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Dear Men's ("MGA"), and Senior Men's ("SGA"), Golf Association Members,

We have some news we would like to share with all MGA and SGA Association members.

We are introducing a new system called the Eagle Tournament System ("ETS") effective with the start of the MGA and SGA Association's 2019 golf season. We are discarding the TPS system which means we will not assess TPS points for Association event winners in the 2019 season and existing stroke adjustments will not be carried forward into the 2019 season.

The 2018 Season is not affected – No changes will be made for the rest of the 2018 season. The ETS goes into effect with each of the first Association events of the 2019 season following the respective Shootout Tournaments. The Association websites will be updated to show your initial ETS score along with your current GHIN index for each GHIN period (as it does now). We will then immediately update the ETS on Association websites after each Association event resulting in postable Association scores.

INTRODUCTION TO THE EAGLE TOURNAMENT SYSTEM ("ETS")

Background – In 2016 both Association Board's, with support from the BCC Handicap Committee and the BCC Professional Staff, decided to adopt hybrid versions of the original Dean Knuth Pope of Slope Tournament Point System ("TPS") designed for clubs who have numerous flighted association events annually.

Both Associations used the TPS system for the last couple of years and it worked reasonably well. However, issues surfaced as implementation of the system matured. One issue resulted from the fact that both Associations have a large number of "team play" events versus individual events. The TPS worked well with individual events but the team events tended to skew the results.

The MGA and SGA Leadership, with support from BCC Handicap Committee, the BCC Professional Staff and the Associations' website manager met over the last couple of weeks in October to review the effectiveness of the TPS. We reviewed results from the TPS system, identified issues which needed to be addressed and summarized member feedback we received regarding the TPS in recent Association Board meetings. We looked at available GHIN data, which included a year's history of all postable – both Association event and daily play – scores and explored the computing capabilities of the Associations' common websites. We concluded that tools now available to us support an opportunity for a major change to improve the Associations' handicapping efforts for the upcoming season and into the future.

HOW DOES THE ETS SYSTEM WORK?

First, there are some terms used with ETS with which you need to become familiar.

GHIN Score – any acceptable score, from any round played anywhere, that meets the USGA guidelines for, and results in, a postable score for the player.

Association Score – any score from any round played in a Brookhaven MGA, or SGA, event that meets the USGA guidelines for, and results in, a postable score for the player.

ETS Score – A calculation that uses a “pool” of your five most recent Association, and non-Association scores if necessary, to create your initial ETS score. It is one number created by the results of individual play resulting in a postable score in either Association’s events. Your ETS score will determine your flight assignment for stroke play events, your “A,B,C or D”, etc., assignment for computer generated team events and your strokes allocated. Your ETS score will supersede your GHIN course handicap for all Association Play in the SGA or MGA

So... How does the ETS System work (continued) – ETS is very similar to GHIN, but with one major difference. GHIN Indexes are updated the 1st and 15th of each month and the updated GHIN Index is based on the lowest 10 of your last 20 postable scores from any time you play anywhere. ETS will be updated after each Association event if the event results in a postable score and ETS is based on the lowest 4 of your last 5 Brookhaven Association Scores as defined above. For example, if you compete in an Association two-man best ball event the round will result in a postable Association Score. If you compete in an Association two-man scramble event the round will not result in a postable Association Score and will not change your current ETS score.

What happens if you have less than 5 Association Scores? - If you have less than 5 Association scores, either during the initial implementation, or because you are a new Association member, the ETS system can still create an initial ETS score for Association competition. ETS will use your latest GHIN daily play scores from non-Association events along with any available Association event scores to create an initial “pool” of 5 scores. ETS will then use the lowest 4 of the 5 scores to calculate your initial ETS score.

As you play in additional Association events, and as a new Association score is added to the “pool”, the oldest GHIN daily play score – if any GHIN daily play scores were still being used - of the five scores is replaced with the new Association score. This will continue as you play in Association events to maintain an ETS calculation “pool” of your most recent five Association scores. Your most recent Association score will always replace the oldest of the five scores in your “pool” as one of the five scores considered and used to calculate your updated ETS score.

Result of ETS System – Your ETS score will become a personally accurate and current reflection of how you individually performed in recent Association events. Your ETS score may be higher, or lower, than your current GHIN index course handicap as some people consistently play better in Association events while others consistently play worse. Whether it is higher, or lower than you GHIN index, your ETS score will reflect your current Association event performance and be used to assign you to the correct flight where you can be truly competitive against players with similar ETS scores. We believe it will assure that event participants can compete in future Association events on an equitable basis and create greater opportunities for all players to win.

Everyone involved in the development of ETS agrees this individual performance-based system is more data driven, more timely and more personally representative of each player’s Association event performance than TPS or your GHIN index.

Please review the attached information and contact us with any questions. The Association websites will reflect these changes and provide additional information as they are updated. We welcome your feedback and we ask for your support as we implement and assess the effectiveness of this system for the Associations' 2019 seasons.

Respectfully,

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