

RMGA 2021 Colonel Cup Match Play Tournament Info

Tournament Overview:

This is a Match Play NET Tournament. Players interested in participating in this event must sign up no later than April 30, 2021. The tournament play will begin in May and will continue throughout the summer until a final winner is determined. RMGA players interested in participating will be required to fill out an entry form providing their names, phone numbers and email addresses, and by paying a one-time \$10 cash entry fee. Tony Salvatore is the RMGA match-play tournament representative and as such, will establish the brackets and starting matches between all participants. The pairings will be published via E-mail and also will be posted in the pro shop as well as on the new website. This will give participants the ability to contact each other once their match has been determined.

Tournament Details:

The tournament will be played based on USGA rules for Match Play, with the exception of our normal local rules in effect at the time of your match. The tournament will be a single elimination format with winners moving on toward a final match play contest when all but two participants remain, thus determining a RMGA 2021 Match Play Champion.

The tournament pairings will be based on a pooling of participants within four brackets based on handicaps as of May 2nd. The total number of participants will be split evenly between the four brackets. Within each bracket everyone will be seeded from 1-16 based on their handicaps. This will determine the first round pairings.

The ideal number of participants is 64 participants. A minimum of 32 players is needed for the tournament to proceed. If there are more than 64 entrants then a "play-in" match system will be utilized to get the field down to 64. If there are less than 64 entrants then random bye weeks will be used in order to keep the brackets even.

Each player/entrant will receive an email from the Men's Club with the 2021 bracket attached. The bracket and pairings will also be posted in the Pro-Shop. Each player must contact their opponent ASAP to schedule their match. Every effort should be made to have each match completed within two weeks of being scheduled. The RMGA Schedule lists the deadlines to complete each round of play. The matches can be played at any time during the week or on weekends during normal RMGA tournament play, remembering that the contestants must play together/head to head. The participants must keep a SEPARATE score card for their match (players must put their first and last names on their card) and turn this into the pro shop when they have completed their play. **Note, each score card should be CLEARLY MARKED as to who the winner was, and each player

should sign the card attesting to the results. The cards should be turned into the Pro-Shop and placed in the “Match Play Envelope”. The cards will be collected weekly and the winner of each match will be posted on the bracket sheet (displayed in the Pro- Shop).

If players DO NOT complete their match before the applicable deadline date, there is the potential that BOTH players could be disqualified. Players unable to schedule their match should bring this to Tony’s attention for help with resolution. If for some unforeseen reason the match cannot be scheduled in a timely manner, Tony will bring the matter to the attention of the RMGA Tournament Committee which will decide the matter.

The key thing to keep in mind is that matches MUST be played in a timely manner so the tournament can move forward toward a conclusion in a reasonable timeframe.

Match Tie Breaker

In the event that a match ends in a tie, the tie breaker will be to play extra holes in a **sudden death format**, beginning on hole #1. Players should check in with the Pro Shop notifying them that they need to play additional holes to complete their match. The Pro Shop will try to get you off the first tee as soon as possible.

Record Keeping

A record of all matches will be kept by Tony on behalf of the RMGA Tournament Committee for review in case of any disputes or challenges.

Tournament Payouts

Payouts will be determined by Tony in conjunction with the RMGA Tournament Committee. Ultimately the size of the payout pool will be based on the number of players participating in the tournament. It is assumed that payouts will NOT be paid to the winners of every match. Meaningful payouts will be paid to the winners of the later rounds in each bracket and then a final payout for the overall winner of the tournament. (The overall winner will not receive a trophy unless requested. The trophy cost would come out of their prize money.)

If anyone has questions or concerns before or during the duration of the tournament, they should contact Tony Salvatore for assistance.

Good Luck and Have Fun!!