

2024 MICHIANA SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION - FAQ

From May through September each year, the MSGA organizes 10 events at different courses for our 140 or so members aged 50 and over. The events feature competitive 18-hole stroke play, all handicapped, on Mondays or Wednesdays with an average of 80 to 100 players.

Where do you play? - The 10 events are selected from a mix of Michiana private country clubs and premium public courses. The larger population areas of Lake and St. Joseph counties typically host the most events.

Schedule for 2024

May 8 - **Legacy Hills**, May 20 - **Lake of the Four Seasons**, June 5 - **Pretty Lake**, June 19 - **Sandy Pines**, July 1 - **Blackthorn**, July 15 - **Tippecanoe**, July 29 - **White Hawk**, August 13/14 - **Swan Lake Resort**, August 26 - **Warren GC at Notre Dame**, September 16 - **Elcona CC**.

Cost to play? Each event is separately priced and includes prize money and lunch. Public courses range from \$65-\$75, and private courses range from \$90-\$100. The two-day Match Play Tournament is approximately \$170. The final September event includes a banquet at around \$130. The cost to play all the events is approximately \$900-\$1000.

What does a typical event look like? All events have a shotgun start at **12:00 pm CST**. Upon arrival approximately 45 minutes to an hour early, you check in, find your cart, and enjoy a provided lunch. You can hit balls at the range and use the putting green to warm up. After pre-event announcements, you head to your tee and begin play. Most rounds are played in 4½ hours or less.

Are all skill levels welcome? Yes, there are three sets of tee boxes at distances of 6100, 5600, and 5100 yards. Two flights are associated with each tee, for a total of six flights.

Prizes? Yes, cash prizes for each of the 6 flights for low gross and net, skins, and closest to the pin on par threes. Our season-long points tournament rewards participation in events, prizes won, and sponsoring new members.

A league tournament? Yes, during mid-August, a two-day, two-man best-ball team event is held at Swan Lake Resort. Each team plays five 9-hole matches over the two days. Flight winners play in a Shoot-Out to determine the Championship.

“League rules”? With cash prize tournaments, our rule is that there are no “gimmes” and the ball is played down. Other rules: OB/Lost Ball situations are played as a lateral hazard; drop within 2 club lengths and take a 1-stroke penalty. Pick up after double par. Each event will have announced rules such as lift/clean/place if the weather/course requires it.

Membership costs? MSGA uses the Bluegolf online application and reservation process paid via credit card. Renewing members pay \$75 annual dues. New members pay a one-time application fee of \$25. If members need a handicap, there is a \$40 fee (or waived if maintained through your course). Members can play as many or as few events as they choose. **Note:** As some courses require a “final headcount” in advance and charge us for those players on the list, if you haven’t canceled within 48 hours and don’t play, you will be charged the full fee. Event fees are charged to your credit card 48 hours prior to the day of the tournament.

For more information or to sign up - Go to the website at michianasrgolf.org to sign up and learn more details about the league’s history, course list, and previous events.