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Golf Association

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2021 SEASON





2020 SAGA Winners

16TH SEASON

2021

| SAGA Tour 2020 Winners | Flight 1 | Flight 2 | Flight 3 |
|---------------------------|---------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 1st Place | Santosh Hanumaiah (78) | Vinay Bahuguna (82) | Pavi Malhotra (96) |
| 2nd Place | Rajat Beri (81) | Varun Malhotra (91) | Ankush Khurana (91) |
| 3rd place | Vivek Wadhwa (84) | Shyam Jagirdar (94) | Chirag Batki (93) |

2020 winners

THE FOLKS BEHIND SAGA



TEAM



Mahesh Yadav



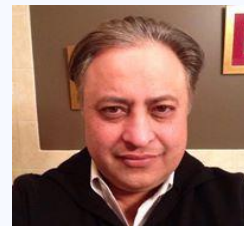
Uday Patel



Deep Thapliyal



Vinay Bahuguna



Rajesh Saggi



Sanjay Seth



Paresh Desai

CHIEF SUPPORTER



Dr. Anil Joshi

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2021 MEMBERSHIP FEES AND REGISTRATION



- Membership fees for 2021 is **\$325**.
- Please register and pay at www.sagagolf.com
- All members must be active (registered) in order to play the tour

Playing the SAGA TOUR 2021

- You **MUST REGISTER** and pay for each SAGA Tour event in order to participate.
- All registered members must also have a GHIN valid handicap, which we will provide



HANDICAPS

- All SAGA Tour participants will be established a valid GHIN handicap in 2021 as part of the registration fees, ensuring transparency.
- A maximum handicap of 26 at the beginning of the tournament is required for all participants.
- All scores should be posted regardless of where and when you played (not only SAGA Scores).
- 'NET' double bogey is the max score per hole under the new WHS (World Handicap System).
- **THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WILL REVIEW AND DETERMINE EACH PLAYER'S FINAL HANDICAP FOR TOURNAMENT PLAY**



2021 SCHEDULE



| SAGA MONTHLY / SAGA TOUR ROUNDS | | |
|---------------------------------|---|-----------------|
| Date & Time | Location | |
| 4/18/2021 12.00 pm | Royce Brook Golf Club, Hillsborough, NJ | Afternoon Round |
| 5/16/2021 12.00 pm | High Bridge Hills Golf Club, High Bridge, NJ | Afternoon Round |
| 6/6/2021 12.00 pm | Eagle Ridge Golf Club, Lakewood, NJ | Afternoon Round |
| 6/27/2021 12.00 pm | Berkshire Valley Golf Course, Jefferson, NJ | Afternoon Round |
| 7/11/2021 12.00 pm | Heron Glen Golf Course, Ringoes, NJ | Afternoon Round |
| 7/25/2021 12.00 pm | Ballyowen Golf Course, Hardyston, NJ | Afternoon Round |
| 8/15/2021 12.00 pm | Cobblestone Creek Country Club, Lawrenceville, NJ | Afternoon Round |

Top 5 of 7 rounds
comprise of
Regular season

Playoff Round (new)

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| 8/29/2021 12.00 pm | Eagle Ridge Golf Club, Lakewood, NJ | Afternoon Round |
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FINALS

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| 9/25/2021 12.00 pm | Cobblestone Creek Country Club, Lawrenceville, NJ | Annual Golf Outing Awards Reception |
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Reset Points +
Playoff round +
Finals will determine
SAGA champions (3
flights)



TOURNAMENT FORMAT (STABLEFORD)

Your NET SCORE POINTS

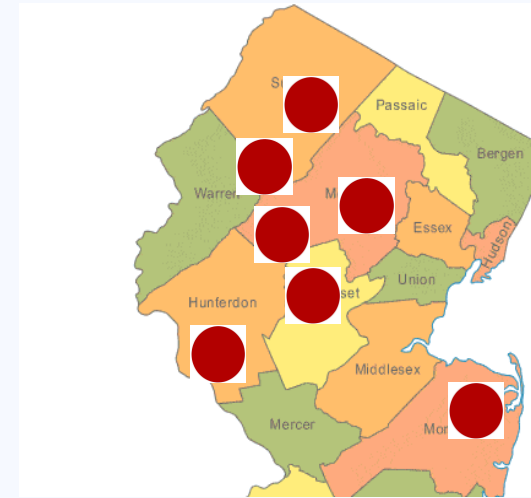
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| Double Eagle | 5 |
| Eagle | 4 |
| Birdie | 3 |
| Par | 2 |
| Bogey | 1 |
| Over Bogey | 0 |

How it is played

- Each player plays their own golf ball and records points based on their net score.
- Points are awarded according to the table of left and reflect the difference between the Net Score of the golfer against the par of each particular hole.
- Once a player's attempt for net bogey is unsuccessful pick up the ball and move onto the next hole.
- Each hole has a difficulty rating (as noted on the scorecard) which helps the golfer to determine if they receive an extra shot relative to the par of that hole.
- Points, once awarded, cannot be taken away. This means that a player who has played a good first 9 and then faded may still be in the running to win a prize for the good holes they played.

REGULAR SEASON SCORING

- There will be **7 Regular Season** Rounds
- There will be two or three flights based on handicaps
- Score of **Best 5** rounds out of 7 Regular Season will determine Regular Season leaderboards
- At the end of Regular Season, depending on position, RESET points will be awarded for players in each flight (Fedex Cup style).
- No minimum rounds are required to qualify



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SAGA PLAYOFFS AND FINALS



Reset points (FedexCup Style) will be awarded to each player depending on how they do within their flight in the SAGA regular season i.e **THE BEST 5 GAMES** of the regular season.

| Rank | Reset Pts | | Rank | Reset Pts | | Rank | Reset Pts |
|------|--------------|--|------|--------------|--|------|--------------|
| 1 | 18 | | 6 | 9 | | 11 | 4 |
| 2 | 15 | | 7 | 8 | | 12 | 3 |
| 3 | 12 | | 8 | 7 | | 13 | 2 |
| 4 | 11 | | 9 | 6 | | 12 | 1 |
| 5 | 10 | | 10 | 5 | | REST | 1 |



PLAYOFFS (NEW THIS YEAR) + FINALS

Playoff Round (new)

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Reset Points +
Playoff Round pts +
Finals points

will determine
SAGA champion for
each Flight

The fine print

Overall winner for each flight will be determined by adding the scores assigned based on rankings at the end of the regular season and adding scores from the Playoff + Finals.

- Top point getter from each flight will win that flight.
- In case of a tie to determine the flight winners, following method will be employed.
 - o The highest Stableford score at Saga Open
 - o The highest Stableford in the first playoff event, and if still a tie
 - o The highest Stableford score on the back 9 of SAGA OPEN, and if still a tie
 - o The highest Stableford score on the last 6 holes of the SAGA OPEN, and if still a tie
 - o The highest Stableford score on the last 3 holes of the SAGA OPEN, and if still a tie
 - o The highest Stableford score on the last hole of the SAGA OPEN, and if still a tie
 - o Coin toss
- (The back 9 as described above relates to holes 10 -18, irrelevant of the starting hole.)
- In case of a Tie of Stableford points in SAGA Open, Anish Joshi Trophy winner will be determined by adding the points assigned at the end of the regular season plus the SAGA Open score. If there is still a tie then the flight winner method will be employed.

ANISH JOSHI TROPHY



- The Anish Joshi Trophy is our most prestigious Champion's trophy
- Anish Joshi Trophy will be awarded to the highest point getter amongst the three flights in Playoffs
- Anish Joshi trophy is sponsored by Dr. Anil and Mrs. Anju Joshi in memory of their son Anish, who was a SAGA member



2019 winner Rajat Beri with Dr. Anil and Mrs. Anju Joshi



SAGA JUNIOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP

SAGA junior college scholarship is a one-year grant that will be awarded annually to one or more students that are selected by Anish Joshi / SAGA Scholarship Committee who meet or exceed the set criteria:

- Criteria include SAGA ethics and core values, applicant's achievements in Academic, Golf and other pursuits.
- \$5,000 dollars in total amount of scholarship funds will be disbursed every year among two or more applicants. Scholarship amount that is awarded to applicants may vary each year.
- Scholarship will be awarded in the spring of every year to the selected applicants who plan to attend accredited college in the fall of that academic year.




Scholarship



2019 Scholarship Recipient's with Dr. Anil and Mrs. Anju Joshi with President of SAGA, Mr. Mahesh Yadav

SAGA OPEN

The SAGA OPEN will be held at Cobblestone Country Club on Sat, Sep 25, 2021 followed by Awards and SAGA Dinner.



SAGA RULES



SAGA SPECIFIC

1. **The tournament directors and or executive members who are present will arbitrate any disputes after the round.** Do not enter a score for the hole/s on which the dispute occurred but each participant must still complete the hole.
2. Flights will play from the Tees decided by the committee.
3. **COUNT EVERY STROKE:** A stroke is the forward movement of the club made with the intention of striking the ball. Every stroke counts, including whiffs. (A whiff is when you attempt to hit the ball but miss it entirely.) It is your responsibility to keep track of your own strokes on each hole. We will follow USGA rules.
4. All players must agree (sign card) on the scores being turned in at the end of the round. Its mandatory to add the total for each round for each player in the foursome.
5. **Gimmie: Pick up the ball while putting if the ball is inside the leather of your putter (standard length).**

PACE OF PLAY

1. For the speed of play, once your attempt for net bogey is unsuccessful AND you have reached your maximum equitable score control (ESC) score, **pick up your ball.**
2. If your group or any player is unusually slow please speak up and ask them to pick up the pace of play. Groups need to maintain an average pace of 15 mins per hole and not fall behind more than 1 hole from the group in front of them.
3. Always be ready to play when it is your turn and play **ready golf.**
4. Hit your ball before helping to look for someone else's ball.
5. Putt out rather than mark your ball and encourage others to putt out as well.
6. Stand behind your ball and align your putt while others are putting.
7. Always have your club and an extra ball readily available to speed up play.
8. Use **common sense** to speed up play - Think! Think! Think!

SAGA RULES - CONTD.



COMMON RULES TO BE AWARE OF

1. **MAXIMUM CLUBS IN BAG:** Player is allowed to carry a maximum of 14 clubs. Failing to do so will lead to incurring 2 stroke penalty for each hole. Maximum penalty is 4 strokes for the round. Penalty will be applied to first two holes played in the round and points will be adjusted accordingly.
2. **BALL FALLING OFF TEE:** If a ball falls off the tee or is knocked off by a player addressing it, the ball may be re-teed without penalty.
3. **BALL MOVING ACCIDENTALLY AFTER ADDRESS:** No penalty if the ball moves after it has been addressed either off the tee or on the green.
4. **ARTIFICIAL OBSTRUCTION (such as a bench, water fountain, shelter, house, or protective screen):** If your ball lies on or touches an artificial obstruction, or when an immovable obstruction within two club lengths of the ball interferes with your stance or stroke, you may without penalty pick up the ball and drop it within two club lengths of the original lie, but not nearer the hole.
Note: Out of bounds stakes are not considered artificial obstructions.
5. **CASUAL WATER, GROUND UNDER REPAIR:** If your ball lies in or touches casual water, ground under repair, or a hole made by a burrowing animal, you may obtain relief without penalty. Your ball may be lifted and dropped as near as possible to the original lie, but not nearer the hole. If your ball requires such relief in a bunker, it must be dropped within the bunker. If you elect to drop behind the bunker, you must count one penalty stroke. (Casual water is a puddle of rain water or hose water--not a creek or pond.)
6. **WRONG BALL:** If a competitor makes a stroke or strokes at a wrong ball that is not in a hazard, they incur a penalty of two strokes. The competitor must correct their mistake before the next hole by playing the correct ball or by proceeding under the rules. Strokes made with a wrong ball do not count in their score. If a player plays any strokes in a hazard with a wrong ball, there is no penalty provided that player then plays the correct ball; the strokes so played with a wrong ball do not count in the player's score. If the wrong ball belongs to another player in the group, its owner shall place a ball on the spot from which the wrong ball was played. When the player and the opponent exchange balls during the play of a hole, the first to play the wrong ball other than from a hazard shall forfeit their points for that hole. When this cannot be determined, the hole shall be played out with the balls exchanged.

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Sunday – April 18, 2021, Royce Brook CC

