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Welcome to Jackson Park Men's Golf Club

Jackson Park Men's Golf Club (JPMGC) exists to run golf tournaments and serve its members. We run a year-round tournament schedule at Jackson Park Golf Course offering generous payouts for our golfing members of all handicap levels. We also organize outings to other courses during the off season. Your elected Board of Trustees strives to improve the club in all aspects and welcomes all member input. We invite you to join us for great golf and camaraderie! Join or renew online [HERE](#).

Your membership in JPMGC has these benefits:

- Includes membership in the USGA, WA Golf (formerly WSGA) and Pacific Northwest Golf Association.
- Establish/Renew your USGA Handicap Index and maintain online through the GHIN system. Be official for all tournament play.
- Play in men's club weekend events every month
- Two weekday tournaments per week from May to August
- Play in match play/club championship brackets each summer
- Generous payouts in gross and multiple net divisions
- Numerous honeypots each tournament.
- Win book money to spend in the Jackson Park Pro Shop
- 10% discount on select non-sale merchandise in Jackson Park Pro Shop
- New members receive a one-time 25% discount on select non-sale merchandise.

Board of Trustees and Committees

Board

Contact the board via JPMGC website [Contact Us](#) page.

President	Walt Dickhoff
Vice-President / Membership	Lee Jones
Secretary	Reid Swick
Treasurer	Dave Foreman
Tournament / Handicaps	Jeff Schoening

Even-Year Trustees	Odd-Year Trustees
Jimmy Bucher	Brock Bowen
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Committees

Greens / Maintenance Committee – responsible for helping Jackson Park with golf course maintenance

Chair – Walt Dickhoff

Members – Dave Loseno, Jeff Schoening

Handicap Committee – responsible for maintaining member handicaps and regular handicap reviews

Chair – Jeff Schoening

Members – Reid Swick and Dave Foreman

Membership Committee – responsible for recruiting and maintaining membership

Vice President is Chair

Jeff Schoening is the New Member Liaison

Rules and Green Committee – responsible for interpreting and popularizing the rules, and for local rules; also part of “The Committee” that administers tournaments

Chair – Reid Swick

Members – Jimmy Bucher, David Foreman, Reed Johnson

Tournament Committee – responsible for organizing and running tournaments.

Chair – Jeff Schoening

Members – Jay Clark, Lee Jones, Walt Dickhoff, Ryan Coghill, Dan Fabela, Karl Meier

See the Club By-Laws for more details. Available on the About, Board page of the website.

Stroke Play Tournaments

Entering

Event Registration – All tournaments must be booked online from the Jackson Park Men's Golf Club website.

Tee Selection – For weekend tournaments, please notify the Tournament Chairman by Thursday of tournament week if you would like to play from forward tees. The default tees in Weekend Field Day and Two-Day tournaments are the White tees. Players with a handicap index of 10 or less must play from Blue tees. Others may play from whichever tees they prefer. Note that only Blue tee players are eligible for Low Gross of Field.

Visiting Players – Any member may bring a visiting player during Tuesday and Wednesday events, if space is available. Selected monthly tournaments are open to visiting players.

Cancellation Refund Policy – To withdraw from a tournament, please contact the Tournament Chair a minimum of 48 hours prior to the competition's first tee time. Refunds will not be issued after that time.

Schedule

- **Monthly Saturday Tournaments**
Time – Saturday mornings, monthly. January – November.
Format – Individual and team competitions with several flights.
Entry Fee² – \$65-\$70 for members. \$10 more for visiting players in select tournaments in which visiting players are welcome. \$140 for the Two-Day Jackson Classic.
- **Tuesday Morning Tournaments**
Time – Tuesday mornings, weekly. March – October.
Format – Varies.
Entry Fee – **prevailing green fee plus \$17** for members. \$5 more for guests.
- **Wednesday Evening Eclectic Tournaments**
Time – Wednesday evenings, weekly. April – September..
Format – Varies.
Entry Fee – \$33 (with drink or hot dog), \$10 optional honey pots.

Terms of the competition

Prizes – **50%** of the field will receive prize distributions (“points”) for monthly tournaments, major championships, Tuesday, and Wednesday tournaments. For Match Play, **25%** of the field will receive prize distributions (“points”). Tournament points are Pro Shop credit at all Premier Golf facilities in the City of Seattle, they do not expire. Honey-pot winnings (“purse”) are cash and paid out immediately via Venmo. Players/teams cannot win both gross and net competitions & will be awarded the higher valued prize.

Ties – Ties will split money. (Example: Three tied for first place would equally split the total money for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place). The Tournament Committee will review exceptional situations involving ties and make a final decision the day of the tournament. **Exceptions:** Ties for Low Gross of Field in the Two-Day play sudden death, as do all match play competitions when tied after 18 holes. Wednesday evening ties are resolved with the USGA recommended count-back method – “most to least difficult hole”.³

Two-Day Stroke Play Championship – For those playing from the Blue tees, the player with Low Gross of Field is the Stroke Play Club Champion. In addition, the Senior Member (age 55+) who has the lowest gross score playing from the Blue tees is the Senior Stroke Play Club Champion. Both Stroke Play Champions are entitled to play in the WA Golf Champion of Champions Tournament held in April. The player who wins the Two-Day Stroke Play Championship is not eligible to win the Senior Stroke Play Championship in that same year.

² Tournament fees may be adjusted during the year.

³ See [Committee Procedures 5A\(6\)](#).

Match Play Tournaments

Entering

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>ENTRY DEADLINE</u>	<u>BEGINS</u>	<u>ENTRY FEE</u>
NET (handicap)	April 22	May 1	\$20
FOUR-BALL (two-man) NET	April 22	May 1	\$40 PER TEAM
GROSS (no handicap)	April 22	May 1	\$20
GROSS SENIOR (55+)	April 22	May 1	\$20
LEGENDS NET	April 22	May 1	\$20
NON-CHAMPIONSHIP GROSS	April 22	May 1	\$20

Fees are as shown.

Schedule

Gross (all) and Four-ball

<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>
TBD				

Net Pods

Remaining Net

<u>Round 1</u>	<u>Round 2</u>	<u>Round 3</u>	<u>Round 4</u>	<u>Round 5</u>
TBD				

Terms of the competition

Notes: (1) A **senior player** (55+ years) may compete in the **Senior Gross Match Play** and **either** championship or non-championship Gross Match Play, (2) there is **no qualifier** for Net Match Play, and (3) there may be some **three-person pods**, depending on the total number of players.

If one player cannot play during the allotted time for a round, he forfeits his match. If both players have not been able to play their match on schedule, a coin toss will decide the victor.

All matches are to be played from the **white tees** except for the Open Gross Championship matches, which are played from the blue tees.

All matches are 18 holes. The only exception is the **Gross Championship 36-hole final match**. Ties after 18 holes (or 36 holes) are settled with **sudden death playoffs beginning on the first hole**. If a **handicap match**, strokes are given on the same holes in the sudden death as on the first 18 holes.

In the **Net Match Play tournament** pods of four players guarantee three matches for every player (no more "one and done"). The winner of the pod advances and is in the money. (Some pods may have only 3 players and guarantee two matches.) Pods and seeding are randomly assigned.

The **Non-Championship Gross Match Play** is flighted and seeded based on handicaps. We anticipate more than one flight (e.g. 10 – 16 and 17 on up). The winner of a flight does not play the champion(s) of the other flight(s).

Resolving ties in pods

If a 2-1 tie between two players, winner of their match advances.

If a 2-1 (or 1-1, for 3-man pod) tie between three players, compare their three matches against each other and the winner by the most holes wins. For example, player A wins 2-1 and loses 4-3, net -2. Player B wins 3-1, loses 2-1, net +1. Player C wins 4-3, loses 3-1, net +1. If there is still a tie between two of the players (as in this case), the player who won their match advances, in this case B.

If there is still a three-way tie, coin flips will determine who advances—first player to win two coin flips out of a set of three advances. The set of three has a coin flip between A and B, B and C, and A and C. The Tournament Chairman may flip the coins without the players present.

Club Champions

The winners of the Gross Match Play Club and the Senior Gross Match Play Championships are that year's respective Club and Senior Club Champions.

Both gain two-year eligibility to the annual WA Golf Champion of Champions two-day tournament.

Jackson Park Men's Golf Club will pay the Club Champion's entry fee for his first year of eligibility.⁴

See the list of Club Champions in the History section.

Calculating strokes received

For the two handicap match play tournaments, here is how to calculate strokes given/received. (See [Rules of Handicapping](#) Appendix C for more.)

Individual Net

In **individual net match play**, the handicap allowance is 100%, so course handicaps and playing handicaps are the same.

In the match, the playing handicap of both players will be reduced by the playing handicap of the player with the lower handicap. The lower handicap player receives 0 strokes, and the higher handicap player receives the difference in the two playing handicaps. Strokes are received on holes according to stroke index allocation on the scorecard.

Example: Player A, with a playing handicap of 4, in a match vs. Player B, with a playing handicap of 8. Player A would receive 0 strokes and player B would receive 4 strokes – one on each of the holes with stroke index allocation 1 through 4

Four-ball (two-man) net.

In **four-ball (two-man) net match play**, each player's *playing handicap* is calculated by multiplying their unrounded *course handicap* by an allowance of 90% and rounding the result.

⁴ But not the Senior Club Champion's entry fee!

In the match, the playing handicaps of all four players will be reduced by the lowest playing handicap. The lowest handicap player then receives zero (0) strokes. The other three players will receive the reduced number of strokes - on holes according to the stroke index allocation on the scorecard.

Example, four players with playing handicaps:

A - 4
B - 6
C - 8
D - 16

All four handicaps are reduced by 4 strokes. A receives 0 strokes, B receives 2 strokes, C receives 4 strokes, and D receives 12 strokes.

The GHIN mobile app and website have a handicap calculator that will do the math.

Match play tournament score posting (plus four-ball)

Match play tournament scores, including four-ball, should be posted by each player as type “C” - Competition.

When posting match play and/or four-ball scores adjust hole scores as follows:

- “The maximum score for each hole played is limited to a net double bogey” ([Rules of Handicapping 3.1b](#))
- For holes started, but not completed (because of giving up or conceded strokes), record the *most likely score*. Defined as “the number of strokes already taken... plus, the number of strokes the player would take to complete the hole from that position more than half the time, plus any penalty strokes incurred.” This number may not exceed net double bogey. ([Rules of Handicapping 3.3](#))
- For matches that end early and less than 14 holes are played, post a 9-hole score (otherwise, post an 18-hole score).
- For holes not played, for example because the match ended already, record a score of *net par*. ([Rules of Handicapping 3.2](#))
- For holes played after the match ended, “the actual scores for those remaining holes must be recorded.” ([Rules of Handicapping 3.2](#))

Tournament Golf Rules

Jackson Park Men's Golf Club play is governed by USGA rules, modified by the local rules below. The USGA centrally administers and publishes the rules of golf, consistent with the spirit of the game. Following the rules is fundamental to fair competition.

The Tournament Chairman and the Rules and Green Committee will act as rules officials during tournaments. See USGA rule books, web site, and/or mobile app for official rules.

Local Rules

Following is the complete list of local rules, including all rules from the Jackson Park scorecard, plus others.

Power Lines: A ball striking a power line *must* be replayed. No penalty.⁵ (A shot that strikes a power pole, guide wire or transformer counts and must be played as normal.)

Relief from cart path on #5 is to the right. To save time,⁶ where the cart path is less than 2 feet from the OB fence, relief is on the right side of the cart path on hole #5. The ball must be *playable* to use this local rule. Otherwise, see rule 19 – Unplayable Ball.

Stroke and Distance alternative: To save time, when a player has not played a provisional ball and their ball is lost or out of bounds, instead of stroke and distance, the player *may* proceed as follows:

Two stroke penalty. Drop in the general area no closer to the hole - on or behind an arc between two reference points. The first reference point is two club lengths outside the estimated spot lost or out-of-bounds. The second reference point is two club lengths into the closest fairway point that is not closer to the hole.⁷

For example, if a tee shot went out of bounds, and the player did not play a provisional ball: the player could add two strokes and, referencing the spot where the ball went out of bounds, drop within two club lengths of the nearest fairway edge that is not closer to the hole and hit their 4th shot from there.

For more details, see [Committee Procedures Model local rule 8E-5](#). The USGA web site or mobile rules app has full text and diagrams. Also: [Stroke and Distance: New Local Rule](#).

Winter Rules: When in effect, a ball lying in the *general area*⁸ may be marked, lifted, cleaned, and replaced⁹ on the same spot. If the ball is on grass cut to fairway height, it may be placed within one folded scorecard length (6"), no closer to the hole. This may be done *once* for each lie. (See [Committee Procedures model local rules 8E-2 and 8E-3](#) - "Cleaning Ball" and "Preferred Lies".)

Pace of Play. There are penalties for slow play. See *Pace of Play Rules* [below](#).

⁵ See Committee Procedures Model local rule 8E-11.

⁶ Otherwise, the rules require up to three drops to get the same relief.

⁷ About 50% of the time, this closest fairway point will be *further* from the hole than the estimated spot lost or out-of-bounds. In that case, the described arc is from the first reference point to a point equidistant from the hole on a line from the hole to the second reference point. In case this is confusing, please consult the model rule for full details.

⁸ The *general area* is the entire golf course other than the *teeing area* of the current hole, penalty areas, bunkers, and the putting green of the current hole.

⁹ This means the same horizontal and vertical position (same lie). (See rule **14.2b** and definition of *replace*.)

Rules FAQ and reminders

The rules of golf – especially unfamiliar ones – may sometimes seem “unfair”, even “ridiculous”. It’s a *game* - the same rules apply to everyone.

From JPMGC experience, here are some lesser known, or more frequently misunderstood rules.

Protect Other Players in the Competition. “If you know or believe that another player has breached the Rules and does not recognize or is ignoring this, you should tell that player, the player’s marker, a referee or the Committee. You should do this promptly, and certainly before the player returns his or her scorecard. Your failure to do so could be serious misconduct resulting in disqualification.” (See rule **20.1c**.)

No maximum hole score: There is no maximum hole score in normal stroke play competitions. (There is a maximum score that may be posted for handicap, but the *actual score* counts in competition.)

Drop Zones are not used. For a ball in a penalty area, refer to [rule 17](#).

Temporary Greens: Putt out as on all greens. There is no maximum number of putts.¹⁰

Lost ball: A ball is *lost* if it is not found in a total of three minutes of searching. If found after, it cannot be played. (See the definition of *Lost* and rule **18.2**.)

Known or virtually certain in penalty area: “If it is not *known or virtually certain* that your ball came to rest in a penalty area and the ball is lost, you must take *stroke-and-distance* relief.” (See rule **17.1c**) There are many penalty areas adjoining tall grass or brush where there can be a lack of certainty and stroke-and-distance is the only option.¹¹

Provisional ball: You may play a provisional ball if your ball might be lost outside a penalty area or out of bounds.¹² “But if you are aware that the only possible place the original ball could be lost is in a penalty area, a provisional ball is not allowed....” (See rule **18.3**.)

For example, on hole #4 there is tall grass near the penalty area. If it is difficult to tell whether a ball is in the penalty area or lost outside the penalty area, you may play a provisional ball. This is different from the right side of the 16th fairway - a ball to the right is either in the penalty area or not. It will not be lost outside the penalty area. You may *not* play a provisional ball in this situation.

What to do next: If the original ball is found anywhere on the course, or it becomes *known or virtually certain* that it is in a penalty area (or abnormal course condition), then the provisional ball must be abandoned. If the original ball is not found and it is not known or virtually certain that it is in a penalty area, then the ball is lost, and the provisional ball becomes the ball in play.

Remember that you “may continue to play the *provisional ball* without it losing its status as a *provisional ball* so long as it is played from a spot that is the same distance or farther from the hole than where the original ball is estimated to be.”

¹⁰ See [rule 1.1](#) - The Game of Golf.

¹¹ Or see the Stroke and Distance Alternative local rule.

¹² There is also the stroke and distance alternative local rule discussed above.

Moving or touching a ball in play is a one stroke penalty. Except in the *teeing area*,¹³ which the rules treat specially. There are 4 exceptions that apply to other areas of the course. (See rule **9.4b**.)

Moving or touching a ball on the green without marking is a one stroke penalty. Unless it was accidental.¹⁴ This includes the ball must be marked before lifting or moving it or while rotating it in place (See rules **13.1d** and **9.4b**.)

Must hole out: In stroke play,¹⁶ “you must hole out.” There are no “gimme’s.” A player who picks up without holing out must replace the ball and complete the hole. Also, add a penalty stroke (see previous paragraph). If the player does not hole out before teeing off on the following hole, he is disqualified. (See rules **3.3c** and **9.4b**.)

No free relief from driving range fence. The driving range fence is a *boundary object* - there is no free relief. Same applies to all the course boundaries.

Immovable obstructions: There is usually free relief outside of penalty areas. A few examples of *immovable obstructions*¹⁷ at Jackson Park: all paved or gravel cart paths¹⁸, all irrigation system components, shed on the left of #1 layup area, fence on the right of #3, bathroom behind the 6th green, rock wall left of the 11th green, water fountain behind the 15th green, and power poles.

Relief is available when there is “interference”¹⁹ for playing a "reasonable" shot. The obstruction must be in bounds. (Line of play is not considered interference. See the rules definitions and rule **16.1** for details, including relief exceptions and procedure.)

NOTE: The fences surrounding the course and the driving range are *boundary objects*, not *obstructions*, defined as: "Artificial objects defining or showing out of bounds, such as walls, fences, stakes and railings, from which free relief is not allowed."

Ground Under Repair must be marked. The only exceptions are a hole made by staff²⁰, material piled for removal, or animal habitat (such as a bird’s nest). For example, unless marked as such, the following are not ground under repair (GUR) – bare ground, mud, tire ruts, irregular turf, tilled area. (See the [definition of Ground Under Repair](#).)

Temporary Water must be visible. An area is considered Temporary Water – from which free relief is allowed – only if water *remains* visible before or after taking a stance. (See the [definition of Temporary Water](#).)

¹³ The *Teeing Area* is the teeing location you are playing from on the current hole. “All other teeing locations... (whether on the same hole or any other hole) are part of the general area.”

¹⁴ A *mental lapse* is not part of the definition of *accident*. (**Interpretation 13.1d(1)/1**)

¹⁶ This is true for any tournament format in which a player’s individual hole score counts. For match play handicap score posting for conceded holes, see the Handicap section.

¹⁷ An *obstruction* is "any artificial object except for *integral objects* and *boundary objects*". An *immovable obstruction* is an *obstruction* that cannot be easily moved or is intended not to be moved (such as a rock that is part of a rock wall).

¹⁸ Bare ground, such as from cart traffic, is not an immovable obstruction because it is not artificial. There is no free relief.

¹⁹ *Interference* means “your ball touches or is in or on the abnormal course condition, or the abnormal course condition physically interferes with your area of intended stance or area of intended swing”. Interference does not include visual distraction or *line of play*. See **rule 16.1** for more.

²⁰ Where “hole made by staff” can be as shallow as made by “removing turf”.

Embedded Ball not found is a lost ball. A ball that is not found because it embedded is *lost*.²¹ The penalty is stroke-and-distance.²² Only exception is if it is *known or virtually certain* that it is lost in an abnormal course condition. (See the previous two paragraphs, the definition of *abnormal course condition*, and rule **16.1e**.)

Relief must be taken separately for each condition. Areas to be used for free relief or penalty relief²³ - “may result in better or worse conditions.”²⁴ And may be in or on an abnormal course condition, such as a cart path, temporary water, etc. After taking relief, if there is interference by an (another) abnormal course condition, further relief *may* be taken. (See the [definition of Nearest Point of Complete Relief](#) and rule **16.1** Interpretations.)

For example, while taking lateral relief from the penalty area to the left of #16, the relief area may be on the cart path. Immediately dropping and playing from right of the cart path (more than two club-lengths from the penalty area) is not allowed.²⁵ (See rule **14.7** – Playing from Wrong Place.)

Relief from abnormal course condition is optional. The player is not required to take relief from an abnormal course condition (immovable obstruction, ground under repair, temporary water, or animal hole).

Drop, drop, place. When dropping, if the ball twice fails to come to rest in the *relief area*²⁶, then it must be placed on the spot where it first touched the ground on the second drop. You are permitted to drop near the edge of the *relief area* with the hope that the ball will roll out of the *relief area* so that it may be placed after two drops. (See rule **14.3c(2)**.)

Practice greens are *wrong greens*: Play is prohibited from all practice greens²⁷. For a ball or stance on a practice green, drop within one club length of the nearest point of complete relief, not nearer the hole.²⁸ (See rule **13.1f**.) Please notify others in the area before playing so as not to endanger them.

No relief from divots. Divots are part of golf’s fundamental challenge to play the ball as it lies.²⁹

²¹ See [USGA Embedded Ball FAQ](#).

²² Or the stroke-and-distance alternative local rule.

²³ The penalty relief area for an unplayable ball or a ball in a penalty area may be in any area of the course. The *nearest point of complete relief* from an *abnormal course condition* for a ball in the general area must be in the general area. (There are separate rules for bunkers.)

²⁴ See **interpretation 16.1/1**.

²⁵ Here is a video explanation: <https://youtu.be/D8YTvGDIApg>.

²⁶ *Relief area* was a new term and concept added to the rules in 2019. The ability to place the ball after two drops existed previously, but was less common.

²⁷ As of 5/31/21, there is no longer a drop zone for balls hit into the practice area near the 18th green - play is allowed from that area..

²⁸ Because of the size and location of the practice greens, the required relief area may be undesirable, such as behind trees and further from the hole. Taking a penalty of stroke and distance for the previous shot is also an option.

²⁹ See [Certain Topics or Proposals Not Addressed in the New Rules of Golf for 2019](#).

Resolving Rules Issues During Round. Avoid unreasonable delay. You may protect your rights during play as follows:

Match Play – If you are unsure of the rules during a match, you and your opponent may agree on how to decide a rules issue. If you do not agree, you may notify your opponent and then request a ruling when the tournament committee is available. See rule **20.1b** for details.

Stroke Play – There is no right to decide rules issues by agreement. If you are uncertain about the right procedure during stroke play, you may complete the hole with two balls. When doing so, before making a stroke, you must announce you are playing two balls, and which ball you want to count. Regardless of what happens with the two balls (for example, even if you believe you resolved the question on your own, or even if both balls score the same), before submitting your score, you must report the facts to the tournament committee. See rule **20.1c** for details.

Pace of Play Guidelines and Rules

Importance

From the rules of golf: “A round of golf is meant to be played at a prompt pace. Your pace of play is likely to affect how long it will take other players to play their rounds, including both those in your group and those in following groups.” (see [rule 5.6b](#))

Slow play reduces enjoyment and even the popularity of golf. Each minute of delay lengthens the round times of all the groups that follow, including JPMGC members and the public. On a busy day, a morning group that plays 5 minutes longer than the group in front effectively adds that 5 minutes to the round times of a couple hundred players to play later in the day.

Suggestions

Everyone should be aware and take responsibility for playing promptly. Keeping up, and *catching up* when necessary, is an expected part of every round.

More detailed suggestions:

- Play “ready golf” – no need to adhere to strict rules about whose turn it is to play.
- Prepare for your next stroke while others are playing.
- Bring multiple clubs to your ball in case you change your mind.
- Leave carts and bags in a position to minimize walking or retracing your steps.
- Take a maximum of 40 seconds for each shot, hopefully less.
- Shorten pre-shot routines, limit practice swings and pre-shot meditation.³⁰
- Move immediately and efficiently between shots.
- But pay attention when others are hitting so that they will not have to wait for you to stop talking or moving.
- Watch while others hit so that you can help find their ball if necessary.
- Hit a provisional ball if your ball may be lost or out of bounds.
- Limit ball searches to the rules’ maximum of 3 minutes.
- When possible, forgo customs like marking and cleaning your ball or removing the flagstick.
- Avoid “futile mimicking of elite golfers.”³¹
- Help slower players learn to play faster.

³⁰ Waiting longer than eight seconds to hit after a practice swing is counterproductive. (Source: *The Short Game Bible*, by Dave Pelz, p. 218.)

³¹ See [R & A Pace of Play Manual section 4.6 – Imitating Elite Golf](#).

Pace of Play Rules

Please keep up³² with the group in front.

Please punch the scorecard clock on holes 1 and 18 as described below. Penalties will be assessed for slow play as follows.

Maximum round and gap times

The normal gap is 10 minutes. If a group finishes more than 15 minutes behind the group in front of them and more than 4 hours and 30 minutes (4:30) after they started, all players in the group³³ will get a penalty as follows.

16-21 minutes behind – one stroke

22-30 minutes behind – two strokes

31+ minutes behind – disqualification

This rule is based on *USGA Committee Procedures Pace of Play Policies* [model local rule 8K-1](#).³⁴

Scorecard clock

The scorecard clock will be located on #1 tee and next to the 18th green or inside the restaurant after the round. Please designate one scorecard to be used for the clock and punch that scorecard on the back as follows:

#1: As soon as the starter gives the OK for your group to tee off, before any player hits.³⁵

#18: Immediately after your whole group finishes the hole. (Do not delay. You may verify scores and sign scorecards after punching the clock.)

Failure to punch the clock may be cause for disqualification.

Appeals

If you are penalized for slow play because of delays beyond your control³⁶, you may appeal to the tournament chairperson before tournament results are finalized. Note that time for ball searches, walking,³⁷ rules questions, hot or cold weather, and unfamiliar playing partners are already included in the maximum time for a round. Keeping up is the responsibility of all players in each group.

³² *Keeping up* means you are regularly waiting to hit. If not, please catch up. For reference: on a par 4, if the group in front has already left the green while you are teeing off, then your gap has reached the penalty range.

³³ Speed of play is the whole group's responsibility, including the faster players in the group.

³⁴ Also similar to [WA Golf's rule](#). Our staff is more limited though.

³⁵ Not *after* the last player hits - the total time to play a round includes the time to tee off on the first hole.

³⁶ Such as a lightening storm or medical emergency.

³⁷ Carts do not increase pace of play. See "[How Fast is Your Course?](#)"

Handicaps and Score Posting

“The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to make the game of golf more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis.... Two basic premises underlie the USGA Handicap System, namely that each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played, and that the player will post every acceptable round for peer review. The player and the player's Handicap Committee have joint responsibility for adhering to these premises.” (From the 2019 *USGA Handicap System Manual*.³⁸)

Highlights of Rules of Handicapping:

- Scores must be posted for all acceptable rounds played in the active season of the course played.
- Post the same day.
- Maximum hole score for handicap posting³⁹ is net double bogey.
- For holes started but not finished – for example match play holes conceded – the score for handicap purposes is the *most likely score* on that hole (not to exceed net double bogey).
- For holes not played, record *net par* (par plus handicap strokes on that hole).
- Same for holes that are played with temporary tees or greens that significantly alter the length of a hole – post *net par*.⁴⁰
- Post an 18-hole score if at least 14 holes are played. Post a 9-hole score if at least 7 holes are played.
- Scores from stroke play tournaments⁴¹ will be posted on the player's behalf.
- Match play scores should be posted by the player. (See [Match play tournament score posting \(plus four-ball\)](#).)
- Four-ball⁴² scores should be posted. (See [Match play tournament score posting \(plus four-ball\)](#).)
- Posting may be done with the computer at Jackson Park Pro Shop or away golf course, or through the GHIN web site or mobile app.
- Handicap Indexes are automatically updated daily. (Including during the inactive season.)

The Handicap Committee will occasionally adjust a handicap to better reflect a player's ability.

WA Golf Active Season:

- WA Golf handicapping *active season* is March 1st through November 14th.
- Scores made in Washington during this period should be posted. (The important date is the date the round was *played*, not the date it is posted.)
- Scores in other areas should be posted when made during that location's active season.

³⁸ The manual was replaced in 2020, but this is still the best summary available.

³⁹ This is only for the score to be *posted*. For the score that *counts in competitions*, there is no maximum.

⁴⁰ The *actual* score counts for competitions though.

⁴¹ Wednesdays may be an exception.

⁴² *Four-ball* is sometimes called “best-ball”, see **rule 23.1** for details.

Reference

[WA Golf WHS page](#)

[USGA Handicapping home page](#)

Learn more. For example, about:

- How handicaps are calculated.
- Soft and hard caps.
- Maximum hole score.
- Conceded strokes or holes.
- Temporary greens.
- Active and inactive seasons.
- Playing Conditions Calculation.
- Exceptional Score Reduction.

Club History

Club Champions

2021	Ryan Gutierrez	1980	Ed Pearsall
2020	Jay Clark	1979	Paul Koenig
2019	Mark Ohrenschall	1978	Mike O'Laughlin
2018	Joe Zucker	1977	Ed Pearsall
2017	Joe Zucker	1976	Mike O'Laughlin
2016	Mark Ohrenschall	1975	Ed Pearsall
2015	Mark Ohrenschall	1974	Gordy Price
2014	Mark Ohrenschall	1973	Ed Pearsall
2013	Jeff Schoening	1972	Ed Pearsall
2012	Aaron Mackey	1971	NONE
2011	Scott Furrow	1970	John Rawlings III
2010	Matt Remington	1969	John Rawlings III
2009	Chris Gray	1968	John Tuft
2008	Ian Courtnege	1967	John Tuft
2007	Trevor Cameron	1966	Ernie Tullis
2006	Trevor Cameron	1965	Ed Pearsall
2005	Matt Steele	1964	Dan Scott
2004	Jon Moscrip	1963	Dan Scott
2003	Ken Jenson	1962	Wayne McDaniels
2002	Ken Jenson	1961	Bill Tindall
2001	Chris DeGrazia	1960	Bill Tindall
2000	Chris DeGrazia	1959	Ralph Sullivan
1999	Chris DeGrazia	1958	Frank Marolich
1998	Ken Jenson	1957	Bill Conroy
1997	Ken Jenson	1956	Bill Conroy
1996	Ken Jenson	1955	Bill Conroy
1995	Ken Jenson		
1994	Ken Jenson		
1993	Ken Jenson		
1992	Ken Jenson		
1991	Ken Jenson		
1990	Ken Jenson		
1989	Chris Robinson		
1988	Dale Hanowell		
1987	Nace Powell		
1986	Chris DeGrazia		
1985	Dale Hanowell		
1984	Dale Hanowell		
1983	Butch Manolides		
1982	Steve Storey		
1981	Chris DeGrazia		

Senior Club Champions

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Mediocre Golfer Award

Awarded to the player who finishes in the exact middle of the field in the Summer Field Days Celebrating lifetime member Dick Rovig

2022	Bob Cameron	2016	Mark Persinger
2021	Mitch Lewis	2015	Walt Dickhoff
2020	Brian Asplund	2014	Travis Jones
2019	Bernie Alfred	2013	Cory Rockey
2018	Roger Brown		
2017	Larry Casey		

Lifetime Members of Jackson Park Men's Golf Club

The three lifetime members distinguished themselves through their devotion and service to the men's club. Some of their major contributions are listed below. Their work sustained the club and set the standard of friendly competition that we all appreciate. Each of them is celebrated at one of the seasonal field days held in the Spring, Summer, and Fall. Plaques or trophies listing the golfers who were low gross and low net of field in each of the seasonal field days are in the pro shop.

Dick Rovig

Dick Rovig served as the club Secretary from 1996 to 2008 and briefly in 2011, as the Handicap Chairman from 2003 to 2008, as the webmaster until 2013, and as the Club Historian since then. Dick was made an Honorary Member in 2009 and a Lifetime Member in 2019. Since 2013, we have celebrated Dick at the Summer Field Day. He created the Most Mediocre Golfer Award for the golfer with the mean gross score at his tournament. Dick said that he 'always finished in the middle of the pack', and rather than honoring the winners of his Field Day, he wanted to honor the golfer of the day most like himself. The award given is not a traditional trophy with a golfing figure, but an insulated coffee mug!

Most Mediocre Golfer Award winners from the Summer Field Days Celebrating Dick Rovig. See the list above.

John Clements

John Clements was made a Lifetime Member in 2016. He is celebrated at the Spring Field Day, traditionally our best attended event of the year. John served the club in numerous positions:

- Trustee – 1998-2018 (when not serving as an officer)
- Vice President – 2000
- President – 2001–02
- Treasurer – 2002–03
- Tournament Director – 2005–15
- Winning Seattle Cup Captain – 2008–10
- Winning Seattle Cup Co-Captain – 2017
- Handicap Chairman – 2009–15

John was assisted by his wife Gayle who worked in the Jackson Park pro shop. They were a great team looking after the Jackson Park Men's Golf Club. Now he works as a starter on Fridays and continues to see to the club's welfare.

Dan Puetz Sr.

Dan (#1 Sandbagger) Puetz Sr. was made a Lifetime Member in 2017. We fondly refer to him as #1, his own nickname for himself. He is celebrated at the Fall Field Day. He is a lifetime Seattleite, growing up in a golfing family, who has played Jackson Park since he was a wee one in the 1950's. He ran the Pro Shop in 1977-78. He has served the club for over 40 years.

- Trustee – Sporadically – Early 1980's - Present
- President – 2009-12
- Treasurer – 2016-18
- Winning Seattle Cup Captain – 2010
- Winning Seattle Cup Co-Captain – 2014

Dan started and still chairs the annual Jackson Park Juniors Golf Classic, now in its 13th year. He has run all thirteen of them, including raising funds for awards from the local business community. The winners of the Juniors Classic are displayed on the tournament trophy in the Pro Shop, named for Oscar Puetz, Dan's father, also a long-time member of the JPMGC.

Dan helped start our annual Two-Day Club Championship and hopes that it will one day grow into an Open event, like the West Seattle Amateur.

The Seattle Cup

The Seattle Cup, established in 2002, was inspired by the Ryder Cup. It is an annual citywide team net championship and pits men's teams from the four City of Seattle public golf courses – Interbay, Jackson Park, Jefferson Park, and West Seattle – in a four-day match play competition. The competition is held on the last two weekends in August, with one day of play on each of the four courses.

Jackson Park Men's Golf Club won the Seattle Cup in 2008, 2009, 2010, 2014, 2015, 2017, and 2021. Seven of the 20 years it has been held.

See the Club website for more about the Seattle Cup.

Appendix – WA Golf Membership



WA GOLF MEMBERSHIP



When you join a WA Golf Member Club, you get far more than just a USGA Handicap Index. You can feel proud knowing that you have joined an alliance committed to safeguarding the integrity of the game, promoting fair play, and enhancing the playing environment for golfers.

In addition to GHIN (the USGA Handicap Index® computation service we provide), golfers who are members of WA Golf Member Clubs will receive numerous valuable benefits including:

- **A free membership in the Pacific Northwest Golf Association.** You'll be joining more than 500 clubs and 175,000 golfers in the region in support of the game of golf. You'll also be able to participate (where eligible) to play in any of the regional championships conducted by the PNGA.
- **A free subscription to Pacific Northwest Golfer** magazine mailed directly to your home four times a year (plus an added fifth emailed version). It's the premiere golf/lifestyle magazine for golfers in the Pacific Northwest including news and information about Washington golf.

Don't forget, you're joining an organization with a core mission to enhancing the game on all levels for all golfers. Here are some of the other services your membership helps fund:

- Handicap and Rules Seminars
- Rating & Measuring Golf Courses
- Supporting turfgrass research.
- Conducting state championships such as the Washington State Amateur.

Jackson Park Men's Golf Club

ALLIED MEMBER SIGNUP

(all others signup online)

This form is only for Allied Members - those who maintain their handicap at a different Home Club. The cost is \$44.

Membership is January 1st to December 31st. Dues may be paid early for the following year, they are not prorated for the current year.

Please complete the following.

Printed Name: _____

Address: _____

E-MAIL (PLEASE PRINT LEGIBLY): _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

The following must be completed in order to process your application:

GHIN # _____ HOME CLUB _____

Applications may be dropped off at the Jackson Park Pro Shop with \$44 payment (check to: **Jackson Park Men's Golf Club**) or mailed to: Jackson Park Golf Course, 1000 N.E. 135th St., Seattle, WA 98125

New to Jackson Park Men's Club, or have questions about joining?

Contact New Member Liaison: see [Join](#) on the website.

This application is for Allied members only. (REGULAR, JUNIOR, or SUPER SENIOR MEMBER join or renew online at JacksonParkMensGolfClub.org.)