

Over the last few years we have experienced a number of changes to our tournaments which our Board is positively addressing for our 2020 season.

1. There have been more senior players entering tournaments resulting in larger senior flights and consequently larger overall prize money payouts as well as a large spread between lower and higher handicaps.
2. Conversely, the flights in the non-senior flights have been smaller with smaller prize payouts although the handicap spreads per flight were not as great as in the senior class.
3. The newly instituted World Handicap System change is giving us an opportunity to correct those changes and hopefully allow us to continue to provide fair competitions with more equality of prize money and flight handicap spreads.

NEW WCGT Tournament Structure:

** Players may select from which tees they compete.

1. A player will no longer be forced into a flight based upon age but will be able to choose to compete from either of two sets of tees. One set of tees will be approximately 6,500 yards and one set of tees will be approximately 6,100 yards (these yardages may be altered occasionally depending upon a particular course layout).
2. When a player joins or renews his or her membership, they by default, will be assigned to the shorter tees if they are 60 years old or older and the longer tees if they are under age 60. However, once they join or renew their membership, regardless of age or handicap index, they will have an option to select the tees from which they want to compete. If for any reason, a player makes an initial tee selection and wants to change, they can do so once at any time during the season after having completed 3 tournaments. In this way every player is in control of the tee length from which they will compete. Of course, players who select the longer yardages will have higher course handicaps and conversely, players who opt for the shorter yardages will have lower (and at some relatively less difficult courses, significantly lower) course handicaps.
3. Women players will have the option to play from a set of forward tees at approximately 5,400 yards. As with men players, women will be in flights based upon their handicap index and not age.

** Flights divided by handicap index.

Tournament flights will be divided by handicap index regardless of which tees a player (men or women) has opted into. Therefore each flight will most likely have players competing from different tees, however, the flight sizes, whether 2 or 3, will be more equal with the same or very similar prize payouts and will have smaller handicap spreads.

** WCGT using World Handicap System.

Handicap Indexes will continue be computed using CDGA Ratings and the WCGT Course Difficulty Ratings (CDRs) which are similar to but usually reflect a lower level of relative difficulty than the USGA Slope Ratings, replacing Equitable Stroke Control with the new Net Double Bogey method and eliminating the .96 adjustment. We will continue to use the best 5 of the last 10 scores. Course Handicaps will be calculated using the new formula that includes course rating which provides the needed adjustments for competing from different tees.