**Recipe for Rule Sheet Creation**

**Basic Ingredients**

* **Identify the Tournament**
	+ If this a Major, use the complete proper name
	+ If this is a SNEWGA Sunday or an Invitational, possibly with a theme, identify as such
* **Provide General Information of interest to players**
	+ Location of bathrooms and portable toilets
	+ Location of drinking water
	+ Location of on-course pickup of box lunch and/or snacks if being provided
* **Provide Specific Tournament Information**
	+ Identify which tees will be used
	+ Inform players that **SNEWGA will POST all Scores** (when the format allows for posting)
	+ Identify if the ball will be played “down” (aka Summer rules) or “up” (aka Winter rules). Playing the ball down should always be used, especially in Majors, unless course conditions dictate otherwise. If you need to play the ball :”up”, define the Lift Clean & Place (LCP) policy that will be in effect, e.g., within a club length.
	+ Explain the tournament format, i.e. Stroke Play, 2-Person Best Ball, Modified Alternate Shot.
	+ Explain method for breaking ties. For Majors it is via playoff, for all other tournaments it is by matching cards. Document completely, e.g. Last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes, 18th hole.
	+ Remind players to sign and attest scorecards, and provide location where to turn in score cards.
* **Document any Local course rules – Check with your Pro to determine these**
	+ Out of Bounds locations
	+ Any locations where Free Relief is offered, e.g. maintenance roads, new plantings, yardage markers, stone walls, etc.
	+ Method of pin placement identification, i.e., color of flags, pin sheet, etc.
	+ Golf Cart rules; e.g. 90 degrees, drive in the rough, keep carts min. 30 feet from tees & greens
* **Identify Drop Areas**
	+ List any holes and the location of drop zones on each and how it’s designated, e.g., a white circle
* **Identify holes that contain Skill Contests (Longest Drive, Closest to Pin)**
	+ If you are separating contests by handicaps, be sure to list the handicap ranges
* **List any Post Round Activities**
	+ Where Awards Presentation, Raffle and Meal (if offered) will take place
	+ Pro Shop specials that might be offered, e.g. 20% off all women’s clothing

**20<YY> <Course Name> <Tournament Name>**

**GENERAL INFORMATION:**

* Drinking Water – Available on Holes # < >
* Bathrooms – Available in <Pro Shop / Restaurant / Snack Bar>
* Portable Toilets - Available between Holes # < > and < >
* < Box Lunch / Snacks / Lunch > will be <handed out at the turn / available in the banquet room after play>.

**TOURNAMENT RULES:**

* Play from the <Red> Tees.
* Exchange cards with < another member / the other team> in your foursome.
* Play the ball  **<down / up>.**  (<Summer / Winter> Rules)
* Format : < 2-Person Team, Best Ball with Gross/Net Prizes awarded - utilizing  **XX%** of handicap>
* <If you pick up because you are out of a hole, be sure to mark down your “most likely score”.

 See the back of this sheet for information as to how to determine this score. >

* If any doubt about a ruling, play two balls through the hole and check with Pro after play.
* Sign and attest official cards prior to submitting them <at/in location>
* Ties to be broken by: <Back 9 Gross total, then last 6 holes, last 3 holes, last hole.>

**LOCAL RULES:**

* Out of Bounds: <White stakes on left of Holes #3 and #4 >

 - <Stone wall and white stakes all along left side of Hole #9>

* Free relief from all paved roads, cart paths, maintenance roads, new plantings and yardage markers.
* Yardages are marked to the center of the green. Sprinkler heads are marked with yardages from their location points.
* Flag Colors: <Red> = Front, <White> = Middle, <Black> = Back
* Golf carts are to be kept on paths where provided or at least 30 feet from all tees and greens. Please use the 90 degree rule whenever possible.

**SKILL TESTS**:

* Closest to the Pin on <**Hole # >**
* Longest Drive on <**Hole # > (must be in the fairway)**

**POST- ROUND IN <location> :**

* <Deli Buffet lunch with cash bar, Cash Raffle and Awards Presentation>
* <20% off all Women’s clothing and accessories in the Pro Shop for all you shoppers! >

## Procedure to use to determine your Most Likely Score / Net Par

If you start playing a hole & pick up before completing it, you **MUST** record your **Most Likely Score**.

When you enter your **Most Likely** score, **it must be preceded** by an **X**, both on the score card AND in Golf Genius Mobile scoring app.

**Most Likely Score** is defined as; The number of strokes already taken to reach a position on a hole, **plus (+)** the number of strokes you would most likely require to complete the hole from that position, **plus (+)** any penalty strokes incurred during the playing of the hole.

**Most Likely Score** should be determined on any hole in accordance with the following guidelines from Rule 3.3 of the Rules of Handicapping:

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| **Position of Ball** | **Strokes to be Added** |
| If the ball lies on the putting green and is no more than 5 feet from the hole | Add one additional stroke |
| If the ball lies between 5 feet and 20 yards from the hole | Add 2 or 3 additional strokes depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability of the player |
| If the ball lies more than 20 yards from the hole | Add 3 or 4 additional strokes, depending on the position of the ball, the difficulty of the green and the ability ofthe player |

If you don't play a hole you, then you would record **Net Par** as your score. Net Par is defined as the par of the hole **plus (+)** any handicap strokes you receive on that hole. As an example, if the hole was a Par 5 and you had 1 handicap stroke on that hole, your Net Par score would be 6. You **MUST** record that score on your card AND in Golf Genius preceded by an **X** – so X6.

**The paper scorecard is your “official” scorecard and must be attested.** It will be verified against the mobile scores you entered.

## Online Scoring using the Golf Genius (GG) app

* Golf Genius provides the capability of utilizing online scoring, by using their mobile application.
* Please download the mobile app onto your phone. Search in your phone's app store for the free app by entering "Golf Genius".
* Your paper scorecard will show the Golf Genius ID (GGID) for your group. **One person** in each group **MUST** enter scores for the entire group by entering the GGID into the Golf Genius mobile app on their phone.
* Scores can be entered after every hole, after every couple of holes, or even after the round before you turn in your paper score card. Using the app to enter your scores will allow us to run leader boards quickly.
* If you pick up, you **must** record an “**Xn**” (an **X** and then replace the “**n**” with your **Most Likely** score for the hole) in the Golf Genius mobile app, AND you must write it (in the same order), on your paper scorecard. (Write as **Xn**, not nX).

# SNEWGA TOURNAMENT SCORECARD POLICY

All players are expected to complete the competition which they start. Acceptable reasons for withdrawal during a competition are physical injury, illness, or emergency. **Poor play is NOT an acceptable reason for withdrawal.**

A player who withdraws without an acceptable reason or without notifying the tournament coordinator or the course’s Pro Shop will be subject to suspension from future SNEWGA competitions. If a player is aware of a possibility of withdrawal (e.g. injury) before the day of the event, she should notify the tournament coordinator as soon as possible.

All players who start a round must return a scorecard personally to the Pro Shop even if they are officially withdrawing. Players who withdraw also must sign and attest that the hole-by-hole scores are correct for the fellow-competitor's scorecard they were keeping and return that card to the fellow-competitor or another marker in the group before leaving the course. Players who do not follow this policy will be subject to suspension from future SNEWGA competitions.

The scores posted for incomplete rounds due to withdrawal are to be calculated as described in Rule 3.2 of the Rules of Handicapping.