

DGA Winter Meeting 2018 – Proposals

PROPOSAL #2018 – 1

I propose that the minimum number of rounds that a member needs to play each year to retain membership be changed from 10 Appearance Rounds to 12 Appearance Rounds. (Proposed by Min Minutello)

Reasoning: To encourage members to play more rounds during the year.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 2

I propose that the number of players for an official DGA Handicap Round be raised from 3 Active and Lifetime Members to 8 Active, Lifetime and Prospective Members. Rounds with 3-7 DGA Members would be considered a DGA Round for Appearance and Money but not for Handicap or Vardon Trophy. (Proposed by Bob Babetski)

Further Information and Reasoning: Because this club plays a league like format with mandatory pots, etc. for fairness handicaps need to be maintained like a league as best as possible.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 3

I would like to propose that natural Eagles be \$3 “for ALL Active Members” rather than just those Active Members playing that day/course. (Proposed by Ron Ceglia Sr.)

Further Information: Currently, only those Members playing that day/course are charged \$3 if a Member makes a natural Eagle.

Reasoning: The player making the Eagle should be rewarded similar to Double Eagles and Holes-in-One.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 4

I propose that we switch handicap calculations to use our official GHIN handicaps for DGA play, instead of calculating our own handicaps. (Proposed by Larry Thiry)

Reasoning: Each player will have only 1 Handicap Index.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 5

I propose that the DGA abolish the special DGA penalty of 2 strokes for out of bounds and lost ball and instead play all out of bounds as lateral hazards. For lost balls, take a 1 stroke penalty, and drop a ball where your playing competitors agree to have you drop it. This eliminates the option to hit provisional(s). (Proposed by Larry Thiry)

Reasoning: Eliminates the confusion of when to hit a provisional ball.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 6

I propose a different World Series Points system to address issues that were raised last year concerning how and when World Series Points are calculated and distributed. See Appendix 1 for details. (Proposed by John Rutigliano)

Reasoning: Eliminate confusion and award points based on position of finish and number of players for each round.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 7

I propose that all Active DGA Members MUST participate in the World Series competition. (Proposed by John Rutigliano).

Reasoning: It is the Club Championship and everyone should participate.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 8

I propose that all official handicap rounds played after World Series Day (in September) be awarded World Series Points rather than wait until the next year's Handicap Season. (Proposed by Doug Conway).

Reasoning: Let's consider the rounds played between World Series Day and the next Handicap Season start date the same way the PGA Tour now plays a "wrap around" season.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 9 (If Proposal #2018 – 6 does not pass)

I propose World Series Points be awarded based on the number of players for a given round rather than the number of players who signed up for World Series. (Proposed by Doug Conway).

Reasoning: Before the Points System a member could earn a "leg" toward qualifying for World Series Day based on 8 or more member playing a given round. It did not require that all of those Members were signed up for World Series. Let's simplify the awarding of points.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 10

I propose that we play Partner rounds at 80% handicap FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE PARTNERS MATCH ONLY, and use regular GHIN or DGA handicaps (see (1) above) for the individual tournament scores. (Proposed by Larry Thiry).

Further Information: The current record of the Bobbies leaves little doubt that something has to change, and the horrible won/lost record of low handicappers supports that conclusion.

I propose we use the following formula:

Current course handicap x 0.8 = partners handicap (truncate tenths)

Example: 18 x 0.8 = 14.4 (truncate to 14)

or 22 x 0.8 = 17.6 (truncate to 17)

7 x 0.8 = 5.6 (truncate to 5)

If the membership agrees, we can use this change for the 2018 season on a trial basis, and vote again next year on whether to adopt the 80% rule permanently.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 11

I propose that Partner teams cannot be together for more than 3 consecutive years. (Proposed by Frank Thiry).

Reasoning: As Commissioner of the Partners Tournament, I am concerned about the declining participation, apparent lack of enthusiasm and possible decrease of interest among our members. As I see it, the majority of this is due to several real or assumed factors, as follows:

1. Complacency of Partner Teams staying partners too long.
2. Resistance of splitting up, not wanting to hurt the other guys feelings.
3. Absence of "P-Tournament parity", caused by the dominance of one team.
4. Tournament has gotten "hum-drum" and "stale", and needs a something different, a fresh look.

PROPOSAL #2018 – 12

I propose that Partner teams should be drawn out of the hat every 3 or 4 years. (Proposed by Frank Thiry).

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PROPOSAL #2018 – 13

I propose that Partner teams must include one guy from "A" handicap group and one from "B" handicap group every 3rd year. (Proposed by Frank Thiry).

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1. Complacency of Partner Teams staying partners too long.
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PROPOSAL #2018 – 14 (If the Partners Tournament has less than 14 teams)

I propose revamping the Partners tournament into 4 groups, 3 teams in each group IF we have less than 14 teams. Each team will play the other two teams, and the group winners will become the "final four". (Proposed by Frank Thiry).

Reasoning: I would like to make this an official proposal if we have less than 14 teams. I can't see giving 3 or 4 teams a bye (that's a lot), plus this group format allows at least two matches (not one and done) and I think would be more fun.

A team that wins both group matches will become the obvious group winner. The other possibility would be that each team finish 1-1... then the net points (at the hole the match is determined, not through all 18 holes) of both matches will determine the group winner. This group idea could also work with 13 teams, with a play-in or one 4-team group.