



Jackson Park Men's Golf Club

Membership Handbook

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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](#).

Your membership in JPMGC has these benefits:

- 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 through 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	Mark Ohrenschall
Vice-President / Membership	Lee Jones
Secretary	Reid Swick
Treasurer	Dave Foreman
Tournament / Handicaps	Jeff Schoening

Even-Year Trustees	Odd-Year Trustees
Jimmy Bucher	Brian Asplund
Jay Clark	Brock Bowen
Ryan Coghill	Walt Dickhoff
Dan Fabela	Jon Gabler
Reed Johnson	Karl Meier
John McDermott	Dan Puetz, Sr.
Cory Rockey	Jeff Schoening
Patrick Wilson	

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, Ben Carpenter, Karl Meier

Tournament Committee – responsible for organizing and running tournaments.

Chair – Jeff Schoening

Members – Jay Clark, Lee Jones, Walt Dickhoff, Ben Carpenter, Ryan Coghill, Dan Fabela, Karl Meier, Brian Asplund

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 Fee¹ – \$67-\$72 for members. \$10 more for visiting players in select tournaments in which visiting players are welcome. \$144 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.

- **Friday All Day Tournaments**

Time – Fridays, weekly. May – September.

Format – Individual stroke play, for the most part.

Entry Fee – prevailing green fee plus \$10 for members. \$5 more for guests.

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”.²

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.

¹ Tournament fees may be adjusted during the year.

² See [Committee Procedures 5A\(6\)](#).

Match Play Tournaments

Entering

These dates are not accurate as of 3/14/24.

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>ENTRY DEADLINE</u>	<u>BEGINS</u>	<u>ENTRY FEE</u>
NET (handicap)	April 18	May 1	\$20
FOUR-BALL (two-man) NET	April 18	May 1	\$40 PER TEAM
GROSS (no handicap))	May 16	May 29	\$20
GROSS SENIOR (55+)	May 16	May 29	\$20
LEGENDS NET	May 16	May 29	\$20
NON-CHAMPIONSHIP GROSS	April 18	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.³

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.

³ 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)

See the [Match Play page](#) on our website for instructions on how to post match play rounds.

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(men) and the Rules and Green Committee will act as rules officials during tournaments. See USGA rule books, website, and/or mobile app for official rules.

Local Rules

See the [Local Rules page](#) on our website for a complete list of local rules.

Rules FAQ's and reminders

See the [Rules FAQ's page](#) on our website for frequently asked questions and rules that are sometimes misunderstood.

Pace of Play Guidelines and Rules

See the [Pace of Play page](#) on our website for Guidelines and Rules.

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*.³⁶)

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. Or ASAP.
- Maximum hole score for handicap posting³⁷ 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).
- If between 10 and 17 holes are played, you must post the score hole-by-hole, skipping the holes not played, so that GHIN software can calculate the expected score differential for the holes not played.
- Holes that are played with temporary tees or greens that significantly alter the length of a hole are considered *not played*.
- Post a 9-hole score if exactly 9 holes are played.
- Scores from stroke play tournaments³⁹ 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-ball⁴⁰ 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.

Active Season:

- Scores should only be posted from rounds played during the *active season* in the area where the round was played.
- WA Golf handicap *active season* is March 1st through November 14th.
- Scores made in Washington during this period should be posted. (The significant date is the date the round was *played*, not the date it is posted.)
- Scores in other areas of the country (or world) should be posted if the round was played during that location's active season.

³⁶ The manual was replaced in 2020, but this is still the best summary available.

³⁷ This is only for the score to be *posted*. For the score that *counts in competitions*, there is no maximum.

³⁹ Wednesdays may be an exception.

⁴⁰ *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 Achievements

See the [Winning History page](#) on our website.

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.

Richard Rovig Obituary

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

See the [Seattle Cup page](#) on our website.

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.)