

Sully B. Maize Golf Rules

1. Gold Cup Competition

- a. Medal Play shall be the basis of all Gold Cup Competition and shall be governed by the current rules of the U.S. Golf Association except as modified as follows:
 - a-1. Members may play practice holes on the day of an outing.
 - a-2. Any local rules established for a golf course shall apply except: ball lost or out of bounds. If a ball is lost or is out of bounds, the player shall be penalized one stroke. There is not loss of distance penalty. When the ball is determined to be out of bounds, drop the ball in bounds on the line of flight, within 2 club lengths from where the ball went out of bounds. In the case of a lost ball, the ball will be dropped where the player believes the ball was lost or anywhere along the line of flight from where the ball was struck and the ball was presumed to come to rest.
 - a-3. Members must play their complete round with at least one other qualified member of the Association in order to have their scores computed for competition.
 - a-4. Winter rules shall apply. Winter rules are defined as "a ball lying in your own fairway may be lifted and cleaned, without penalty, and placed within 6 inches of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole, and so as to preserve as nearly as possible the stance required to play from the original lie. After the ball has been placed, it is in play, and if it moves after the player has addressed it, the penalty shall be one stroke." Any local club rules posted and established for the golf course shall apply.
 - a-5. Members who have reached the age of 70 on or before the first outing of the year may elect to play their rounds from the forward tees. The member should inform the Secretary/Treasurer and must play ALL rounds from the forward tees.
 - a-6. There will be no penalty for a flagstick left unattended in the hole during any stroke, including balls struck on the putting surface.
- b. Flights shall be formed, four in number, of all paid up members; the top quarter low handicaps forming Flight 1, the second quarter Flight 2, etc.
- c. The number of Gold Cup competition qualified members will be divided by four and the whole number resulting will be the number of players in each flight, with the odd one, two, or three players being added to the flights from Flight 4 through Flight 2 in that order.
- d. Outings shall be at least eight in number. The number of outings shall be approved by the Board of Governors. (changed first to 12, then to 15 outings)
- e. Gold Cup Play shall be based on a point system to determine the season winner of each flight. Points for each flight will be earned at each outing as follows:

1 st	low net	5 points
2 nd	low net	4 points
3 rd	low net	3 points
4 th	low net	2 points
5 th	low net	1 point

In the event that there are ties in net scores at any of the outings, the total points concerned shall be divided equally among the players involved even if fractional points result.

The total points earned by each golfer shall be computed by adding the golfers' best earned points from competitive rounds that are to be totaled shall as approved by the Board of Governors but must be at least seven.(changed to 8 then to 10)

Ties for first place with flight shall be played off according to mutual arrangement between the Tournament Committee and the players involved.

Each flight will be represented in the Gold Cup Play. In the event the flight winner is not present at the final outing, the flight winner will be replaced by the flight runner-up or next highest point winner in the flight. In the event of point total ties, the Tournament Committee will make the flight representative selection. The replacement flight representative will be eligible to win the Gold Cup, however, the flight winner will retain the flight award.

The Gold Cup 18 hole play-off between the flight representatives shall take place during the final outing. Ties shall be decided by playing 6 extra holes. The handicap shall be as prescribed by the USGA.

In case of a tie after six extra holes have been played, the ties shall be played off according to mutual arrangement between the Tournament Committee and the players involved. The method of handicapping for this play-off shall be decided by the Tournament Committee.

f. Runner-up in each of the four flights shall play in a foursome for a consolation prize at the final outing. The same rules shall apply for this contest as used for the Gold Cup Play.

Each flight will be represented in the Consolation Prize Play. In the event the flight runner-up is not present at the final outing, or if the runner-up is representing the regular flight winner in the Gold Cup competition, the runner-up winner be replaced by the nest highest point winner in the flight present. In the event of point total ties, the Tournament Committee will make the flight representative selection. The replacement flight runner-up will still retain the flight runner0up award.

2. Handicaps

Handicap indexes shall be determined from the last twenty scores posted during the past two seasons (EXCLUDING THE FINAL OUTING) and will be computed according to the manner prescribed by the USGA except that the number of scores used to compute the handicap index shall be as follows:

<u>Scores Used</u>	<u>Scores Posted</u>
1	3-5
2	6-8
3	9-11
4	12-14
5	15-16
6	17-18
7	19
8	20

A new member of the Association will not be eligible for receiving flight points until the member has completed three outings. Upon completion of the three rounds, the new member's handicap index will be computed and the member will be placed in the appropriate flight by the Secretary/Treasurer. At this time, the new member is eligible to compete for flight points at all subsequent outings.

A member must complete a total of three outings in the previous two seasons to be eligible for handicap computation.

Flights will be made up from a list of paid-up members, or members who have notified the Secretary/Treasurer of their intent to pay, before the first outing. (Current Secretary/Treasurer will accept league dues through the month of April) Handicaps will be established from the scores posted in the previous two years. Flights will be based on the following:

- a. Established handicaps of member with three scores in Association competition.
 - b. A new member or a member with fewer than three scores will not be placed in a flight. Any member with at least three scores at outings in the last two years will have the handicap determined from these scores.
 - c. Persons paying dues after the first outing will be added to the flight in which they appear to be qualified by the Secretary/Treasurer. (Current Secretary/Treasurer will not exclude any golfer from flight competition before dues are paid.)
3. A motion was put forth, seconded and the league voted to add two more outings to the season for a total of 14 with the best of 9 outings used to determine Gold Cup scoring for flight champions and runner-up winners. The current Secretary/Treasurer has increased this to a total of 15 with the best of 10 outings for Gold Cup scoring as well as the Stableford competition. The Board of Governors has approved this.
 4. A motion was put forth, seconded and the league voted to make 10 the highest score on a par 5, 9 the highest score on a par 4 and 8 the highest score on a par 3.
 5. A motion was put forth, seconded and the league voted to allow drops with on stroke penalty on the forward side of a yellow-staked penalty area when a golfer has hit into the penalty area. This would be for holes with a yellow staked penalty area with no designated drop areas. This rule would apply to holes with ponds, or small lakes. This rule would not apply to a narrow

yellow-staked area such as a small creek. If the penalty area is a creek the entire hazard area, including the creek, bank, bushes and un-mowed grass has to be more than 20 yards

6. A motion was put forth, seconded and voted on to include Match play competition. The idea was to set up a single elimination match competition. However the new Golf software is automatically setup for match play competition, so it would make sense to include this for every outing except the scramble at the beginning of the season and the final outing of the year. The Board of Governors has approved this.
7. A motion was put forth, seconded and the league voted in favor to mark down on the scorecard to be turned in, the start time and finish time of every group during regular outings.