUE | WHITE | BLACK

By signing below, I agree to the following,

1. I will post all my scores
2. I will have a GHIN handicap at Santa Fe Country Club prior to my first tournament.
3. I understand that the Handicap Committee will review tournament scores (MGA and Club events) once a month and take corrective action when necessary.
4. I will post 10 rounds by June 20th
5. I have read the 2021 MGA Handbook, and will honor all our rules of golf
6. Handicaps are adjusted according to the assigned tee boxes
7. I will have fun

Member's signature

Date