

CONDITIONS AND TERMS OF COMPETITION – 2024- 25

1. All the tournaments will be held at the Cosmo-TNGF Golf Course.
2. **A fee of Rs.550 for single round tournament and Rs. 700/- for two round tournaments, per golfer, in respect of Indian Members and Rs.1000.00 and Rs.1200.00 in respect of Foreign Members will be charged. In the case of members taking part only in one round in a two round tournament the fee applicable for two rounds will be charged.**
3. The Tournaments including the Open Tournaments are open to:
 - a) Members of TNGF.
 - b) Members of the Cosmopolitan Club paying golf subscription.
 - c) Members of the Cosmopolitan Golf Annexe paying golf subscription
 - d) Members of clubs affiliated to the Federation (Tournament fee to be paid in advance)
 - e) Dependent members of above categories paying golf subscription.
4. **Golfers with a valid Handicap Index can only take part in the tournaments. The latest handicap at the start of the tournament as per GHIN will be the applicable handicap for the tournament.**
5. Junior Members will be allowed to take part in the tournament only if their Handicap is Index 18.0 or less
6. For all individual handicap tournaments there will be Three divisions are as follows: -

Gold Division: For Golfers up to Course Handicap 12.
Silver Division: For Golfers with Course Handicap 13 - 18.
Bronze Division: For Golfers with Course Handicap 19 and above.

However maximum Course Handicap is restricted to 22 for Gents and 25 for Ladies.
7. **Fair Play**

A) The Score Cards should be scored by the Player & **should not be scored by the caddy.**

B) The player is responsible for any actions of the caddy

C)- Code of Conduct

The TNGF Code of Conduct (2023), in effect for all play at TNGF will also apply to all tournaments held under the aegis of TNGF – **Copy Enclosed. Members are advised to make themselves familiar with the Code of Conduct (2023).**
8. One Rolling Trophy for the ‘**Golfer of the Year**’ will be awarded. The eligibility for the award is based on all individual tournaments played in the tournament Calendar Year. The first 4 positions in each of the main tournaments will be considered and points in the order of 4,3,2,1 respectively will be awarded. The golfer who accumulates maximum points will be the “Golfer of the Year” **The tournament conducted concurrently with main tournaments will not be included for calculating points for award of Golfer of the Year.**
9. **Entries for the Tournaments can be done Online or by entering the name in the register kept at the TNGF office or can be given over phone to the TNGF Office on numbers 24359687 and 24357136 or can be sent by e-mail to tngolfchennai@gmail.com Golfers should specify their handicap, home club and the preferred session of play while giving entry. Entries **will close at 6 p.m.on Wednesday preceding the tournament and the draw will be put up on Thursday.** Entries received after the cut of date will be placed on waiting list and adjusted against cancellation, if any. In case the entries are more than 108, the tournament committee will consider holding the tournament in two sessions i.e., in the**

morning and afternoon the same day. When the tournament is held in two sessions, the Members playing in sessions other than the designated session will be given the prime slot and will have priority over others playing round. Therefore, slot booking for Saturday will be taken on Thursday whenever a tournament is scheduled for Saturday. If the entries are less than 108, then the tournament will be held at the designated session.

10. For tournament in which there is an open category, golfers will be drawn as per their course handicap on the first day, playing off Tee Nbr 10, with the lowest handicaps going first and the highest handicap going last, off tee number 1 on a reverse "U" method. On the second day, draws will be based on gross score of the first day. The lowest gross scores will tee off last off the 1st tee and the highest gross will tee off first off, the 10th tee. The draw will again be on the reverse U method. If there is a tie-on gross score, to determine order of play, the card that is turned in first on the previous day, will be on top of the draw. For all other tournaments, golfers can register as two balls i.e., with their preferred golfer to play in the tournament. The tournament committee will draw them along with another two golfers at random. The Tee off groups, Tee Box and Tee off time will be purely on random basis.
11. All Members are to use the following Tees for tournaments.
 - (a) Men - Blue
 - (b) Ladies - Red
 - (c) Senior Citizen
above 65 years. - - Blue / Red (Optional)
12. Golfers who are 65 years and above shall be considered for prizes in the senior category (except in the open tournaments) subject to a minimum of 5 entries.

Male Golfers who opt to play from the red tee are required to mark the red tee on the scorecard.

Blue tee will be the default option for all male golfers.
13. All players who do not maintain their GHIN index with TNGF are requested to show their handicap index on the scorecard.

Once the Committee receives the scorecard from the player at the end of their round, the Committee is responsible for

 - Computing the players course handicap based on tees used;
 - Adding up the player's scores, and
 - Applying the player's handicap strokes to calculate the player's net score.
14. In a two-round tournament, players not completing the 1st round will not be eligible to play the second round.
15. If a Golfer fails to turn-up after registering their name for a tournament, a 'no show fee' of **Rs. 750/-** will be charged (over and above the tournament fee) per tournament for the first two instances and a serious note will be taken by the committee for subsequent transgression. However, golfers can cancel their entry before the draw is made i.e., by 12 noon, on the Thursday preceding the tournament. Cancellation thereafter will attract payment of penalty. **In the case of two-day tournament, the penalty of Rs. 750/- will be charged even the member fail to turn up on the second day unless they have intimated their intention on completion of the 1st day Tournament.**
16. A Golfer will be only eligible for one prize in one tournament even if they are eligible for prizes in another tournament/s played concurrently.
17. In the event of a tie for the 1st place in all Open events (gross scores), there will be a hole-by-hole playoff, commencing from Hole Nbr 1, to determine the winner. All other ties will be

determined by matching score cards based on best scores for last 18, last 9, last 6, last 3 and if the scores are still tied, the 18th hole of the last round. If there is still a tie, then the last six holes, three holes and the final hole of the first nine holes will be considered in turn. If the round is less than 18 holes, the number of holes used in matching scores will be adjusted. In matching cards for handicap events, net scores will be considered on the same basis. In the case of multiple tee start, the last nine, last six, last three, mean for the purpose of clarity, the 10th to 18th holes of TNGF Course, as played on the card.

18. Any change in the tournament schedule will be put up on the Notice Board and the Website of TNGF.
19. In all club sponsored tournaments, the sponsors will be allowed to display limited branding as permitted by the Federation.
20. The sponsors of the tournament will be given one preferred slot and they can nominate any person with valid H/C to play in that slot. The (person if not a member) so nominated will not be eligible for any prize.
21. **All par 3 holes will be call through holes for all tournaments.**
22. Players must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee. The Committee authorizes Members 60 years and above (must have completed the 60th birthday on the day of the event) to use a cart/buggy in the tournament including open tournaments. Any other player or their caddy found using/traveling in a cart/buggy during tournament will be subject to the applicable penalty (deduction of strokes/holes or points) as prescribed in Rule 4.3, of the R&A's Rules of Golf, effective, 1st January, 2019. No exemptions will be provided under any circumstances, including medical. Use of unauthorized transportation must be discontinued immediately upon discovery that a breach has occurred. The competitor is responsible for reporting the facts regarding such a breach to the Committee before he returns his score card so that the Committee may apply the penalty.
23. A Players score card is deemed officially returned when they have physically handed over the score card to the Committees representative and/or dropped the card in the designated drop box.
24. The result of the competition is closed when the announcement of the result is made by the Committee via e-mail or posted on the notice board.
25. Suspension of play due to dangerous situation will be governed by Rule 5.7 of the R&A's Rules of Golf, effective, 1st January, 2023.
26. All Members are requested to Co-operate and follow tournament rules and rules of the Golf. The Marshalls have been instructed to ensure the pace of the game is followed.
27. On all matters the decision of the tournament committee will be final and binding in accordance with Rule 20 and the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf of the R&A, effective 1st January, 2023.

On behalf of Tournament Committee.

RULES FOR KNOCKOUT TOURNAMENTS 2023-24.

1. The maximum handicap allowed for Senior Cup will be 14, even if a player's handicap changes to a higher figure during the currency of the tournament.
2. In the case of Junior Cup, if a player's handicap becomes less than 15, they shall be eligible only for the lower handicap. The maximum handicap allowed will be 22 or actual, whichever is less.
3. For Sadhya Cup the actual handicap for a team shall be calculated based on the individual handicap of the team members on the board. The team's handicap will be 50% of the combined handicap subject to a maximum of 18.
4. The strokes to be given will be the full difference of handicap obtaining on the day of the match, subject to conditions in (1) to (3) above.
5. All matches shall be played on the day and time specified in the draw. However, matches can be played earlier by mutual consent. It is the responsibility of the players to confirm the time with each other. The Federation will in no way be responsible if matches to be played by mutual agreement did not take place.
6. If a match is not completed before the designated day and time by mutual consent, the player on the top of the draw, will be declared winner. If both players/teams do not report, then both players/teams will be disqualified.
7. If a match cannot be played on the appointed date due to unforeseen circumstances such as weather conditions, closure of course etc. the Tournament Committee will intimate a new schedule and it will be binding on all members.
8. If a match cannot be played on the specified date and time due to unforeseen circumstances both the concerned players/teams can approach the Tournament Committee together requesting extension of time to complete the match. The Tournament Committee may, at its discretion, accept such request and extend the time for completion of the match to a specific date by which date the match shall be completed. The extension of time will be given only under extraordinary circumstances. The tournament Committee however will take no responsibility in coordinating between the players/teams for the exact timing of the match and it is for the players/teams to fix the timing and finish the match before the extended date. In case the match is not completed even by the extended date both the concerned players/teams will be scratched and no further extension will be granted.
9. All matches will be over 18 holes and start from the 1st tee box. Matches can be started, by mutual consent, from the 10th tee box. If a match is tied after the final hole, the match is extended one hole at time until there is a winner (See Rule 5.1). The holes are played in the same order as in the round. If a tied match is extended, handicap strokes are given by hole in the same way as in the round.
10. Members playing tournament will have priority over all other groups. The starters and Marshalls have been instructed to ensure the same is followed.
11. The result of the match is final when the result is recorded on the official scoreboard or when the result is reported to TNGF office.
12. On all matters not specifically covered in these rules and on disputes, the decision of the Tournament Committee shall be final.

On behalf of Tournament Committee.

TNGF CODE OF CONDUCT 2023 (Rule 1.2b)

In setting the Code of Conduct, as mandated by Rule 1.2b of the R&A's Rules of Golf, effective 1st January, 2023, the TNGF Committee has considered the following:

(A) Authority to decide penalties and sanctions:

Mr.N.Srinivasan, President,
Mr.R.K.Jhaver, Hon.Secretary,
Mr.S.Raamasubramanian, Hon.Treasurer

(B) Appeals Process:

Member(s) may apply, in writing, to Mr.N.Srinivasan, President, whose decision shall be final and binding.

(C) Code applies to players Caddy:

The TNGF Committee has determined that this Code of Conduct applies to a player's caddie, and the player will be penalized under the Code for actions of their caddie during the round.

(D) Determining Penalties for Breach of Code in a tournament

First breach of the Code of Conduct - Warning or Committee sanction
Second breach - one-stroke penalty
Third breach - general penalty
Fourth breach or any serious misconduct - disqualification.

(E) Meaning of Committee Sanction

Disciplinary sanctions that the Committee may impose such as but not limited to:
(1) Refusal to allow the player to enter one or more future competitions at TNGF;
(2) Denying player prime slots on Holidays and weekends and permitting player to play on the course only between 1100-1300 on weekdays
(3) Denying player practice privileges in any/all practice areas of the Course

(F) Spirit of the Game and Serious Misconduct

Under Rule 1.2a, TNGF Committee may impose the penalty of disqualification on a player for serious misconduct and for acting contrary to the spirit of the game.

(G) Meaning of Serious Misconduct

The phrase "serious misconduct" in Rule 1.2a is intended to cover player misconduct that is so far removed from the expected norm in golf that the most severe sanction of removing a player from the competition is justified. This includes dishonesty, deliberately interfering with another player's rights, or endangering the safety of others.



The following actions will be considered serious misconduct, though not limited to:

- (1) Deliberately causing serious damage to a putting green or the course.
- (2) Disagreeing with the course setup and taking it on themselves to move tee-markers or boundary stakes.
- (3) Throwing a club towards another player or spectator.
- (4) Deliberately distracting other players while they are making strokes.
- (5) Removing loose impediments or movable obstructions to disadvantage another player after that other player has asked him or her to leave them in place.
- (6) Repeatedly refusing to lift a ball at rest when it interferes with another player in stroke play.
- (7) Deliberately playing away from the hole and then towards the hole to assist the player's partner (such as helping the player's partner learn the break on the putting green).
- (8) Deliberately not playing in accordance with the Rules and potentially gaining a significant advantage by doing so, despite incurring a penalty for a breach of the relevant Rule.
- (9) Cheating or fudging scores, moving the ball unauthorizedly by player or caddy
- (10) Assigned marker colluding with player to record incorrect scores
- (11) Repeatedly using vulgar or offensive language to staff and/or fellow members/competitors.
- (12) Using a handicap that has been established for the purpose of providing an unfair advantage or using the round being played to establish such a handicap.
- (13) Any other action, that in the view of the Committee, is detrimental to the image of the Club, the game of Golf or safety of the members and staff.

(H) Power of the Committee

- a. This Code allows for disqualification for serious misconduct in failing to meet the Code's standards.
- b. Committee will impose a penalty which will automatically apply whenever a player breach one of its standards or if such a penalty will be left to the Committee's discretion.
- c. The Committee may impose different penalties for breaching different aspects of the Code.
- d. The Committee may decide to implement such a penalty structure without a warning or sanction for a first breach, or it may provide different penalties for each item within the Code of Conduct.

R.K.Jhaver
Hon.Secretary
Date: 1st May,2023



TNGF PARLAKAMEDI CUP (PC) FORMAT

The Parlakamedi Cup is one of the most prestigious tournaments of TNGF. It is a two-stage format where players are selected based on their performance in various club tournaments and then they are put in a knock-out match play draw to get the winner.

It is proposed to make a change in the selection criteria for the PC cup by introducing a format where points are accumulated in the medal round played of the 6 designated tournaments (**TNGF Championship (Both the rounds), Shriram EPC, Chakravarthy Trophy, Friends Golf, Earth Sense Trophy**) and the top players are selected from the leader board. The points will be awarded for the tournaments in each handicap category as in the Golfer of the Year format. This is 4/3/2/1 for the top 4 players in each category.

These points are accumulated for all players and the top 6 from Gold and Silver and the top 4 from Bronze will form the 16 people who will be eligible to participate in the knockout.

If the points are tied for more players in the top 6/4 in each category, then the tie-break will be based on the last 3 tournaments played, the last 2, and the last tournament.

Hope this will make the tournament more competitive and interesting and make the PC one of the leading tournaments to win in TNGF.