

2023 Southern Swing Tour



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2023 USPMGA Tennessee Open

Mossy Creek Mini Golf

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Official Rules

The 2023 USPMGA Tennessee Open will be played under USPMGA Rules. Local Rules have been established for the course and are included in the rules guide. Additional information regarding playing rules can be found at the resources listed below.

- US Pro Mini Golf Association www.prominigolf.com

The Rule's Official designated for the tournament will have final authority over all rule's questions. If there is a question about a rule or application of a rule, it is best to ask at that time.

Tournament Format

Participants in the pro division will be competing in five rounds of individual stroke play. Best combined score wins. Participants in the amateur division will be competing in three rounds of individual stroke play as well.

The tournament will begin at 9:00 AM with a rolling start from Hole #1. Pairings will be posted by 5PM Friday, August 25. Players will play in those pairings for the first three rounds. A one-hour lunch break will be taken between the third and fourth rounds. The one-hour break starts as soon as the last pro competitor completes their 3rd round. After amateurs complete round 3, the course will be open for practice. Players will be repaired after the lunch break based on score for rounds 4 and 5. Round 4 will also be a rolling start.

Playoff: Players tied for 1st place in their division. will continue on to a three-hole playoff. Players will play Hole 8, Hole 17 and Hole 18. The best combined score wins. If players are still tied after the designated number of playoff holes, a sudden death playoff will start on Hole 1 and proceed in order until a winner is decided. Hole placements do not change during a playoff.

Weather

In the event of heavy rain during a round, rules officials will sound two whistles. Players in the middle of the hole may finish the hole they are on or mark their ball. In the event of lightning, officials will sound three whistles. Players must stop play immediately. Players must mark their ball and return to the clubhouse.

Every effort will be made to complete play. If play is not able to be completed, the tournament director may reduce the number of rounds played. If the remaining rounds must be canceled due to weather, the tournament is official after one round. Each completed round will count towards the official school (all participants in the division have completed the round). If the tournament is canceled mid round, the scores will be reverted to the last completed round by the field and the event will be final. If the event is unable to start or is suspended due to weather before one round of golf has been completed by the field, the tournament will be rescheduled for Sunday, August 27 at 8AM. A max of three rounds will be played on Sunday with no repairing of participants.

In the event of a tie for first in a rain shortened event, the tie will be broken by scorecard playoff starting at hole 1. All other positions will remain tied.

Local Tournament Rules for Mossy Creek Mini Golf

Golf Balls: Players must use the Chromax Golf Ball with the USPMGA Logo (Per USPMGA Rules). Official balls will be available in the clubhouse for \$5.

Practice Rounds: Players are welcome at the course at daylight. The clubhouse will open at 2PM each day. Practice fees are \$10 a day. The course closes at 9PM each night. Friday, August 25 - The course will be open at 8AM with lights out at 11PM. Saturday, August 26 The course will be open at 7:00AM in the morning for practice. Practice on the day of the tournament is free. Practice will be allowed before the tournament and between rounds 3 & 4 once all players have completed round 3. An announcement will be made to clear the course 10 minutes before the start of the tournament for a rules meeting.

Tournament Play: Pairings will be posted on Friday, August 25, by 5PM. Pairings will be posted on the Squabbit Scoring App, the tournament pairing board on the clubhouse as well as the course's social media. The player listed first on the card will play first. The player with honors will complete the hole before a shot is taken by another player. Honors will be used during the round. The player with the lowest combined score in the group will be played first when starting a new round. In the event that a player does not show for a tee time to start the tournament, the remaining player in the group will be moved to play with the last group in their division and play as a threesome. If multiple players do not show a new pairing will be made and moved to play as the last group in their division.

Tee Shots: Players must tee off behind the first brick of each hole. Players may start anywhere in the six feet wide four feet deep area. Exception: Players have a wider teeing area on Hole #8. Players may tee off between the brick and the wood post and no more than four feet from the back edge. The corners of the teeing area will be marked on hole #8.

Ball Leaves the Course: A ball coming to rest outside of the boundaries is out of bounds. Players are issued a one stroke penalty and may place the ball at the point of exit or hit again from the original position. There is no penalty for the following: Exception 1: Any shot that exits the playing surface through the tee area will not be penalized. Players may place the ball anywhere on the teeing line. Exception 2: Any shot that exits the playing surface through a sidewalk exit will not be penalized. Players must place the ball at the point of exit.

Scenario 1: Player tees off on #8 (A) ball comes to rest in the water (B) ball jumps the water hits the back wall and then rolls back into the water (C) ball hits in the water and then jumps on to the green and into the hole. *Result* (A) One stroke penalty. Ball is placed on the edge closest to the tee box or re-hit from the teeing area (B) one stroke penalty and the ball is placed on the green side closest to the hole or re-hit from the teeing area (C) Legal play. Ball came to rest in the hole. Player should score a 1 on the card.

Scenario 2: Player tees off on #14 (A) hits the post and the ball exits through the sidewalk to right lands on the green (B) hits the post and exits through the sidewalk and comes to rest off of the playing surface (C) hits the first hump exiting over the bricks and going out of play. *Result* (A) Legal Play. Play the ball where it lies (B) The ball left the course through an exit. No penalty and it is placed at the point in which the ball first crossed the sidewalk. Most likely this was on the side closer to the tee box (C) One stroke penalty. Players may place the ball at the point of exit or play again from the tee box.

Scenario 3: Player uses the sidewalk to hit to (A) the lower level on hole #7 (B) to cut the corner on hole #14. *Result* (A) Prohibited play. Players may not use the sidewalk on hole #7 or hole #12. Players must take a one stroke penalty and retee. (B) Legal play. Hole #14 was designed with the sidewalk being an option. (See Scenario 2 for a ball that comes to rest off the course).

Relief: Players are given 8" of relief from boundaries and obstacles. Players should use a scorecard to measure relief. Examples of obstacles include rocks, rails, posts, and bridges. Relief from an obstacle may be no closer to the hole and may not create a line of sight if one did not already exist. Exception- A player may take relief that creates a line of sight if they intend to bank the shot. This must be declared to the playing partner(s). *If a ball comes to rest on a hole cover or comes to rest where a hole cover is in the "direct path" of the ball, the player may take 8" of relief from the point where the ball rests no closer to the hole. "Direct path" is a straight line from the ball to the hole.*

The ball must be put into motion by the putter before it advances. A ball that is placed and then rolls must be replaced.

Scenario 1: Player tees off on #1 and the ball comes to rest inside the bunker. The ball is against the lip. *Result:* Players may choose to take the 8" inch relief back towards the tee area.

Scenario 2: Player tees off on #7 and the ball becomes lodged in the rocks. *Result:* The player may, without penalty, move the ball 8" on back towards the teeing area. Players may not advance the ball past the obstacle and create a line of sight. *Scenario 3:* Player tees off on #11 and the ball becomes stuck under the bridge. *Result:* The player may, without penalty, move the ball 8" from the edge of the bridge back towards the teeing area.

Scenario 4: Player's second putt on #12 comes to rest against the wall near the post farthest away from the tee box. This area is very difficult to get a stance even when relief is taken. A player has the option to take the 8 inches of relief or may utilize the designated drop area without taking a penalty stroke.

Scenario 5: Player tees off on #13 and the ball rolls around, clips the cup and very slowly rolls all the way back down the sand trap into the "V". Result: If the player's ball lands in any part of the sand trap, the player may utilize the designated drop area without taking a stroke penalty.

Scenario 6: Player tees off on #17 and the ball becomes lodged between rocks with no line of sight to the hole. The player may (A) take 8" relief no closer to the hole and declare a bank shot or (b) come back in a direct line towards the tee box and take 8" of relief from the rock closest to the tee area. In option (b) a bank shot does not have to be declared.

Failed Hole: (A) The pipe on hole 4 does not constantly yield a holed putt. As a result, any ball entering the pipe on #4 is considered holed regardless of the outcome of the ball once it leaves the pipe. (B) While rare, the ball may become lodged in the steam or on the grate under the log on hole #9. Players may, without penalty, make contact with the ball in the stream if the ball becomes lodged in the obstacle. Failed attempt will not be counted on the player's score.

A ball that bounces out of the cup is not a failed hole. The ball must come to rest in the cup to be considered holed. A ball that goes in a pipe but misses the cup is not a failed hole with the exception of hole #4.

Scorekeeping: Each player will be given a scorecard and a spacer. The official scoring system being used for the tournament is Squabbit. Each player is encouraged to download the Squabbit App. The scoring app will allow for live and reliable scoring. Players will keep score for themselves and their opponent. When Squabbit is being used in the group, one player should keep the score on the app and the other player should keep a paper copy of the score. Opponents should check the scorecards to ensure that the score is correct. Players will sign the scorecard to attest each round's score. All cards will be submitted to the scoring tent. Players should remain at the tent until scores are confirmed. Once a player leaves the tent, scorecards are final. Scoring errors found after the player leaves the tent will be penalized. Players will receive one penalty stroke for every incorrect entry on the scorecard they submit.

Stroke Limit: Players can score no more than a 7 on a hole. Exception Penalty strokes for rules violation are added in addition to the score and can go beyond the limit. Out of Bounds is not considered a rules violation.



Squabbit is the Official Scoring App of the TN Pro Mini Golf Open

- Live Leaderboard
- Group Pairs
- Rules Information
- Live Updates
- Player Stats



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\$2500 Purse - Pro Division

Place	Prize Money
1 st	\$750.00
2 nd	\$450.00
3 rd	\$310.00
4 th	\$155.00
5 th	\$115.00
6 th	\$100.00
7 th	\$95.00
8 th	\$90.00
9 th	\$85.00
10 th	\$80.00
11 th	\$75.00
12 th	\$70.00
13 th	\$65.00
14 th	\$60.00
15 th	\$55.00

Ties

If two or more professional players finish with identical scores, the dollar values of the players' positions are added, then divided by the number of tied players to determine each player's share.

Amateurs

Amateurs placing in the top 10 will be passed over for prize money when the purse is distributed. The Amateur Division champion will receive \$35 travel reimbursement. Amateur will receive a \$15 travel reimbursement.

Women's Pro Division

\$20 Entry Fee

Place	Prize Money
1 st	\$100.00
2 nd	Medal



USPMGA Smoky Mountain Match Play Sunday, August 26, 2023



Tournament Format

The top 16 seeds in the pro division will be eligible to play in the Smoky Mountain Match Play on Sunday, August 27. To qualify, players must have played in the TN Open. Players will need to register for the event after the TN Open. If players in the top 16 choose not to play, spots will be filled based on TN Open standings until all spots are filled. If 16 slots are not filled byes will be issued.

The top 8 amateurs will be eligible to play in the Amateur Division.

The Tournament will begin at 8:00AM with a rolling start with #1/#16. The tournament is a single elimination bracket with the loser of the match being eliminated.

Match Play: Match play is a form of play where a player plays directly against an opponent in a head-to-head match. You win a hole by completing it in the fewest number of strokes, and you win a match when you are winning by more holes than remain to be played. You (or your opponent) may concede a stroke, a hole, or even the match to each other. If your next stroke has been conceded, you are permitted to putt out.

Playoff: If players are tied after the 18 holes, a sudden death playoff will start on Hole 1 and proceed in order until a winner is decided. Hole placements do not change during a playoff.

Weather

In the event of heavy rain during a round, rules officials will sound two whistles. Players in the middle of the hole may finish the hole they are on or mark their ball. In the event of lightning, officials will sound three whistles. Players must stop play immediately. Players must mark their ball and return to the clubhouse.

Every effort will be made to complete play.

If weather requires the TN Open to be moved to Sunday, the match play event will be canceled.

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Practice Rounds: Players qualifying for the Smoky Mountain Match Play may practice on Saturday, August 26 at no charge. The course will close at 10PM. The course will open at 7AM on Sunday.

Match Play Payouts

Tournament Fee: Pro \$25, Amateur \$15

Place	Prize Money
1 st	\$750.00
2 nd	\$450.00
3 rd	\$310.00
4 th	\$155.00

USPMGA Southern Swing Player Code of Ethics

Each course hosting a Southern Swing Event is honored to be hosting professional mini golf at their course. Our goal is to help promote the game of mini golf and grow the sport.

Competitors are expected to follow standards set forth in the local rules guide, USPMGA Rulebook and World Mini Golf Federation Rules. Flagrant violators of the competition rules, including a competitor that alters, marks, or damages the course in practice or competition rounds, will be banned from the course. Profanity is not an appropriate behavior and may be penalized by tournament officials.

We expect that all participants serve as ambassadors of the sport and we will hold you to the highest of standards.