

EISENHOWER MEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION

HANDBOOK

2026 SEASON





Letter from your President

Welcome to the Eisenhower Men's Golf Association (EMGA)!

On behalf of the EMGA Board, thank you for your interest—and a warm welcome to our new members, as well as a welcome back to our returning members. We're excited to have you with us. Founded in 1988, the EMGA has grown stronger every year thanks to the enthusiasm and support of our members. We're a diverse group of golfers of all skill levels who share a love for the game, the camaraderie it fosters, and the challenges it presents. We're fortunate to call the Eisenhower Golf Club (EGC) home and to enjoy the incredible setting it provides.

League Overview

Our season aligns with Colorado's GHIN posting dates—March 15th through November 15th. During this time, we typically play every Thursday (occasionally on a Tuesday), offering a variety of tournament formats including Open Play Competitions, individual events, 2-man and 4-man team tournaments. EMGA is primarily a Net league, with most payouts based on net scores. We do award gross score payouts in select events for Championship and 1st flight players. To participate, all members must have an active GHIN handicap. Most events are flighted based on handicap index to ensure fair competition.

Membership Meetings & Awards

We host three general membership meetings throughout the season; each paired with a tournament and a meal, either breakfast or lunch. At our fall meeting, we also present two special awards:

- Distinguished Service Award – Honors a current or past member for sustained outstanding service to EMGA over several years.
- Significant Contribution Award – Recognizes a member who made a notable impact during the current season.

The Distinguished Service Award can only be awarded to a member once, whereas the Significant Contribution Award can be awarded multiple times to a member. We encourage you to observe and nominate deserving members throughout the season.

Online Resources

We manage league operations through two websites:

1. EMGA Website – www.emgacolorado.org
Find key documents including our Constitution, Terms of Competition, and Rules.
2. EMGA Golf Genius Portal – www.egc-2026emga.golfgenius.com
Use this portal to sign up for tee times, view the calendar, check tournament results, and access analytics. All members must register and create a username and password.

Annual Dues and Fees

We greatly appreciate members who pay their annual dues and fees by March 1st. Early payment helps the Board plan effectively and ensures a smooth season of events. We look forward to a fantastic season and to seeing each of you out on the course!

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Letter from your Vice-President



Let me add my welcome to the EMGA. As Larry mentioned, we have three general membership meetings per year that coincide with a meal.

The first is a working breakfast meeting on Thursday, May 21st starting at 0730. This is our Memorial meeting where we will be remembering any members, and/or family members, who passed over the last 12 months. We will also be voting on our new constitution that will govern our play for the 2026 season. This meeting is followed by our ABCD Scramble tournament with an 0845 shotgun start.

Thursday, July 2nd, starts with our Two-man 6-6-6 tournament with an 0800 shotgun start. This is followed by a working lunch starting at 1230 with hot dogs and hamburgers to kick off your 4th of July weekend. At this meeting, we will be opening nominations for President, Vice-President and Treasurer whose current terms expiring at the end of the 2026 season. We will also be opening nominations for our special awards.

The third meal is a working breakfast on Tuesday September 15th, starting at 0730. Here we will recognize the winners of: our special awards; season-long competitions; and any hole in ones during the season as well as conducting the elections. This meeting is followed by our Member-Member tournament with an 0845 shotgun start.

The meals are part of your annual dues so there is no extra cost to attend the meetings. Additionally, you do not have to play in the tournament to attend the meeting/meal, nor attend the meeting to play in the tournament. About two weeks out, you will receive separate invites for the meal and the tournament. We just ask if you do say you will be attending a meal but then have to drop out, please let me know as soon as possible so we are not charged for your meal. Meal costs are per person and 45% of our budget.

In conjunction with Round 2 of our Kregel Championship tournament on Thursday, September 3rd, the EGC will be hosting the annual EMGA Appreciation to include free carts and a meal afterwards plus some door prizes. In October is the EGC Appreciation where both the Men's and Women's associations thank the employees for all their support. Look for more information on these events as we get closer to each event.

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Letter from your Treasurer

The Treasurer builds the budget each year and then tracks the revenues and expenditures throughout the season. If expenditures or revenues vary from what is expected, the Treasurer makes recommendations to the Executive Committee on any adjustments that need to be made to the budget. We try to run a balanced budget each year, but normally we will run a slight surplus. Our account is at Ent FCU.

Our annual dues are \$85 for a full-time member (normally about 180 each season). About 45% of the dues goes towards tournament payouts, 45% goes toward meals associated with our membership meetings, and 10% goes to cover administrative costs such as Eisenhower Employee Appreciation at the end of the season, web site renewal costs, and trophies/engraving.

For members who cannot golf this season, or no longer golf, we have \$40 social memberships that allow members to attend the meals and be included in all EMGA email traffic.

For those who join the EMGA after the season has started, we have partial memberships. The cost of partial memberships is pro-rated based on how much of the season has passed when the person joins.

We also have several optional activities throughout the season such as Home and Away competitions, Open Play Competitions (OPCs) and season-long tournaments (Match Play, Ike Cup, and Blue/Silver Ringers), each with their own entry fees. These are financially break-even activities where the payouts equal the entry fees except Home and Aways that have other expenses as well.

For the 2026 season, the EMGA is going cashless which means members must pre-pay for season-long tournaments, OPCs, and the Skins competition in our tournaments where you play your own ball throughout. OPC fees are \$6 per event and tournament skins are \$5. For the season-long tournaments: Match Play costs \$10 to enter; and \$5 each to enter in the Ike Cup, the Blue Ringers and the Silver Ringers. Home and Away (H&A) competitions run around \$155 each.

For your dues, pre-paid OPC and tournament skins, and one or more season-long tournaments, you can either mail the checks to me at: John Hayes 5190 Farmingdale Drive Colorado Springs, CO 80917 or you can drop the check in the EMGA lock box in the Men's Locker Room at the Eisenhower Clubhouse. Please make all checks payable to "EMGA".

Same for those selected to play in a H&A. We need your check at least 3 days before the first round.

The philosophy of the EMGA is to payout to as many members as possible over the course of the season. Payouts are placed in each person's EGC account as Pro Shop credit normally seven days after the event has occurred. This waiting period allows for any scoring alibis to be resolved and payouts to be adjusted.

The payout money can be used for anything sold in the Pro Shop or Snack Bar. It can also be used for green fees, golf carts, range balls. The money must be spent by the end of each calendar year.

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Letter from your Secretary

Joining our EMGA is a great opportunity for you and for us. You will get to meet many other avid golfers with military or DoD service connections that have served our country like you have. The comradery between us all is already linked with our common service, and you may already have a few compatriots in our club that you have served with. I am sure you will make many new friends as you participate in our weekly OPCs, Tournaments, and other events.

As your Secretary, I ensure that we keep in contact via email and phone calls/texts. Mostly emails will be used for normal communications for routine news and in preparation for an upcoming event, but on occasion we may need to get in contact with you quickly via text or phone call due to a change in schedule, tee time, or payments, etc.

If you need to reach out to another member, our roster is available under the Home tab of our Golf Genius Portal, egc-2026emga.golfgenius.com, which you have access to at any time. I also send out our membership log periodically to help us keep up with changes so please do review them and let me know if there are any corrections or updates to your membership contact information. We do ask that all our contact information be kept confidential, so please do not share it with outsiders.

We have a large membership and when we send out bulk emails to everyone, sometimes personal email providers assume that it is junk/spam mail. It is not, but they sometimes treat it as such and automatically delete, reject, or push our EMGA emails into a junk/spam folder. To help prevent this, we ask each member of the EMGA to please create an email contact in your email address book that is named 'EMGA Mail' (or similar) with an email address of: noreply@golfgenius.com This allows your personal email provider to accept our emails as from a 'known address' and reduces the number of rejections and other problems. Please let me know if you have any issues with this.

I also maintain configuration control of our calendar of events. Once our team has successfully negotiated a final schedule with the EGC staff, our home and away events with outside golf clubs, and our own EMGA events, the finalized calendar is turned over to me for configuration control. I ensure that the calendar is properly integrated into our Golf Genius software and maintain control of it there. New changes always happen, and I will make those changes in our on-line software. I send out the calendar at the beginning of our season and after any significant changes are made. You can always see our current calendar in our Golf Genius Portal.

Please accept my hearty welcome to the EMGA, we are very happy to have you as a new member and even an old friend in some cases. I look forward to playing a round or two with you as the season progresses.

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Letter from your Rules and Handicap Committee Chair

Welcome to the EMGA! The EMGA expects all our members to conduct themselves according to the Rules of Golf whether playing in a league competition, or a round outside the league (Rule 1).

We ask each of our members to have a basic knowledge of the most common Rules of Golf, i.e. know how to take Relief from a Penalty Area (Rule 17), to handle a lost ball (Rule 18) or an Unplayable Ball (Rule 19), etc., for accurate scoring and to keep up pace of play.

When unsure of a rule, you can always ask for help within your group. If playing in an individual tournament or OPC, they can't give you, nor can you ask, for advice on what to do like, "Which of the penalty relief options should I choose?" That's a rules breach. However, you can ask for factual knowledge like, "What are the penalty relief options?"

If you are in a two-man or four-man tournament, you can ask for both factual information and advice from your teammate(s), but again not from the other team or anyone else.

You can also take the time to quickly reference the USGA Rule Book or App but please don't cause an undo delay. If you're still unsure on how to proceed, you can play two balls. It's all explained in great detail under Rule 20.1c Rules Issues in Stroke Play.

When playing in an EMGA event, we also have a responsibility to prevent a rule breach by another player. It's addressed under Rule 20.1c.(2) "Players should protect other players in the Competition." We want all members to enjoy themselves but there may come a time that you may have to call out a fellow member for a possible rules' infraction. Please do this delicately. Approach the individual and say something to the effect, "I think you may have committed a rules infraction under Rule so-and-so. Do you agree?" If they don't agree with you, don't argue, but say, "Let's report this to the committee to make sure one of us is correct."

We expect all our members to record accurate scores and posting them the day of play to create and maintain a Handicap Index that is representative of your demonstrated capability. We'll be using the Golf Genius scoring feature during EMGA play but for your rounds outside of league play, you'll use the USGA GHIN App. We recommend using the hole-by-hole method for recording your score.

The Rules Committee reviews players' score history periodically throughout the season as well as an end-of-year review of our top money winners. The USGA provides analytical tools for these reviews to pick up abnormal scoring patterns. Members can discreetly approach us if they feel a player's handicap is not reflective of his actual capability. We follow the USGA Rules of Handicapping procedures to address these concerns.

Finally, don't be intimidated if this is your first experience of a league that prides itself in playing golf on how it should be played. Our members and the league leadership are more than willing to help you play your best game and have fun doing it.

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Letter from your Junior Golf Chair

The EMGA proudly supports Junior Golf by providing volunteers to junior golf events sponsored by the United States Golf Association, the Colorado Golf Association, and the EGC when requested. Recent events include the USGA Women's U-19 Golf Championship, the Drive, Chip, and Putt qualification and the EGC Junior Golf Camps.

Annually, we provide volunteers to the EGC Junior Golf Camps which occur Monday through Friday during the week of June 1st and then again during the week of June 22nd, 2026. We solicit volunteers in April to work one or more mornings during this week. You don't have to sign up for a whole week.

No training is necessary as we provide help to the Camp instructors in the form of administrative and logistical support. The volunteer times are generally 0800 to 1100 and Thursday, June 25th is in conjunction with an OPC so volunteers can still participate, generally after 1100 hrs.

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Letter from your Hospitality Chair

Welcome from your Welcome and Hospitality Committee. When information about the welfare of EMGA members or their family comes to our attention, we take action on behalf of the EMGA as appropriate. Please make us aware of any situation, good or bad, of any active or past members.

Every Spring we hold a Memorial Breakfast to remember members that have passed.

If you have any questions or need any assistance, feel free to reach out to any of our members on the board. We're here to help and to ensure playing in the EMGA is a memorable experience.

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Letter from your Website Chair

Our EMGA website emgacolorado.org provides information on the various policies, schedules and procedures that guide play. It also provides EMGA contact information and various links to outside golfing organizations. Messages from golf genius are posted on the site daily. Anyone wishing to post something on the site should contact one of the board or chair members.

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Portal Page

The portal page is a customizable website to view information like pairings, tee times, results, analytics, and much more. All the information that you would need to play a round will be located on the portal page.

For the 2026 season, the EMGA will extensively be using the portal page for everything including setting up tee times for all OPC rounds.

All members need to be registered for the portal page. Members will use their username and password to enter the portal page and gain access to all the features.

The portal page can be reached at emga-2026emga.golfgenius.com. The portal page is private for the use of EMGA members.

Schedule

The link for the 2026 season is <https://emgacolorado.org/?cat=21>

While the schedule should remain stable, on a few occasions we do need to change a tournament, OPC or Home and Away due to weather or other needs of the Course. If this happens, we will send you an email via Golf Genius. Please be sure to open and read these to stay current.

Tournaments

During the 2026 season, the EMGA will be conducting 11 different tournaments run by your tournament committee. All tournaments are 18-hole, stroke-play except for our annual championship, the Kregel, which is 36-holes over two weeks. There is no entry fee for tournaments as the prize money is part of your dues. On our Individual and Two-Man tournaments, we do offer an optional skins tournament for a \$5 buy-in.

The link to the tournament Terms of Competition is <https://emgacolorado.org/tournament-terms-of-competition/>

Open Play/Open Play Competition

Open Play (OP) and Open Play Competition (OPC) are EMGA events played on Thursday's when there is not a tournament. The cost for OPCs is \$6 with 100% return in purse and skins money.

The link on OP/OPCs Terms of Competition is <https://emgacolorado.org/opc/>

Home and Aways

Home & Aways (H&A) are designed to provide EMGA members an opportunity to engage in a friendly competition with other golf clubs where you might not normally have an opportunity to play. The cost is \$155 combined for the Home and Aways portions with a specific course.

The link to H&As Terms of Competition is: <https://emgacolorado.org/home-and-away/>

Season-Long Tournaments

The EMGA conducts four season-long tournaments each year: Match Play; Ike Cup; Blue Ringers; and Silver Ringers. There is a separate entry fee for each tournament (\$10 for Match and \$5 each for the others) but this is returned 100% in prize money.

The link to Match Play Terms of Competition is: <https://emgacolorado.org/match-play-2/>

The link to Ike Cup Terms of Competition is: <https://emgacolorado.org/ike-cup/>

The link to Ringers Terms of Competition is: <https://emgacolorado.org/ringers/>

Constitution

Our current Constitution can be found at <https://emgacolorado.org/emga-constitution-2/> . We will be voting on a new Constitution at our Memorial Breakfast meeting on May 21st, 2006. Other than a few grammatical corrections, the only change will allow the Executive Committee to offer a prorated refund to a member who has to leave the EMGA prior to the end of the season for events outside of his control. The current Constitution does not allow a refund for any reason what so ever.

No-Show Policy

Every year we unfortunately have a few people who do not show for an EMGA event they signed-up for, nor do they make any effort to let an EMGA member know they will not be attending. While we all have experienced last minute schedule interruptions beyond our control; not making an effort to let us know defeats the time we factored in to rearrange teams, foursomes, etc as needed and compromises the fairness of the tournament to the rest of the field. The No-Show policy can be found at https://emgacolorado.org/?page_id=6307.

Pace of Play

As we all know, our events do take a little extra time to complete our rounds, especially with competition and having to putt almost everything out. We can still though be conscious of this fact and work together to keep up with the foursome in front of us. Our Pace of Play policy can be found at <https://emgacolorado.org/emga-no-show-policy/>.

Expectations

The EMGA is a social golf organization established to enhance our members' golf experience and promote proper course care, golf etiquette and good sportsmanship while enjoying increased competition and greater camaraderie. To reach this goal, we have established a friendly reminder for both new and current members of the expectations of EMGA members in promoting these values. Our Expectations can be found at <https://emgacolorado.org/emga-expectations/>.