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**RUTGERS UNIVERSITY GOLF COURSE**

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Fellow members:

Welcome to the 2024 season of the Rutgers Golf Association. The Rutgers Golf Association is a non-profit organization and returns income to its members in the form of awards, prizes, refreshments and services.

We are a volunteer organization and depend upon our members to donate their time and energy to assist the Officers and Executive Committee in the day-to-day activities of the association. Help is always needed and appreciated. Any help you can provide will be greatly appreciated.

As always, please read this brochure carefully because it provides you with all the formats, schedule information, tournament rules and RGA local rules that you need to compete successfully. Please note that all of our rules are strictly enforced and applied to all with complete fairness and, there shall be no exceptions.

Play often; play well; make some new friends, and above all, have fun.

Lisa Jensen

Rutgers Golf Course *PGA Pro/Manager*

## **2024 RGA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

### ***Executive Officers:***

President/Membership	Glenn Felice
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### ***Committee Chairmen:***

Website/Member Information	Christian Mehalick
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## **2023 RUTGERS GOLF COURSE STAFF**

PGA Pro / Manager:	Lisa Jensen
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<b>2024 RGA Tournament Schedule</b>				
<b>Dates</b>	<b>Tournament</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>HCP</b>	<b>Food Voucher/ Specials Events</b>
13-Apr	Opening Day – 4-Man Scramble	S, Sat	None	Food Voucher Only
Apr18-21	Nassau	A	100%	
Apr 25-28	Point Tournament	A	100%	
May 2-5	Member-Member Aggregate	A	100%	
May 9-12	36 Hole Individual Better Ball	A, RD 1	100%	
May 16-19	36 Hole Individual Better Ball	A, RD 2	100%	
May 23-27	2-Man Best Ball	A	90%	
May 30-Jun 2	Sweepstakes	A	100%	
Jun 6-9	<b>President/VP Cup Round 1</b>	<b>A</b>	100%	
	Pro-Partner	A	90%	
Jun 13-16	<b>President/VP Cup Round 2</b>	<b>A</b>	100%	**Food Voucher only if entered in Specials Events.
	Individual Match Play vs Par	A	100%	
Jun 20-23	Nassau	A	100%	
29-Jun	<b>President/VP Cup Finals</b>	<b>Q, T, Sat</b>	100%	
Jun 27-30	Point Tournament	A	100%	
Jul 4-7	2-Man Best Ball	A	90%	
Jul 11-14	<b>Cristauro Classic (Qualifying)</b>	<b>A, C</b>	90%	**Food Voucher only if entered in Specials Events.
	Sweepstakes*	A	100%	
Jul 18-21	<b>Cristauro Classic (Qualifying)</b>	<b>A, C</b>	90%	
	Individual Match Play vs. Par *	A	100%	
27-Jul	<b>Cristauro Classic 1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>	<b>Q, T Sat</b>	90%	
28-Jul	<b>Cristauro Classic – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	<b>Q, T Sun</b>	90%	
Jul 25-28	Nassau	A	100%	
3-Aug	<b>Cristauro Classic Semis</b>	<b>Q, T Sat</b>	90%	
4-Aug	<b>Cristauro Classic Final</b>	<b>Q, T Sun</b>	90%	
Aug 1-4	Chicago (New Tournament)	A	100%	
Aug 8-11	<b>Senior/Super Senior Event</b>	<b>A, T</b>	100%	** Food Voucher only if entered in Specials Events.
	Point Tournament	A	100%	
Aug 15-18	Pro-Partner	A	90%	
Aug 22-25	Member-Member Aggregate	A	100%	
Aug 29-Sept 1	<b>Club Champ (Qualifying)</b>	<b>A, C</b>	None	
	Individual Match Play vs Par*	A	100%	
Sept 5 - 8	<b>Club Champ (Qualifying)</b>	<b>A, C</b>	None	**Food Voucher only if entered in Specials Events.
	Sweepstakes*	A	100%	
14-Sep	<b>Club Champ- 1<sup>st</sup> Round</b>	<b>Q, T Sat</b>	None	
15-Sep	<b>Club Champ – 2<sup>nd</sup> Round</b>	<b>Q, T Sun</b>	None	
Sept 12 - 15	Point Tournament	A	100%	
21-Sep	<b>Club Champ Semis</b>	<b>Q, T Sat</b>	None	
22-Sep	<b>Club Champ Final</b>	<b>Q, T Sun</b>	None	
Sept 19 - 22	Nassau	A	100%	
Sep 26 - 29	36 Hole Individual Better Ball	A, RD 1	100%	
Oct 3 -6	36 Hole Individual Better Ball	A, RD 2	100%	
Oct 10 - 13	Ryder Cup (2-man event)	A	TBD	
19-Oct	<b>Tom Walsh Tournament of Champions</b>	<b>Q, T, Sat</b>	100%	
Oct 17-20	Sweepstakes	A	100%	
26-Oct	Closing Day 4-Man Best Ball	Sat	100%	Food Voucher Only
A = Starting times available through player tee time system				
S = Shotgun start.				
Q = Field is cut to low qualifiers with starting times assigned for those who make the cut. (See Tournament Rule #13.)				
T = Major tournaments				
C = May only play on one date, your choice.				
* Members may play in both tournaments where marked Scheduled dates are subject to change during the season. Please check the bulletin board at golf course or the RGA website for notice of changes.				
** Food Voucher only given out on Saturday and Sunday				

## Tournament Rules

1. Tournament play eligibility requires that a Member must have their scorecard attested by another RGA Member.

In all 2-Man Team events, the Team must have their scorecard attested by a third RGA Member in the group. To give all members an opportunity to compete in 2-Man Team events, any player without a partner will be paired together in a blind draw done by the RGA computer. Players must sign up on the RGA computer if they need a partner.

NOTE: The player without a partner must play with another RGA member to have the score attested.

2. Each stroke from the teeing ground to putting the ball into the hole, plus any penalty strokes shall be recorded on your score card. There are no "gimmies", all putts must be sunk into the hole. Failure to putt out shall result in disqualification.

*Exception:* Holes may be conceded in match play tournaments.

3. **Each Player must have first name, last name, and date marked legibly on the scorecard.** Scorecards that are not legibly marked with player names and date shall be disqualified. The Player or Team Captain must enter the team into the scoring computer PRIOR TO THE START OF PLAY. The posting of name(s) after the start of play shall result in disqualification. After the round, the Player shall check the scorecard for correctness and have it attested by all RGA Members in the group. The score shall then be posted, hole by hole, in the scoring computer. The signed scorecard shall be deposited in the RGA Tournament Scorecard box. In case of a discrepancy between the scorecard and the computer, the score on the scorecard shall prevail.
4. Assigned Times: The major tournaments listed below will have assigned tee off times for qualifiers. (Please consult the Pro Shop for starting time assignment).
  - a. President/Vice-President Club Finals
  - b. Club Championship Matches
  - c. Cristauro Classic Matches
  - d. Tournament of Champions

Members should check their calendars regarding tournament dates before signing up for a tournament. Failure to appear at the assigned time and date shall disqualify the member from the tournament and forfeit all prize money for that tournament. Important, please see Rule #13 for the Cancellation and No Show Policy.

5. Club Championship: A member must be credited with the successful completion of three (3) RGA tournament scores in order to be eligible to compete in the Club Championship Tournament.
6. No member may compete in two tournaments on the same weekend, except:
  - a. A member may participate in Beat-the-Pros and Pro Appreciation tournaments along with another tournament during the same weekend.
  - b. Players who miss the cut or are eliminated in multiple round tournaments (i.e., President's & Vice President's Cup or Club Championship) may play in other events beginning with the weekend following their elimination.
  - c. For qualifying tournaments a player may only play one round. The player decides which date to play the round. The player may not play another tournament during the selected weekend. The player may play another tournament during the weekend the player is NOT qualifying.
7. New members are encouraged to establish a handicap at Rutgers Golf Course as soon as possible. In order to establish a handicap, a new member must: (a) Play 5 rounds, at any course, and turn in the attested score cards to the RUGC Pro Shop, or (b) submit an official USGA GHIN or NGA system handicap card. A new member without a handicap may participate at scratch until a handicap is established.
8. Handicapping:
  - a. All scores (both home and away) shall be posted. The Handicap Committee shall monitor cards and posted scores randomly. Irregularities in posting will be brought to the attention of the PLAYER by a member of the Handicap Committee. Persistent irregularities will result in a penalty being assessed to the player's handicap.

- b. Only EQUITABLE STROKE CONTROL adjusted scores are to be entered into the pro shop kiosk. RGA tournament scores are automatically adjusted for ESC and entered to your handicap record. The rules for ESC adjustment of score are posted on the bulletin board. Scores for match play events must also be posted.
9. All tournaments will be played using the most recent handicap.
10. Ties: In any qualifying tournament, if a tie score ensues for the last qualifying position, that position shall be awarded to the player whose score is lowest determined by a match of cards. In match play tournaments: Club Championship and Cristauro, the match will continue on subsequent holes beginning with hole 1 until the match is decided (sudden death). In medal play majors: Presidents and Vice Presidents Cups, and the Tournament of Champions the club house leader must remain at the course until the last player of the tournament finishes. If two or more players are tied at the end of the tournament, those players will proceed to hole 1 and play until an overall winner is determined (sudden death). If the club house leader fails to remain until the end of the tournament, and there is a tie, the player will forfeit the win. The Senior and Super-Senior tournaments will be decided by a match a cards, if there are any ties.

The match of cards tie-breaking procedure:

- a. Aggregate score for last nine holes
  - b. Aggregate score for last six holes
  - c. Aggregate score for last three holes
  - d. Score on 18<sup>th</sup> hole
  - e. Coin toss
11. For all major tournaments with assigned starting times; (see Rule #4), players must show up at the course, ready to play, regardless of weather conditions. Decisions on whether to play, delay, postpone or cancel any tournament shall rest with the Tournament Chairman and his Committee after consultation with the Pro Shop. For non-major tournaments, in which play is conducted over two or more successive days; the decision to cancel any tournament rounds will be based upon whether the golf course has been declared "closed" by the Golf Professional. All completed scores must be posted as well as any score completed through the 12 hole in accordance with USGA standards.
12. Only the Tournament Chairman or his designated Assistant is authorized to rule on any controversy relating to the Tournament format or policy. Only the Rutgers Golf Professionals shall rule on any controversy relating to the Rules of Golf. Appeals must be made, in writing, to the RGA President no later than one week following the incident. Any other complaints, concerns or problems of a general nature shall be presented to the Issues Committee. A list of members who have volunteered to serve on the Issues Committee shall be posted in the Pro Shop.
13. For all major tournaments and those tournaments with assigned starting times, a sign-up sheet will be posted in the Pro Shop prior to the tournament date and will designate the closing date for requesting times. Only the Tournament Chairman or his designated Assistant is authorized to fill any vacancies in the seeding for a major tournament or for assigned starting times (using only eligible RGA members). IMPORTANT! Please check the scheduled dates for all events. Do not sign up for an event with multiple rounds unless you are sure that you can compete in all of the scheduled rounds.
14. CANCELLATION and NO-SHOW POLICY: For all assigned starting time events, members will be penalized for failure to appear at the assigned tee off time, unless proper notice is given to the Pro Shop so that alternate pairings can be arranged. Please notify us at least one week in advance - except for an emergency.
  - a. For specific tournaments listed on the RGA schedule where advance sign-up is required, the member shall forfeit all prize amounts for that tournament if they fail to appear at their assigned time.
  - b. For all major tournaments where starting times are assigned to the low qualifiers, players who qualify, but fail to appear for their assigned time will not be able to play in any other major tournament.
  - c. Players who fail to appear for their assigned time will forfeit all winnings for that tournament.

## RGA Local Rules

All Tournaments shall be played using the championship (scarlet) tees at Rutgers Golf Course. Players 65 years of age or older at the beginning of the season may play from the black tees. Players 75 years of age or older may play from the white tees. If a player chooses to play from the black or white tees, the player should notify the pro shop. That player must play from the black or white tees for the entire season.

The USGA Rules of Golf will govern all tournaments except:

- 1. PLAY THE BALL AS IT LIES:** "Winter Rules" (Preferred Lies) apply to all RGA Tournaments unless course conditions dictate otherwise. The Pro Shop shall decide when "Summer Rules" shall be in effect and shall post a notice stating "Summer rules and now in effect". Check the bulletin board and at the Starter's shack. Only when "Winter Rules" apply, you may improve your lie only within your own fairway up to the front of the putting green. Mark the position of your ball with any suitable marker, then you may lift, clean and place (or you may roll the ball with a club) within a 12" radius, no closer to the hole. The penalty for an infraction of the rule is one stroke (match and medal play). Please repair your divots at all times.
- 2. OUT OF BOUNDS:** Consult Pro-Shop and check the bulletin board for special OB rules during construction projects. Holes 1, 2 and 3 - left side as marked, or as defined on the scorecard; holes 4, 5, and 6 - white stakes on left side of hole, holes 9, 10 and 12 - white stakes on right side of hole; blacktop surrounding the club house define out of bounds. Note: Hole 9 is Internal Out of Bounds. Thus, if the ball is in bounds but the stake interferes with your swing or stance, a free drop is permitted under the immovable obstruction rule. Balls coming to rest on the out of bounds side of the stake are deemed out of bounds and must be played in accordance with the out of bounds rule. The Free Drop rule applies to all street light poles, guardrails, sidewalks, paths or immovable obstructions.
- 3. FREE DROP AREAS:** All service roads, cinder, gravel and black top paths. Use the designated drop areas where so marked on the course.
- 4. PENALTY AREAS (no longer called WATER HAZARDS):** Unless otherwise marked (red or yellow stakes or lines), only if the ball lies in the water, shall it be deemed in the penalty areas. One stroke penalty is assessed for match or medal play.

Hole 15, brook on left side of fairway is a lateral penalty area.

Hole 17, any ball in the water penalty area behind the green, use the drop area.

Hole 10, any ball in brook behind green on the left, use drop area.

- 5. PUTTING GREENS: All Players Must Putt Out.** Players may repair spike marks on the line of their putt. NOTE: Rutgers Golf Course requires "spike-less" or "soft-spike" golf shoes.
- 6. TRAPS AND BUNKERS:**
  - In a Bunker, if a player finds his ball in a footprint or divot hole, he may lift his ball, smooth the footprint or divot, and drop the ball from knee height. The ball must be dropped as near as possible to its original location.
  - If a player finds his ball upon an exposed bunker liner, or determines an exposed bunker liner would interfere with his shot, the player must notify his opponent and without penalty, lift his ball and move to the nearest point of relief, within the bunker, no closer to the hole. The ball must be dropped from knee height.
  - If while taking a shot within a bunker the bunker liner interferes with the shot, the player must notify his opponent, cancel the stroke, drop the ball from knee height to the nearest point of relief within the bunker, no closer to the hole, and replay the shot.

PLEASE RAKE THE SAND TRAPS AFTER YOU HAVE PLAYED YOUR SHOT.

- 7. BALL LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS:** The RGA has a local rule that supersedes USGA Rule 27 -1 (Ball lost or out of bounds). The intent of the local rule is to speed up play on the course. If a ball may be lost outside of a water hazard (penalty area), or may be out of bounds, the player may hit a provisional ball under USGA Rule 27 -2. However, once the player goes forward to search for the original ball, the player may no longer return to the spot from which the last shot was played if the ball is actually lost or out of bounds. Under the local rule, the player must drop a ball at the nearest edge of the fairway that is no closer to the hole than the spot where the ball last crossed the boundary line, or was last observed in flight by the player and his fellow competitors. If a ball goes out of bounds and no fairway exists, the player must drop the ball within 2 club lengths of where the ball crossed the boundary. The local rule imposes a penalty of two strokes instead of the stroke and distance penalty of USGA Rule 27-1. Penalty for infraction of this RGA local rule is two strokes (medal play) or loss of hole (match play).

8. **PACE OF PLAY POLICY:** The RGA supports the Rutgers Golf Course Staff in its authority to enforce the Pace of Play Policy. All RGA players are obliged to follow the instructions of course rangers during their rounds. Simply stated, the Pace of Play Policy is, "Every group is required to keep UP with the preceding group." Rutgers Golf Course Pace-of-Play Policy Enforcement is as follows:

- a. Group will be given a cautionary notification by Course Ranger if they are out of position.
- b. Group will again be notified that they are still out of position and if they cannot pick up their pace – the group will be moved into position by the Course Ranger.
- c. Group will be moved by the Course Ranger into their proper position on the course.

*Note:* When a group is moved during tournament play: In match play the skipped hole will be counted as a push. In medal play the player's score for the skipped hole will be the maximum strokes allowed under the Equitable Stroke Control system.

Repeated infraction of the Pace of Play Policy is subject to action by the RGA Executive Committee.

9. **CODE OF CONDUCT and DRESS CODE:** The RGA supports the Rutgers Golf Course Staff in its authority to enforce Code of Conduct and Dress Code policies. RGA members shall comply with all policies of the Rutgers University Golf Course as posted in the Pro-Shop. Players failing to comply with these policies may be subject to removal from the course. Abusive behavior by an RGA member whether shown toward a member of the Rutgers Golf Course Staff, another member or any other person, is unacceptable and shall be subject to disciplinary action by the RGA Executive Committee up to and including the suspension of playing privileges or expulsion from the RGA.

10. **Ball accidentally moved on putting green.** As recommended by the USGA this local rule is adopted by the RGA. Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1 are modified as follows:

When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1.

This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

*Note:* If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

## **RGa TOURNAMENT FORMATS**

All tournaments are 18 holes unless otherwise noted. Handicap percent for each tournament is shown on the schedule.

**OPENING DAY - 4 MAN SCRAMBLE TOURNAMENT** (Shotgun start): The Tournament Committee shall establish all teams and flights at the time of sign-up for play on the tournament date. The teams shall be arranged in an equitable manner with a player from each flight if possible.

All players on the team tee off on each hole. The team then selects the "best drive" for the hole and indicates on the scorecard the player whose tee shot was selected. There is a limit to the number of times a player may have their tee shot selected as the "best drive" for the team (see below). All team members must then play their next shot from the point where the selected tee shot lies. On each subsequent shot, the team shall select the best ball location and all team members shall hit from that spot. Play continues until the hole is finished. The stroke count of the first ball to be holed is the team score; therefore, when on the green, do not tap in your ball, but allow the other team members a chance to drop their putts.

- a. Foursomes: Each player must have his tee shot selected at least four (4) times, but, not more than six (6) times during the round.
- b. Threesomes: Each player must have his tee shot selected at least five (5) times, but, not more than eight (8) times during the round. Also, a three man team will be permitted to play one extra ball for each shot or putt on the hole with players taking turns in rotation to play the extra ball.

**SWEEPSTAKES TOURNAMENT:** Individual medal (stroke) play with prizes awarded for low gross and low net scores.

**NASSAU TOURNAMENT:** Individual medal play with prizes awarded for the best low net scores on the front nine, the back nine and the total for eighteen holes.

**INDIVIDUAL MATCH PLAY vs. PAR:** Players compete in match play against an imaginary opponent who scores par on each hole. Players with the most holes "up" on PAR after 18 holes are the winners.

**TWO-MAN BETTER BALL:** Each player plays his own ball. The net score of the better ball of the two partners is the team score for each hole.

*NOTE:* Players without partners can be teamed up as long as they have another RGA Member, who they are playing with, to attest their scores.

**POINT TOURNAMENT:** Points are awarded for net score on each hole: Double eagle = 8, Eagle = 4, Birdie = 2, Par = 0, Bogie = -1, Double Bogie or higher = -3.

**FOUR-MAN BEST BALL (Cookouts and Closing Day):** Each player plays his own ball. The team score is the low net best ball of four. Players arrange their own teams. Teams may play in their regular lottery times or special assigned starting times for the Cookout dates. Teams with three players may play as a threesome, the team score is the low net best ball of three. No twosomes may play. The Closing Day event will be a shotgun start at the conclusion of the awards Breakfast. For the Closing Day Event players arrange their own foursomes, In the event a team consists of less than four players, the pro staff will attempt to pair up players to fill the foursomes.

**MEMBER-MEMBER AGGREGATE:** Each player plays his own ball. Prizes will be awarded for the best combined net scores of both partners.

**MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT:** Tournament is played using the Two Man Better Ball format. A donation is made to the scholarship fund for the Rutgers University Men's Golf Team in memory of deceased members of the RGA.

**BEAT-THE-PRO:** This is a special tournament run by the Pro Shop. Individual golfer will compete against the pro. The pro will play at scratch and the member will play at a percentage of handicap determined by the pro shop. Individuals that beat the pro will split the pot.

**PRESIDENT'S & VICE PRESIDENT'S CUP:** 54 holes Individual medal play with the field cut to the low 24 qualifiers after the first 36 holes. Qualifiers are placed according to their best ranking in the gross or net competition. The 12 players with best gross score ranking compete for the President's Cup. The 12 players with best net score ranking compete for the Vice President's Cup. Players with equal ranking in gross and net competition shall be placed in the gross flight. Players who fail to show for their assigned match will forfeit all prize money for this tournament.

**SENIORS TOURNAMENT:** Individual medal play for seniors in two age groups with prizes awarded for low gross and low net. The Senior Flight is ages 50 to 59; and, the Super Seniors Flight is age 60 and over.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:** Qualifying will be by flights determined by the tournament committee and will consist of 18 holes of individual medal play with no handicaps, The field will be cut to the low eight qualifiers in each flight. The qualifiers will compete in match play at assigned times on consecutive weeks. Players that fail to show for their assigned match, will forfeit all prize money for this tournament. The Tournament Committee will establish the flights. The current Club Champion (Championship Flight) will automatically qualify as the first seed in the Championship flight.

#### Notes

1. All rounds in the Championship Flight (including the qualifying round) will be played from the Red Tees.
2. To be eligible for the Championship Flight your handicap must be 11 or less. However, players with a handicap of more than 11 can declare their desire to play in the Championship Flight.
3. Players 65 and above who play the forward tees (Black and/or White) are eligible to play in the Championship Flight if they have a handicap of 11 or less. However, they will be required to play from the Red Tees.
4. Players 65 and above who have an 11 handicap or less will be qualifying for the A-Flight if they choose to use the forward tees to qualify.

**INDIVIDUAL PRO-PARTNER:** Players play their own ball. The net individual score or the Pro's score shall be used on each hole. The Pro's score will be posted prior to play.

**36 HOLE INDIVIDUAL BETTER BALL OF 2:** Individual medal play over two rounds with prizes awarded for the low gross and low net scores. The score recorded for each hole is the better ball of the two rounds. Only one 18 hole round may be played each weekend.

**CRISTAURO CLASSIC:** The two-man team will play a qualifying round (see the tournament schedule) and the field will be cut to the low 16 two-man teams. The two-man teams will then play in four-ball match play competition. Each team matches their better ball against the better ball of their opponents. Handicap strokes will be computed off the low handicap player. Players who fail to show for their assigned match, will forfeit all prize money for this tournament.

**PRO APPRECIATION TOURNAMENT:** A special tournament conducted by the Pro Shop staff. The format shall be announced by our Club Professional, Lisa Jensen. An additional entry fee will be collected.

### **CHICAGO (NEW)**

In a Chicago format players start the round with a negative number of points based on their handicap. Scratch golfers start at -39 with each handicap stroke over scratch adding one point to the starting figure (i.e. 5 handicapper would start with -34, 8 handicapper -31, etc.). Golfers then try to get out of the hole by adding points to their total. The point system works as follows:

- 0 points for Double Bogey or worse
- 1 point for Bogey
- 2 points for Par
- 4 points for Birdie
- 8 points for Eagle
- 16 points for Albatross

This fun format encourages players to take risks trying to score under par; especially considering a double bogey or worse is all worth zero points and doesn't bring down your score further. The player with the highest score (negative or not) wins.

**Tom Walsh Memorial TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS:** A medal play tournament for 12 seasonal qualifiers with prizes awarded for the low gross and low net scores. The winners of President's Cup, Vice President's Cup, Club Champions (each flight), Seniors (low gross and low net from both age brackets) and the winning Cristauro team will receive an automatic invitation. The field will be completed with members who have amassed the most tournament winnings.

**CLOSEST TO THE PIN & SKILL CONTESTS:** There will be special contests held periodically with an additional entry fee of \$5.00. 50% of the entry fees will be shared as prizes by the players who are closest to the pin on each of the par three holes. No player may win more than one hole; the prize will be awarded to the player whose ball is next closest to the pin in the case of a multiple hole winner. There will also be longest drive, straightest drive and additional skill contests as announced. Participation is optional.  
**HOLE-IN-ONE:** A trophy and prize will be awarded to any RGA member who scores a hole-in-one during an official RGA Tournament event. (Note: weekday rounds do not qualify).

**OTHER EVENTS AT RUTGERS GOLF COURSE:** Consult the Pro Shop for dates and additional information regarding these events.

### **Ryder Cup Event (New format) 2-Man event**

Front 9 will be an Combined Metal format and the back 9 will be 2-Man Better Ball format with a combined score for the front and back for 18 holes.

Combined metal will have the total of both front nine scores with handicaps added then divided by two.

In the 2-man better ball format, each player plays his own ball. The net score of the better ball of the two partners is the team score for each hole.

Scoring Example: Player A is a 12 handicap and player B is an 18 handicap. Their combined handicap for 18 holes is 30 – divided by 2 = 15 . The better ball format is standard

The USGA provides this example with numbers:

"On side A-B, Player A has a Course Handicap of 5 and Player B has a Course Handicap of 12. Side AB's combined Course Handicap is 17. Side A-B will receive 9 strokes (17 x 50% = 8.5, rounded to 9)."

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### 2023 Results and Prior Winners

#### PRESIDENT'S CUP

**Winner** – Rich Reynoso

2022	Horacio Ogtong	2018	Jeremy Ito
2021	Roy Choi	2017	Roy Choi
2020	Roy Choi	2016	Brian Mulcahy
2019	Brian Mulcahy	2015	Brian Mulcahy

#### VICE PRESIDENT'S CUP

**Winner** – Rich Donofrio

2022	John Romanak	2018	John Romanak
2021	Drew Reynolds	2017	Rich Donofrio
2020	Mark Chaird	2016	Dan Petro
2019	Al Fritz	2015	Harry Kawoczka

#### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP

**Champion Flight Winner** – Roy Choi

A Flight – Anthony Rondinelli

B Flight – Thomas Semkow

C Flight – N/A

2022	Roy Choi	2018	Brian Mulcahy
2021	Roy Choi	2017	Roy Choi
2020	Brian Mulcahy	2016	Vincent Cabunag
2019	Glenn Fellice	2015	Brian Mulcahy

#### SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (50-59)

**Winner** – Matt Mehalick

Net – Perry Lattiboudere

2022	Matt Mehalick	2018	Robert Donofrio
2021	Roy Choi	2017	Mike Sikanowicz
2020	Roy Choi	2016	Steve Macellera
2019	Tony Cassano	2015	Robert Donofrio

#### SUPER SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (60+)

**Winner** – John Romanack

Net – Tom Daly

2022	Robert Donofrio	2018	Les Rosenthal
2021	Robert Donofrio	2017	John Romanak
2020	John Romanak	2016	Raymond Liotta
2019	Raymond Liotta	2015	Wayne Murray

### CRISTAURO CLASSIC

Winners – Roy Choi & Mukunda Narasimhachar

2022	David Hoffman & Charles Currao	2018	Art Mandel & Joseph Donofrio
2021	Kevin Park & Jon Lo	2017	George Aliemo & Ed Deguzman
2020	Andrew Blejwas & Bob Donofrio	2016	Bill Hanily & Les Rosenthal
2019	Kevin Park & Jon Lo	2015	Fred Dixon & Andrew Markey

### TOM WALSH TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

Winner – Roy Choi

Net – Don Manning

2022	Robert Donofrio	2018	Jeremy Ito
2021	Ray Liotta	2017	Brian Mulcahy
2020	Jeff Parenti	2016	Roy Choi
2019	Kevin Park	2015	Murry Greenberg

*The rules of golf change significantly in 2019. Have you gotten up to speed?.*

1. Search time—Reduced from five minutes to three minutes.
2. Ball moved during search—Replace with no penalty.
3. Embedded ball—Free relief anywhere through the green.
4. Measuring a drop—Use longest club (except putter).
5. Dropping—Drop from knee height rather than from shoulder height.
6. Taking stance on the wrong green is no longer allowed.
7. Ball unintentionally hits player or equipment—No penalty.
8. Double hit—No penalty; now counts as only one shot.
9. Touching sand in bunker incidentally is permitted.
10. Loose impediments can be removed anywhere including hazards.
11. Dropping a ball outside of a bunker—two penalty strokes.
12. Water hazards—Now called “Penalty Areas.”

13. Touching ground in penalty area—No penalty.
14. Ball moves on green after being marked—Replace without penalty.
15. Ball accidentally moved on putting green—Replace without penalty.
16. All damage to green can now be repaired.
17. Positioning a club for alignment is not permitted.
18. Caddie assisting with alignment is now not permitted.
19. Putting with flag stick in the hole is now permitted.
20. Ball wedged against the flag stick and the side of the hole is deemed as holed.

*The changes were made to make the game easier to understand and play so everyone should benefit.*

*The website below is very helpful in explaining all the new rules.*

[http://www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/images/rules/rules-modernization/golf-new-rules/Explanation%20for%20Each%20Major%20Change%20in%20the%20New%20Rules%20of%20Golf%20for%202019%20\(1\).pdf](http://www.usga.org/content/dam/usga/images/rules/rules-modernization/golf-new-rules/Explanation%20for%20Each%20Major%20Change%20in%20the%20New%20Rules%20of%20Golf%20for%202019%20(1).pdf)

*Always play it right!*