

# **CLUB AT THE NATION**

## **MEMBERSHIP GUIDE**

**Approved by CATN Board of Directors**

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## CLUB AT THE NATION COMMITTEES - 2023

Committees are chaired by a member of the Board of Directors and open to all Club Members.  
Committee Chair is listed first. Vice Chair is listed second.

COMMITTEE	CHAIR	RESPONSIBILITIES	MEMBERS
<b>Of The Whole</b>	Rick Della Gene Tompkins	1. Manage CATN 2. Audit Club Finances 3. Update By-Laws 4. Update Membership Guide	The Board of Directors
<b>Budget &amp; Financial</b>	Jerry Creek Rick Della	1. Prepare the Annual Budget. 2. Monitor & Report Income & Expenditures 3. Manage Finances	Dean Aaron Gene Tompkins
<b>Handicap Rules Pace Of Play</b>	Dean Aaron Gene Tompkins	All Matters Relating to Members Handicaps, Rules, & Pace of Play Rules Committee for Tournaments & Competitions	Dan Burbank
<b>Information &amp; Communications</b>	Jerry Creek	Organize Distribute Club Information to Members (web, newsletters, bulletin boards)	Rick Della Jeff Johnson
<b>Membership &amp; Social</b>	Jerry Creek Rick Della	1. Retain Existing Members 2. Recruit New Members. 3. Process Membership Applications 4. Update Membership Roster 5. Update CATN Web Site 6. Run Charity Raffle 7. Organize Banquets 8. Process (Purchase, Get Signed, & Send) Get Well & Condolences Cards	Sharon Creek Jeff Johnson
<b>League Events</b>	Jerry Creek Dean Aaron	Plan, Organize, Announce, Manage, Report League Activities (Including: Competitions, GOY & Club Championships)	Sharon Creek Gene Tompkins Dan Burbank
<b>Weekend Events</b>	Jerry Creek Jeff Johnson	Plan, Organize, Announce, Manage, Report, Weekend Events Including: Tournaments, TOC, & Club Championships	Rick Della Dean Aaron Gene Tompkins Sharon Creek Dan Burbank

## **CLUB STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION**

Club At The Nation (CATN) is a Washington State Nonprofit Corporation, managed by volunteers in accordance with the Club By-Laws. The Board of Directors consists of six members elected by the members.

CATN membership is open to all persons eighteen years or older, are approved by the Board of Directors, submit CATN Membership Application Form, pay annual dues and comply with the rules and regulations of the club. Annual dues are set by the Board and cover membership through December 31st of the year.

Board of Directors meetings are held regularly and are open to all members. Meetings are announced prior to the meeting. The annual Membership Meeting is held within a reasonable period after the last tournament of the year.

Board Committees. Members are encouraged to participate on Committees.

A Nominating Committee is appointed by the President to seek candidates willing to run for open Board positions and the membership may also nominate candidates in accordance with the club's by-laws. Board members are elected by a majority vote of the membership. Officers are elected by the Board of Directors.

Financial statements are prepared by the Treasurer, submitted to the Budget & Finance Committee for review and comment and then submitted to the Board for approval. Copies will be supplied to any member upon request.

Club Information is provided via e-mail, posted on Snoqualmie Falls Golf Course Web Site:  
<http://www.snoqualmiefallsgolf.com/>

## **CLUB BENEFITS**

### **Club Membership Entitles You To:**

- Participate In Club At The Nation Tournaments, Competitions, Activities & Events
- GHIN Handicap service thru WSGA
- Golfer of the Year
- Year Long Tournament
- Club Championships
- Annual Awards Banquet
- Access to Professional Instruction
- One Complimentary Round Of Golf (Join before May1)

## TOURNAMENT/COMPETITION OPERATING PROCEDURES

**Membership Dues Must Be Paid in Advance.** (see Rules for Guests). Membership is not effective until an Application Form is completed and submitted, and dues are paid. Golfer of the Year points or credit toward Tournament of Champion eligibility will be awarded to Members Only.

**Minimum Age Requirement.** All players must be at least 18 years old to participate in CATN tournaments/competitions.

**Pay Entry Fees in Advance.** All Entry Fees must be paid and official tournament Registration Form completed prior to teeing off. In the case of a two-day tournament, Side Pots are due before teeing off each day.

**Complete/Submit "Official" Score Cards.** Turn-in score cards to the Tournament or Competition Committee promptly (within 15 minutes of finishing the round). Each player is responsible for submitting an accurate, clean, clear, signed/attested scorecard. **Tournament/Competition/Game Scores.** The handicap committee will post scores.

**Weekend Tournament Winnings Are Paid in Certificates.** Certificates can be retrieved at Tournaments or Competitions. Certificates are valid until the end of the year it was issued or as extended by the Board of Directors for that year. The certificates can be redeemed/used, 1) at the Sno Falls Pro Shop for merchandise, 2) to pay the Mandatory Entry Fee at Tournaments, and/or 3) Annual Membership dues. Members are responsible for the safe keeping of their certificates. If a CATN Member or Guest loses their valid CATN Certificate, a replacement (reissue) can be requested. The reissue request must be in writing (email acceptable). A "\$5.00 Reissue Fee" will be deducted from the reissued Certificate.

**Guests Playing in Tournament/Competition.** To attract new members, member's guests are welcome to play in one (1) Tournament and one (1) /Competition per year plus and "Opens s. Guests are not eligible for Golfer of the Year, Year Long Tournament Marathon KP, Club Championships, or any carryovers on side games.

**Tournament/Competition Committee.** Posts "Preliminary Scores" as groups complete play and submit their signed/attested scorecards. After checking the score cards the committee will certify the scores as "Final" and determine player positions, prizes, Golfer of the Year points, Year Long Tournament eligibility and Optional Side Pot winners. The committee has final decision responsibility for any disputes in any Club At The Nation Tournament/Competition.

**Hole-in-One Insurance.** The CATN has set aside funds to sponsor a limited number of hole-in-one celebrations. The use of these funds is limited to the following conditions:

- Player achieving the hole-in-one is a member of CATN
- The hole-in-one occurs during a CATN scheduled Competition or Tournament.
- The celebration takes place on the same day the hole-in-one is achieved.
- Maximum per celebration shall not exceed \$110
- Should the annual budget (generally \$330.00) become depleted no additional funds will be allocated towards hole-in-one celebrations for the current year.

## CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP and LEAGUE CUP FORMAT

### **Club Championship:** Two-Day Total Score Event

Played on two Saturdays in conjunction with scheduled Weekend Field Day Tournaments. Flights will be determined before the First day of play. Pay-Outs for each flight will be in accordance with adopted Protocols. The Gross & Net winners will be awarded addition prizes depending on the total number of players participating. The Club Championships will include a Seniors Division

**Senior Division** A Tournament for “Senior and Super Senior Members” is played as a division of the Club Championship

- Player must be 55 years of age on or before date of qualifying round to play in Senior Championship
- Player must be 70 years of age on or before date of qualifying round to play in Super Senior Championship
- Player must “declare” playing “Senior/Super Senior Qualifying Round” when entering Tournament (Seniors/Super Seniors Qualifying).
- Qualifying and Championship rounds are stroke play net (full handicap).
- Seniors & Super Seniors are eligible to play in the Club Championships
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### **League CUP:** Played on 3 Wednesdays in July/August.

Played in conjunction with 3 Field Days in July/August. Count the Best 2 out of 3 scores. Flights determined after the second Wednesday. Pay-Outs for each flight will be in accordance with adopted Protocols. The Gross & Net winners will be awarded addition prizes depending on the total number of players participating. To be eligible CATN Members must complete the Registration Form, & Pay the Mandatory Entry Fee.

## **Golfer of the Year & Year Long Tournament**

**Golfer of the Year:** (GOY) is a season long competition culminating in a playoff at the end of the season. During the season players earn points by participating and placing in Club events.

GOY points are earned as follows:

- Earn 5 GOY points (Participation) for each event entered
- Earn 10 GOY points for attending one Club sponsored one-hour Rules Clinic (If conducted)
- Position points are awarded after each GOY designated event to the players in top Net finishing position in each flight as follows:

Position	Points
Low Gross	No Points
1st Net	20 Points
2nd Net	16 Points
3rd Net	12 Points
4th Net	8 Points

GOY Competitions are indicated on the “Club At The Nation League Schedule”. The eight players advancing to the finals are the two (2) high points winners for the 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> halves and the four (4) highest points winners for the year.

The total GOY prize pot is determined based on the total CATN regular membership (The Board of Directors sets the amount per dues paying member through the Budget Approval Process). The prize fund will be distributed based on Gross and Net Scores (Pot split between Gross & Net): First Place 40%, Second Place 30%, Third Place 20%, and Fourth Place 10%. All GOY Finalists must play in designated groups of four based on their total points. If a Finalist can't play in the designated group – they will be awarded last place.

**Year Long Tournament (YLT):** is a season long competition culminating in a playoff at the end of the season. During the season CATN Members earn eligibility by participating in Club events.

To be eligible to compete in the YLT both of the following criteria must be met:

- Compete in at least one of the designated YLT tournaments.
- Contribute at least \$20 to the YLT prize fund.

Players contribute to the Year Long Tournament prize pot two ways:

- One (\$1.00) dollar of each player's tournament entry fee for the YLT Tournaments are placed in the YLT prize fund. YLT tournaments are indicated on the “Club At The Nation Tournament Schedule” with a “Yes” in the YLT column.
- Contribute the difference between previous contributions and \$20.00.

The total Year Long Tournament pot will be distributed to each flight in proportion to the number of competitors playing in each flight in the Year Long Tournament Finals.

**TOURNAMENT/COMPETITION POSITIONS FOR:  
Year Long Tournament (YLT) Eligibility  
Golfer of the Year (GOY) Points  
Pay-Outs**

The Tournament/Competition Committee will review Tournament/Competition Registration Forms and Preliminary Results then develop and approve the “Final” Tournament/Competition Positions. YLT Eligibility, GOY Points, and Pay-Outs are made in accordance with approved “CATN Protocols”.

**Determine Tournament/Competition Positions:**

1. Divide Field into Flights
2. For Each Flight:
  - Determine Low Gross (1), See below If Low Gross Tie
  - Determine Low Net (1, 2, 3, & 4) as applicable.

**Determine GOY Points:**

Points are awarded in accordance with GOY Protocols (without regard to ties).

**Determine Tournament/Competition Pay-Outs:**

Guidance:

- Determine pay-outs so player receives maximum pay-out available.
- No Player can win both low net and low gross payout (unless there is an extremely complicated set of ties in Gross & Net. In this case the Committee will review the scores and develop the most equitable Pay-Out possible.)
- If there is a tie score for Low Gross, the Low Gross pot will be split, unless either player would win more as a Net Pay-Out.
- In the event of ties for Low Net the total prize for the ties will distributed equally.

Award Pay-Outs in accordance with approved “CATN Tournament/Competition Pay-Out Protocols”.



# CATN Tournament/Competition Pay-Out Protocols

## Tournament Flight Determination:

The Field will be divided into Flights based on the number of Players Signing -Up. The Tourney/Comp (T/C) Chair will try to balance the Flight Sizes based on C. H. The T/C Chair has the discretion to balance the Flight Sizes Based on H. I. Payouts are to nearest dollar rounded down. The Field will be divided into Flights as follows:

Players/Teams	Flights
10 or Less	1
11 to 20	2
21 to 52	3
53 or more	4

## Flight Pot Will Be Distributed as Follows:

Number of Players/Teams in Flight					
6 Or Fewer		Between 7 and 10		11 or More	
In Flight	Distribution	In Flight	Distribution	In Flight	Distribution
LG - 1	50.0%	LG - 1	37.5%	LG - 1	33.3%
LN - 1	50.0%	LN - 1	37.5%	LN - 1	33.3%
		LN - 2	25.0%	LN - 2	22.2%
				LN - 3	11.1%
Total	100%		100%		99.9%

## For Nassau Tournaments/Competitions

### Flight Prize Pot Will Be Distributed As Follows For Front 9, Back 9 & Total 18:

Number of Players/Teams in Flight					
Position Pot		10 Or Fewer		11 or More	
In Flight	Distribution	In Flight	Distribution	In Flight	Distribution
		LG - 1	50.0%	LG - 1	37.5%
		LN - 1	50.0%	LN - 1	37.5%
				LN - 2	25.0%
Total	0%		100%		100%

## For All Net Pay-Out Events Flight Pot Will Be Distributed As Follows:

Number of Players/Teams in Flight					
6 Or Fewer		Between 7 and 10		11 or More	
In Flight	Distribution	In Flight	Distribution	In Flight	Distribution
LN - 1	66.7%	LN - 1	50.0%	LN - 1	40.0%
LN - 2	33.3%	LN - 2	33.3%	LN - 2	30.0%
		LN - 3	16.7%	LN - 3	20.0%
				LN - 4	10.0%
Total	100%		100%		100.0%

## OPTIONAL TOURNAMENT DAY CONTESTS

### SIDE GAMES THAT ARE DIVIDED INTO FLIGHTS ARE NOTED BELOW

Players compete during each tournament by declaring the side games prior to the tournament. You must register and pay to win.

**Marathon KP:** A par 3 hole will be designated by the Tournament Committees. This is a season long contest, available at Tournaments/Competitions. The objective is to be closest to the hole at the season's end. Only first tee shot counts. At season's end, the three players closest to the pin will split the pot as follows:

	Weekend	League
<b>Closest</b>	<b>50% of pot</b>	<b>50% of pot</b>
<b>Second closest</b>	<b>33% of pot</b>	<b>33.3% of pot</b>
<b>Third closest</b>	<b>16.6% of pot</b>	<b>16.6% of pot</b>

Special Note: If at any time a shot comes within 12" of the hole, the contest ends, the pot is divided between the three players closest to the hole and a new contest is started.

**Inside the Pin:** A par 3 hole will be designated by the Committee as the Inside the Pin KP. The pot is divided among all the competitors placing their 1<sup>st</sup> tee shot within the length of the pin as measured from the edge of the cup. If no ball is "Inside the Pin", the pot carries over to the next Tournament/Competition. If it carries over to the Year Long Tournament, it becomes a KP.

**KP:** The competitor hitting his first tee shot "closest to the pin" wins the entire pot. If no ball is on the green the pot carries over to the next Tournament/Competition. All KP/Inside the Pin information must be entered on the KP Marker before the player tees off on the next hole. Failure to enter information results in forfeiture of any claim to that KP side pot."

**Deuces Wild:** All competitors shooting a **gross two** or better on any hole splits the pot. A player will get paid for each deuce scored. If there is no deuce the pot carries over to the next Tournament/Competition.

**Better Nine of Flight:** The player with lowest net score from front nine or back nine wins the flight pot.

**Zero Putts:** All competitors holing a shot from off the green spilt the pot. A player will get paid for each zero putt scored. If there are no zero putts the zero putt pot carries over to the next Tournament/Competition. If there is not a zero putt competition in the next tournament, the carryover pot is added to the Deuces pot. If there is no Deuces competition in the next tournament, then the carryover is added to Better 9 pot.

All side pots will be paid in Cash rounded down to the nearest dollar.

## **PACE OF PLAY**

In consideration for all members, five-somes are not allowed during tournaments. The Club's goal for all tournament rounds is 4 hours and 20 minutes (or less) and a lag time of 10 minutes (or less). Play ready golf and we all will enjoy the game more. The Pace of Play Committee will 1) Track each group's start and end times, 2) Compute each group's total playing time and lag time behind the group in front, 3) Prepare and distribute a Pace of Play report. The Tournament/Competition "Official" score card has Start & End Times - remember to include your "times" on the tournament scorecard! The club reserves the right to penalize individuals or groups for unduly slow play in accordance with established "Pace of Play" policy.

**Remember the Course Marshall is just doing their job.**

### **How to play golf safe and faster**

As most of you know, slow play is the number one reason most golf courses have seen their rounds go down. Nobody wants to have to endure a 5+ hour of golf. Observations of a Rule Officials (100's of tournaments), the following are some proven ways to take minutes off a round of golf.

- Go directly to your ball and prepare to hit it, remember in stroke play it is not against the rules of golf to hit out of turn. When it is clear and safe, HIT THE BALL.
- If a player has a lost ball or is looking for a ball in a hazard, they only have 3 minutes. Let the player look for their ball and you go hit yours, then come back and help the other player.
- Power carts actually slow play. When riding in a cart, have the driver of the cart drop you off at your ball, take a few clubs and let the driver go to their ball. You will be surprised how much time this saves.
- The Putting Green is another area that wastes a lot of time. Limit the amount of times you mark your ball, finish short putts. Whoever is ready to putt, putt the ball. Does not matter who is away in stroke play.
- The Teeing Ground. Whoever gets there first and it is clear to hit, please hit your ball. Does not matter who hits first in stroke play.
- Place your bags and carts between the green and the next teeing ground.
- Write down the scores of the hole just finished at the next teeing ground.
- Use the Provisional ball rule 18; it is there to speed up play.
- The USGA recommends that you take no more than 40 seconds to hit a ball or putt a ball, 50 seconds on the teeing ground. The time begins when it is safe to hit the shot. This time includes getting yardage and reading putts.

If we follow the above guide lines you will be surprised how much faster a round of golf can be. Your fellow competitors will be happy and so will management at the Golf Course.

## **PLAY READY GOLF**