



SIR STATE GOLF COMMITTEE

A question the State Golf Committee frequently receives is: “I am a member of the ABC Golf Club and already have an NCGA number, why can’t I play in SIR Tournaments?”

The simple answer is, you must be a SIR NCGA member to play in SIR tournaments. You obviously joined another club to play in their tournaments, so why not do the same for the SIR Club?

Let’s take an example, John is a member of the ABC Golf Club. He is eligible to play in any of the local ABC GC tournaments, NCGA tournaments and many privately held tournaments that the sponsor or organizer wants to open to the public.

He is not eligible to play in any of the local Club Tournaments held by individual Golf Clubs for their own members. For instance, if the Eagle Ridge Men's Club in Gilroy is putting on a members only tournament, he can't play. If he joins the Eagle Ridge Men's Club he would be eligible. It's the same with any golf club or associate club. To play in a club tournament, he must be a member of that club.

SIR is an NCGA Associate Club. To play in SIR Club Tournaments, John must be a member of the SIR Golf Club. Many Branches allow guests to play in their weekly tournaments also, but that's an individual Branch decision. SIR Area, Division or State Tournaments are usually only open to SIR NCGA members.

Many people think that having more than one NCGA Membership is a waste of money. What they don’t realize is their dues pay GHIN and NCGA for information and statistics provided to the club.

Administratively, the small fee John pays to join the SIR Club (less than the green fees for one average round of golf), provide the SIR Golf Club with all of the information recorded by GHIN and the NCGA during the year, such as his current index, his posted scores, number of rounds played, etc. These records are made available bi-monthly directly to the club or clubs that he belongs to because he has paid a membership fee to cover the cost of compiling, recording and transmitting those records. GHIN and the NCGA don’t work for free!

SIR NCGA Golf Clubs have nearly 5,000 members. The tournament chairman must look up the NCGA Index for each player before each tournament, compute their course handicap, set up the tournament and provide results. Your dues allow NCGA to provide computer software to the Branch, Area, Division and State Golf Chairman to access all of their club’s information and a Tournament Pairing Program with which they can easily set up and administer tournaments. **However, GHIN and the NCGA only provide information on SIR NCGA Club’s registered members.** Anyone else playing is considered a guest and requires individual look-up, entry and set-up time. A non-SIR NCGA member would cause additional time and work for the Branch, Area, Division or State tournament chairman of the tournament that he wants to play in. The cost of SIR NCGA membership pays for these services.