

# The NorthEast Seniors Golf Association

## NESGA

### General Information

The Northeast Seniors Golf Association's mission is to provide its member golfers with a series of golf tournaments each year at a variety of local golf courses wherein the members may compete for prize points in friendly competitions. Tournament formats may vary for each tournament, for example: individual handicap play, team scramble, team best ball, or match play. Tournament pairing partners may be requested on the registration form, or the tournament director will pair the players by playing ability, if possible. Players are categorized by playing handicap and gender into competitive flights for each tournament. Tournament results are distributed to all the players as quickly as possible after completion of each tournament.

NESGA has been in existence for more than two decades. The Association is open to men and women aged 50 and over. The Association has a current membership of approximately 140 active members and new members are always welcome. Association tournaments generally field between 50 and 80 members and guest competitors.

Association tournaments are usually scheduled on a weekday and occur every two or three weeks from February through November. The tournament season may include as many as 15 tournaments at a variety of golf courses in New Mexico, all within a couple of hours drive from Albuquerque. NESGA tournaments are conducted according to USGA Rules of Golf, NESGA Local Rules of Golf, and the World Handicap System.

The tournament entry fee includes the green fee charged by the golf course (negotiated by the Association) and a tournament points fee (currently \$15), which is designated by the Association for prize distribution. The tournament entry fee is usually between \$55 and \$85 per tournament.

Member competitors whose score (either gross or net) results in the top positions of the leaderboard for his/her flight will earn points. The flights for each tournament are based on the member competitor's individual USGA calculated playing handicap for that course and tee box. Points may also be earned for closest-to-the-pin, any other tournament contests, and for participating in the tournament. Points accumulated during the season are distributed at the end of the season.

The Association has a voluntary executive group of officers -- the Board of Governors -- which is elected by majority vote at the annual membership meeting once each year. The Board consists of the Association president, vice-president, treasurer, secretary and handicap director, and the immediate past president, all of whom share duties and responsibilities for the operation of the Association. The Association is established as a non-profit corporation in New Mexico and has documented bylaws that define NESGA's operations.

Annual dues are currently \$25.00, members who join after July 31<sup>st</sup> pay dues of \$15.00 for the remainder of the tournament season. Dues are nonrefundable.

A member is required to maintain an active USGA Golf Handicap Index (GHIN) either through NESGA or at another golf club or association. The annual renewal fee for a GHIN through NESGA is currently \$30.00, due in January of each year. The payment for GHIN is forwarded to Sun Country Golf House (USGA).

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