

PMGA

Ptarmigan Men's Golf Association



2025

Player Information Guide

Dear PMGA Members:

On behalf of the PMGA Board, welcome to the 2025 Golf Season! We are excited for the year ahead and there are some important changes that we will highlight here and in other related documents.

Please see below for the 2025 schedule and mark your calendars for the events you want to play. And review closely page 3 for some key changes which we hope you like. Expect additional details and regular communication throughout the year, but please refer frequently to this Player Information Guide as it is our key resource for the golf season.

We have not changed our dues in a long time and are increasing in 2025 to catch up with inflation over the last few years. By July, we plan to bill the \$80 annual fee to PMGA members who played in an event in 2024 or spring of 2025. Any new members who play an event over the summer or fall will be billed by October.

The PMGA Board is here to serve our members, and we strive to make this a premier men's golf association. Your feedback is important, and while every suggestion can't be implemented, all ideas are valued and carefully reviewed. Communication is key, so talk to us and let us know what you like, don't like, what ideas you have, how we can do better, and what we can do to keep improving the PMGA.

Here's to a great 2025 and we look forward to seeing you at the course!

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2025 PMGA Schedule

January 25	Poker Tourney
February 24	Indoor Putting Tourney
March 29	Mulligan Madness
April 1	Ind & Team Match Play begins
April 12	Masters Match-Up (Non-PMGA)
April 24	Thursday Night League (TNL) begins
May 3	Icebreaker
May 9 & 10	Ptarmigan vs. FCCC
May 17	Ptriple Play (new)
June 5	Member-Member Calcutta
June 7 & 8	Member-Member
June 20 & 21	Ptrifecta
July 12	Jeffe's Hot Ball
July 23-26	<i>PTRAP SHOOT</i>
August 9 & 10	Club Championship
August 23 & 24	Senior Club Championship
September 6 & 7	Pfourman
September 11	TNL Championship matches
September 21	Pfour Tee
September 30	Ind. & Team Match Play complete
October 2	FLOG & PMGA Banquet
October 10 & 11	Ptarmigan vs Rolling Hills

*Note: This schedule is subject to change; events will be rescheduled if and when possible.
Check with the Golf Shop or PMGA Board for more details.*

Summary of Key Changes for 2025 PMGA Season

Thursday Night League (TNL)

- ✓ Starting 1-week earlier and finishing with head-to-head playoff.
- ✓ Begins on April 24th. 13 matches in regular season (comprised of 2 sessions instead of 3).
- ✓ 16-team head-to-head playoff begins on August 28th and finishes on September 11th.
- ✓ 3 optional ultimate match play events (different formats for each) during the 3 playoff weeks for teams not in playoffs.
- ✓ League will once again be 70 teams (5 flights of 14 teams) comprised of 2 or 3 people.
- ✓ Please refer to additional TNL document for more details.

Ptriple Play

- ✓ Ptriple Play is a new event and is inspired by Tiger & Rory's new TGL Indoor Golf League which features 3-man teams.
- ✓ Ptriple Play will have 3-man teams playing 3 formats over 18 holes.
 - **Hole # 1-6: Best Ball** – One player rotates to sit out each hole, count best one score between other two players. Player one sits out on 1&4; Player two sits out on 2&5; Player three sits out on 3&6.
 - **Hole # 7-12: Alternate Shot** – Establish order between 3 players on 1st hole played and maintain exact order throughout, keeping order going between putts holed out and next tee shot.
 - **Hole # 13-18: Scramble** – Regular 3-man scramble. What a fun way to play Ptarmageddon and play some risk/reward shots!!!
- ✓ Play as 6-somes for some great comradery and possible side action between your groups. Limiting Best Ball format to 4 players per hole will keep pace of play good for those 6 holes, and Alternate Shot and Scramble also lends itself to good pace of play.

Ptrap Shoot

- 7 players qualified for the 2024 Ptrap Shoot through the lottery, and we endeavored to increase availability for the next event. The 2025 qualification guidelines released prior to the 2024 season were as follows:
 - Auto-exemptions: 11 years PMGA member + 6 qualifying 2024 events; 16 years PMGA member + 5 qualifying 2024 events; 21 years PMGA member + 4 qualifying 2024 events. The reigning 2024 Ptrap Shoot champion will also be exempt into the 2025 Ptrap Shoot.
 - Lottery: a multiplier will be in effect for entrants who have applied and not gotten into the Ptrap Shoot for the last 2 or 3 years:
 - Applied but not selected for 2024 and 2023 Ptrap Shoot: 2x multiplier on calculated # of lottery balls for 2025 Ptrap Shoot. Example: a 3-year member that played in 9 qualifying PMGA events in 2024 receives 21 balls/numbers $\times 2 = 42$ balls that go into the 2025 Ptrap Shoot lottery.
 - Applied but not selected for 2024, 2023, and 2022 Ptrap Shoot: 3x multiplier on calculated # of lottery balls for 2025 Ptrap Shoot. *Example: a 3-year member that played in 9 qualifying PMGA events in 2024 receives 21 balls/numbers $\times 3 = 63$ balls that go into the 2025 Ptrap Shoot lottery.*
- Thursday will remain a split field format with a morning and afternoon wave. Friday's format will change back to a full field format, in an effort to have all players finish their rounds by 4 pm and have time to get ready for the evening party.

Individual & Team Season Long Match Play

- ✓ 2024 matches didn't finish until November this year and we need to do a better job at managing deadlines. We also wish for winning players to have their points factored into Player of the Year rankings in time for our Awards Banquet on October 2nd, 2025.
- ✓ **Individual Match Play** will begin earlier this year, with Round 1 matches beginning April 1 and concluding by May 15. Round 2 matches will conclude by June 15. Round 3 matches will conclude by July 10. Round 4 matches will conclude by July 31. Round 5 matches will conclude by August 21. Round 6 matches to conclude by September 10. Round 7 final match will conclude by September 30. Matches not concluded by deadline date will have winners determined with a coin flip by PMGA Board and/or Golf Shop.
- ✓ **Team Match Play** will begin earlier this year, with Round 1 matches beginning April 1 and concluding by May 15. Round 2 matches will conclude by June 15. Round 3 matches will conclude by July 15. Round 4 matches will conclude by August 15. Round 5 matches to concluded by September 10. Round 6 final match will conclude by September 30. Matches not concluded by deadline date will have winners determined with a coin flip by PMGA Board and/or Golf Shop.

Scoring for Match Play

All individual and team Match Play will be scored on regular hard Ptarmigan Score Cards this year. Please ask the staff to make you one before you tee off. There will be a Match Play Scorecard Drop Box for you to drop off in the hallway. A Format Sheet will be accompanied with each scorecard that explains all the Match Play intricacies. **PLAYERS MUST POST THEIR OWN SCORE AS A "C" SCORE.**

Tees

All PMGA tournaments will be from the Blue Tees unless specified otherwise. See below for White Tee options:

White Tee Option - Any player can choose to play from the White Tees if they post at least 12 scores from the White Tees. A player's LHI will be used if they choose to play from the White Tees and they do not have at least 12 scores in their scoring history from the current and previous posting seasons.

If you sign up for a Team Event (*Team Match Play, Thursday Night League (TNL), Ptrifecta, Pfourman, Ptrap Shoot, Member-Member*) ALL partners must play from the same Tee.

Hole handicap allocations changed in 2024, make sure you are only using current scorecards.

Player Responsibilities

Player Handicap

All PMGA members are to maintain an accurate and honest handicap. **Players must post all scores the day of play.** Players are expected to understand how to properly adjust and post scores and are highly encouraged to adopt the hole-by-hole score entry. If you are unsure of how to adjust or post your score, please ask the pro shop or visit www.usga.org. "I didn't know" is not an excuse for handicap violations. All PMGA event scores that use Golf Genius for scoring will be posted by the Pro Shop staff after the event.

For 2-man team events there will be a max differential of 10 strokes between partners.

An important component of the USGA Handicap System is peer review, which provides the ability to review other member's scoring records. It is incumbent upon all club members to participate in peer review.

We do have a Handicap Committee to monitor and review handicaps for PMGA tournaments. Cary Sanders, and Doug Johnson, and Mitch Benshoof are serving on the 2025 committee (please be nice to them). The PMGA

Board works with the committee on handicap issues.

Respect of the Golf Course: All players are expected to repair ball marks, rake bunkers, and fill in divots with sand and seed mix. Leave each hole as you would like to find it when playing. Also, please lay the flagstick down so as to not damage the green. Keep all four tires **ON THE CART PATH** around tees and greens. Never have I heard someone say “I wish this course had more divots or the greens had more ball marks”.

Pace of Play: Pace of play starts by being on time and ready at the tee box when scheduled. Players are responsible for keeping up with the group in front of them. Looking behind you to see if you are on pace is backwards, *look forward*. Always play ready golf. During team tournaments, balls that will not count for team score should be picked up, and "most likely" score should be recorded.

Rules: Rule and Format Sheets will be available before every tournament. Please take the time to read and understand them. See the Pro Shop if you have any questions. Players are responsible for understanding the rules.

- No gimmies! In any stroke play events, any score going on the scorecard **MUST** go in the hole. Match Play rules can and do differ.
- Please turn in legible and accurate scorecards.
- All tournament scores and TNL scores will be posted by the Pro Shop.

Remember: *We are here to have fun* and play quickly with new and old friends. Let's congratulate a player that shoots a career round.

2025 PTRAP SHOOT

The PMGA Board and Golf Shop would like to remind you of some pertinent information that was previously published for our 2025 Ptrap Shoot Member-Guest tournament.

Exemptions: (Exemptions are based on PMGA dues paying years at the club with an annualization date of July 1st)

- 11+ year member plus 6 qualifying 2024 events
- 16+ year member plus 5 qualifying 2024 events
- 21+ year member plus 4 qualifying 2024 events
- Current PMGA Board Member
- PMGA Board Presidents within the last 10 years
- Platinum Sponsor
- 2024 Ptrap Shoot Champion

The exemptions status levels are in place to allow for current and new participants to have an opportunity join in the field. The exemptions reward members for years of consistency with participation required in our great Calendar of Events.

A lottery system will be used to fill the remaining spots reaching a field of 72 teams. Each nonexempt member will receive numbers based on 1 for each year of membership and 2 for each 2024 PMGA Qualifying Event. For example, a member with 3 years of membership that played in 9 events would receive 21 numbers/balls for the lottery. A 2x or 3x multiplier on lottery balls will be in effect for entrants who have applied and not gotten into the Ptrap Shoot for the last 2 or 3 years.

2024 PMGA Qualifying Events: Mulligan Madness, IceBreaker, Individual Match Play, Team Match Play, Ptrifecta, Pfourman, Silo Stroke Play, Jeffe's Hot Ball, Club Championship, Member-Member, Pfour Tee and FLOG.

The Ptrap Shoot is a coveted event, and we are striving to make the participation process the fairest possible. If there are questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to the PMGA Board Members.

**** 2026 guidelines will be sent out after the 2025 Lottery ****

PMGA Point System

The PMGA point system is used to determine both the Player of the Year and the PMGA Interclub Team (Ptarmigan CC vs Rolling Hills Club).

Golf Genius will track all PMGA points, and you can check the status in the app in addition to the PMGA website. Points are awarded in two categories: participation points and performance points.

Winners will be determined for every event. In the case of ties, Golf Genius will use the USGA recommended procedure. (final 18, final 9, final 6, final 3, final hole). For all ties other than first, points are awarded by adding total points for the tied places divided by number of tied players. Major events use a playoff for 1st place. Team and individual match play points are also awarded based on matches won.

PMGA Hole-in-One Program

The PMGA Hole-In-One (HIO) Program exists to help celebrate a hole-in-one by our PMGA members and help defray the typical bar costs. We want people to be recognized and enjoy this rare accomplishment with their friends and others in the PMGA membership. Program guidelines as follows:

All PGMA members are part of the program, and non-members are not eligible. Every time there is a HIO, each PMGA member is charged \$4 to their member account.

The PMGA member who qualifies for HIO will receive up to \$700 bar tab and the remainder of funds in pro shop credit (typically around \$500 pro shop credit if we have 300 PMGA members). Players also receive a special HIO plaque at the year-end banquet. This program has been revised in 2025 to avoid any potential tax implications from money paid out from the PMGA / Ptarmigan Country Club.

The PMGA member who gets a HIO is responsible for contacting the Golf Shop, and they (along with PMGA board) will confirm eligibility. PMGA membership will be notified immediately after confirmation of each HIO. A person may win more than one time each year, subject to the rules within.

This program only applies to play at Ptarmigan Country Club. To qualify, a HIO must occur during the official score posting season as defined by the

Colorado Golf Association, which is typically from mid-March to mid-November.

At least one witness, plus himself are required for the HIO to be eligible. The player must also complete a minimum of a 9-hole round to constitute a legal HIO and qualify for this program.

The Ptarmigan Men's Golf Association is solely responsible for the bookkeeping, administration, and payouts of this program. This is not a Ptarmigan Country Club program and only PMGA members in good standing are eligible. The PMGA Board may determine at any time to discontinue the program if deemed in the best interests of the membership.

Ptarmigan Course Handicap (PCH)

The Ptarmigan Course Handicap (PCH) is a GHIN based calculation based on your recent scores at Ptarmigan. Your PCH index is the lower of your GHIN, BTI/WTI, CSI or HI handicap index. A player's LHI value will be used when there are not at least 12 scores posted to GHIN at Ptarmigan (i.e., new members). Your PCH index may be retrieved within the PCH application (See below for more information). You may also view other PMGA member indexes within the PCH Application

GHIN - your handicap index as provided by the USGA represents your demonstrated golfing ability. It is the average of your 8 lowest scores out of the most recent 20 scores posted.

LHI - your lowest GHIN index in the last 12-month period.

BTI/WTI - your home handicap index based on your last 20 scores at Ptarmigan from either the Blue or White Tees (Blue Tee Index or White Tee Index) using the average of the lowest 8 scores.

CSI - your Competitive Score Index based on the average of your lowest 8 tournament scores from the current (beginning in March 2025) and previous (2024) posting seasons at Ptarmigan. If you have less than 8 tournament scores, in this time frame, CSI is not used. ****Note that all scores from any Match play event should be posted as a C-Score.**

HI - your home handicap index is based on your last 20 scores at Ptarmigan from all men's supported tees (Black, Gold, Blue, Blue/White) Same calculation applies using the average of the lowest 8 scores.

White Tee Option - Any player can choose to play from the White Tees if they post at least 12 scores from the White Tees. A player's LHI will be used if they choose to play from the White Tees and they do not have at least 12 scores in their scoring history from the current and previous posting seasons.

Blue/White Tee Option - This is currently not a supported option for PMGA events but will part of the new 2025 Home Index calculation in the PCH app. The PCH index will be used for all PMGA events, including the Card Draw.

Your PCH index is readily available for mobile devices using the free PCH App. You can search for "Ptarmigan Course Handicap" or use these QR codes to download the App from the applicable platform.



iOS App Store



Google Play

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