



Kansas City's Best Deal For Social Senior Golfers

What is the KCSGA?

The KCSGA is an exclusive organization composed of a number of Kansas City's finest private golf and country clubs. Individual members of those clubs, age 60 (by year-end) and over, are eligible for membership. The Association is governed by an appointed Board of Directors- where each participating club is represented by a Board member.

The Association partners with Central Links Golf of Kansas City to stage all golf events and administer enrollment, event entries, scoring, and course setup.



How long has KCSGA been around?

2024 marks the 70th anniversary of the KCSGA.

How much does a membership cost?

Annual membership to KC Seniors is \$150. In addition to the annual fee, each individual event is \$115. The event fee covers everything – cart, greens fee, two cocktails (premium brands), dinner (usually steak or prime rib), event management and administration, and awards and door prizes.

If you were to duplicate this type of experience on your own, it would cost you this much in guest fees alone.

What's included with an individual membership?

Members can participate in any of the organization's golf events every year. In 2024, we will have 10 area events and one "out of town" event. Each year, these events rotate among the member clubs.



What is the format for the golf events? What do the golf events consist of?

Members play 18 holes of golf, followed by cocktails and dinner. Our ten-event schedule usually starts in April and always concludes around the first week in October. The out-of-town event will usually be in the August- September timeframe. Most events will feature a 1:00 shotgun start, and drinks, dinner, and the awards program will commence as soon as scoring is completed.

How competitive is the golf?

The idea is to enjoy a fun, relaxed, social round of golf followed by a great dinner and a chance to meet up with your friends across the Association.

We award 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for gross and net scores across a series of age group divisions.

We also have the closest-to-the-flag awards for the par three holes.

Optionally, at the beginning of the year, you can pay to join the hole-in-one pool- and your ace will get you a share- or the entire pot at the end of the year.

Also optional is a gross and net skins game, which you can enter for \$10.

Depending on the size of the event, we may also include some other team events.

The Association will post your score to GHIN at the end of the event as a non-tournament score.

How long does the round take?

Central Links Golf designs the pairings for the most efficient pace of play. The goal is to complete the round in 4-1/2 hours. The number of total players per event can impact pace of play.

How are the courses set up?

You choose to play from whatever tees you want, and your handicap will be adjusted appropriately. This includes the gross and net skins game and hole-in-one event.



Who do I play with?

This is all about choices and your personal enjoyment. When you sign up for a specific event, you may specify one, two or three members you want to play with (if you choose to pre-arrange a game) or you may indicate that you would like to be paired with another group. Many members new to their club or to Kansas City have found new friends in this manner. Other members have met up with past business or professional associates they had lost track of- pairings are announced in advance and Central Links is always willing to “tweak” the pairings as needed.

How do I sign up for enrollment and events?

Central Links uses a fully automated, web-based system to manage annual enrollments and member signups for events. Existing members have already established their enrollment credentials and sign on for the system.

New members will be prompted to establish credentials and supply a payment card for fees. All members will be notified 30 days in advance of the next event and given the date/ time when enrollment for a specific course will open. You have 48 hours to submit your request for entry. Your card on file will only be charged if you are confirmed into the event.

The web system also gives you access to other data- such as showing all yearly events with dates and enrollment times. You can access players who have signed up (may help you with your pairings request), and scoring will be posted after the event. Central Links Golf is always available to help with any web-related issues.

What happens in cases when events are filled?

Central Links will send an email 30 days and then several days in advance of each event, reminding you of the event and when the event entry portal will open. Once the event portal opens, you have 48 hours to submit your entry. At the time you enter an event, you are asked to specify a future event where you would like to be “automatically” entered if you are waitlisted for the current event. Note it can be any event in the future- it does not need to be the next event.

After 48 hours, if we have more entries than spots, CLG will run a random lottery, and those members will be notified they are in the event- any others will be notified they are on the waitlist. Your card on file will not be charged until you are confirmed in the event.

The Association and CLG monitor all waitlists at the individual member level through the season- and we make every effort to minimize individuals on the waitlist more than once.

Also, we routinely “clear” 40-60% of the waitlist for an event as the event day draws closer. Members always have things “come up” that cause them to drop from an event in which they are enrolled. If your schedule remains flexible for the upcoming event, we call waitlisted members up to and including the morning of the event to fill in cancellations.

What are my obligations as a member?

When you enroll for an event, you check mark a Code of Conduct for the Association. There is nothing unusual in the Code- we are all guests of the member clubs for a day, and we expect that the facilities and staff of a host club are treated with the same respect that you would expect from a visitor at your own home club.

How can I become a member of KCSGA?

Each of the member clubs has a member on the KCSGA Board of Directors. Both your club manager and golf professional will be pleased to put you in touch with your director who will be happy to assist you.

Are there openings for new members?

We expect to have some openings on a club-by-club basis for this season. We do have a soft cap on our membership size so as to maximize your ability to play in as many events as possible and also provide a better pace of play during events.

How much money does KCSGA make a year?

The goal every year is to breakeven that year.

At the beginning of the year, we estimate our costs from each of the participating clubs for that year, include our other expenses to run the program, and set our prices as close to breakeven as possible. The out of town event usually has a different event cost structure that will be communicated to you in advance of sign-up. Of course, no Board member is paid- they do it because they believe in the Association.

