

State Medallion Tournament 2026 Conditions of Competition

HOSTING LOCAL STATE MEDALLION QUALIFYING ROUNDS

- Competition is open to Women's AZ Golf members at the host facility playing either 9-hole rounds (for 9-hole competition) or 18-hole rounds (for 18-hole competition).
- AZ Golf recommends that four rounds be played. Competition rounds should be held on the same course and all players should compete from the same yardage.
- Players may participate in each AZ Golf member club competition of which she is a member.
- The Handicap Index in effect at the time each round is played will be used. (Flights or grouping of players by Handicap Index does not apply to qualifying rounds.)
- • The maximum Handicap Index is 54.0 and will be used, as specified in The USGA Handicap System Manual. Players may "play down" to that index, if necessary.
- The recommended handicap allowance is 95% for individual stroke play, per the USGA Rules of Handicapping, effective January 2020, when calculating net scores.
- Prior to the local qualifying, the Committee in Charge should publish how ties will be handled (see procedure for breaking ties below).
- The Representative of each member club should be actively involved in the conduct of the tournament at her club.

DETERMINING WINNERS

- Winners will be determined using the two best gross and two best net rounds out of four designated rounds. Players need not participate in all four rounds to be eligible. (Determining the winner based on the best two rounds out of four is intended to give players the maximum opportunity to produce two good scores and not eliminate any players who are not able to play all four rounds).
- • In the event of a tie, the local Committee has the authority, under Committee Procedures, Section 5A(6), to determine how a tie is decided. Some suggestions to break the tie include: 1) Hold a 9-hole play-off (for 9-hole clubs) or an 18-hole play-off (for 18-hole clubs) within two weeks; or 2) Hold a sudden death play-off within two weeks; or 3) Use the USGA recommended Scorecard Count-Back procedure (See Committee Procedures Section in the Official Guide to the Rules of Golf in Section 5A(6) as listed below:
 - o You may match scorecards to determine the winner based on the best score for the last round.
 - o If there is still a tie, use the score for the last 9 holes, last 6 holes, last 3 holes and finally the last hole. (If breaking a tie for net player, use net scores in the Scorecard Count-Back procedure).

- All 18-hole rounds should be posted as “C” scores as determined by the local Handicap Committee in consultation with the Committee in charge of the competition if it meets The USGA Handicap System’s definition of Competition Score.
- Disqualification from one round of local qualifying does not disqualify the player from any remaining rounds of qualifying.
- No participant may win both the gross and the net awards. Gross will take precedence over Net.

AZ Golf STATE MEDALLION TOURNAMENT INFORMATION

Entrants in the AZ Golf State Medallion Tournament will be the Gross and Net winners of the local club’s State Medallion Qualifying event. If the club’s State Medallion Local Qualifying Tournament has not been completed for the year at the time of the AZ Golf State Medallion Tournament, entrants may be the winners from the previous year. In no case may the entrants be the winners from more than one calendar year prior to the AZ Golf State Medallion Tournament being entered.

The number of qualifying teams per Club is determined by the number of active AZ Golf members on the roster with a GHIN handicap as of September 1 of the qualifying year the winners are determined. Clubs may choose to register additional teams based on their total membership listed below. *(A 9-hole club administered within an 18-hole club’s print group qualifies as a 9-hole club).*

For 9-hole clubs:

Up to 75 members = 1 team

76-125 members = 2 teams

126 or more members = 3 teams

For 18-hole clubs:

Up to 350 members = 1 team

351-700 members = 2 teams

701 more members = 3 teams

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- Registration will be open via AZ Golf Genius from October 1, 2026 to November 30, 2026. A two-person team is required to enter, with electronic payment required at the time of registration. Individual entries and payments will not be accepted.
- Should the first-place winner of a club's State Medallion Local Qualifying Tournament choose not to play in the State Medallion Tournament, a club will field their team by entering the second-place finisher of that division and proceeding down the order of finish until the team has been fielded. (For example, a team may consist of the second-place Gross winner and the first-place Net winner).
- A player may compete only on one team and represent only one club. A player must have been an active member on the club's roster during the year and an active AZ Golf member on the day of the local qualifying events, to be eligible to play. If the State Medallion Tournament is held in a different year than the local qualifying events, the club must determine if a former club member will be allowed to represent that club at the State Medallion Tournament.
- Replacements for either partner may be made up to five business days prior to the tournament. If a replacement golfer is not found, an individual may play, but will not be eligible for Team prizes/awards. No substitutions or refunds allowed within five days prior to the event.

STATE MEDALLION COMPETITION – JANUARY 2027

- There shall be a 9-hole competition and an 18-hole competition. Players must compete in the competition (9 holes or 18 holes) for which the club's Local State Medallion was won.
- The 18-hole competition is held over two consecutive days. Half of the field plays on Day One and the remainder of the field plays on Day Two. 18-hole players are notified in mid-December which day their team will play. Special requests for playing days are not permitted.
- Maximum Handicap Index limits of 54.0 for the competition, as specified in The USGA Handicap System Manual. Players may "play down" to that index, if necessary.
- The competition shall consist of individual stroke play and all players are required to hole out.
- The team score will be the total of the Gross player's Gross score and the Net player's Net score.
- A trophy will be awarded to the 18-hole Team Champions and the 9-hole Team Champions as well as team awards within each flight.