



2024 MBMA League Tees & Handicaps

League Tees – General Guidelines

- By default, all new players will play the Blue/White Combo tees for all MBMA (non-tournament) League events. Hole tees are marked on both League & Course scorecards.
- Returning players will begin the new season playing from the same tees as at the end of the previous year (unless otherwise confirmed prior to play.)
- Players wishing to play forward (White or Rudy) tees, must confirm with the League Manager at least 1 week prior to the start of the season.
- Players may not change tees during either half of the league season. A tee change may only happen prior to the start of the season or during the split between 1st and 2nd half.
- If course conditions or maintenance require any tee box to be closed/moved, the League Manager may require players to play a specific tee location on affected holes. Any changes to tee locations will be posted on the bulletin board, as well as the MBMA website.
- Other MBMA events (tournaments) may have additional tee options or requirements (with corresponding handicap adjustments.)

League Tees – Forward Tee Qualifications

- **WHITE TEES** – Players wishing to play the white tees must meet one of the following criteria:
 - 70 Years-Old prior to the current half of the league season***
 - 65 Years-Old and at least 5 League Handicap***
 - At least 8 League Handicap (regardless of age)***
- **RUDY TEES** – The “Rudy Rule” allows qualifying players to play any tee on any hole, with any combination during a round. Players must meet one of the following criteria:
 - 80 Years-Old prior to the current half of the league season***
 - 75 Years-Old and at least 8 League Handicap***
- Handicaps for all players playing Forward Tees will be calculated with the corresponding course rating and slope for the tees played.
- Players who qualify to play forward are encouraged to take the opportunity to have lower scores and more fun on the course.
- However, if the MBMA Officers find a player has received an unfair competitive advantage after moving forward, he will be asked to return to regular league tees for subsequent play.



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League Handicaps – General Policies

- All players should have an established MBMA League Handicap prior to league participation.
- Players who play without a pre-established handicap will receive a 60% calculation based on their initially posted score.
- To establish a handicap, new players should submit all recent 18 or 9-hole scores played at Mariana Butte. Scores from league tees are preferred, but other scores can be recalculated based on course rating & slope.
- Players without any Mariana Butte scores, but with an active WHS/GHIN, can receive an initial handicap based on their course handicap with a 75% calculation applied.
- Substitutes/players without an established handicap should not be scheduled to play during the last 2 weeks of either league half season. Teams who field such a player will be penalized as if there was a no-show.

League Handicaps – Calculations & Revisions

- MBMA League Handicaps are calculated using the lower **3** of a player's last **5** posted scores.
- If a player has fewer than 5 posted scores, the lowest score(s) will be used for his handicap calculation, with a percentage penalty applied based on total scores.
- Handicap scores are run through a formula based on the course rating & slope and designed to mirror the standard WHS/GHIN course handicap calculation.
- All posted scores will have Equitable Stroke Control applied, with the maximum score on any hole to be gross double-bogey.
- Handicaps are calculated each Sunday night during the season, and updated handicaps are posted every Monday prior to league play.
- Players will play using the same handicap for all matches/events during a week.