



## 2011 Tin Cup Qualification

There will be FOUR distinct ways to qualify for the 19-member 2011 Tin Cup Team. They are:

1. Total Tin Cups Points Earned
2. Match Play Tournament
3. SMGA Tournament
4. Captain's Pick

1. Total Tin Cup Points Earned List: January - September 2011, (8 Qualifying Positions)

- Starting January 1, there are **three ways** to earn Tin Cup Points:
- First, starting with the First Tuesday in January, through the First Tuesday in September, each month we will play a flighted stroke play event with Tin Cup points awarded to the top three (3) places in **each flight**.
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 35 points
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 20 points
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> 10 points
- Second, all golfers can earn Participation Points that add to your Tin Cup Total Points

- Every SMGA member will earn 5 participation Tin Cup points for each Tuesday or Interclub event played in 2011.
- You will earn 3 bonus Tin Cup points, in addition to your 5 participation points, for each **Away Interclub** event you play (for a total of 8 points).
- You will earn 8 bonus Tin Cup points, in addition to your 5 participation points, for each **Home Interclub** event you play (for a total of 13 points).

With ten Interclub events in 2011 (five Home and five Away), each SMGA member has the opportunity to earn a total of 105 Tin Cup points strictly by participating in all the Interclub events!

You may be wondering why more points for Home versus Away Interclubs. Candidly, we have more than a few SMGA members who enthusiastically participate in Away Interclub events, such as those hosted by Gentle Creek, Prestonwood, or Heritage Ranch, but will not play in Home Interclub events. An Interclub event, by its very nature, is a valued reciprocal privilege. As ambassadors of the Eldorado golfing community, the opportunity to play and to be hosted at another club bears the obligation that we likewise act as gracious and welcoming hosts when their golfers come to Eldorado. It's simply good etiquette. The additional bonus points for Home Interclubs are therefore intended to incent and reward this practice among ALL SMGA members.

- The third and final way to earn Tin Cup points is match play. Match play golfers will receive Tin Cup points that increase in value based on how many rounds you advance. (See match play description, which follows, for details on how points will be awarded.)

2. **MATCH PLAY Tournament - 4 Flights: May -September 2011, (4 Qualifying Positions)**

Match play is important as this is the format for the Tin Cup tournament. Therefore, from May through September of 2011, there will be a match play

bracket tournament. Complete rules for the 2011 match play tournament are included under the Match Play description.

The entry fee for the 5-month long match play tournament is \$10 per golfer, payable to Kelly Towery no later than April 29.

Initial bracket pairings for the four flights will be published around the end of April. Each round will have 4 weeks to complete all the matches. This should give everyone time to schedule and complete their matches at their mutual convenience, and to report the results to Kelly. This approach greatly assists those golfers who have personal travel plans throughout the season, as well as those inconvenienced by the inevitable weather delays.

The master brackets will be posted in the Men's Locker Room and updated as each round is completed.

The 4 match play golfers who make it to the semi-finals (flight winners) will qualify for the Tin Cup Team. The distinction between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place is the prize money to be awarded. The 100 % prize money payout at the September completion of match play will be 40% to first-place, 30% to second, 20% to third, and 10% to fourth place.

**In addition to the potential for winning prize money, all match play golfers will receive Tin Cup points that increase in value based on how many rounds you advance.**

- 5 points if eliminated in Play In Round
- 15 points if eliminated in Round 1
- 25 points if eliminated in Round 2
- 50 points if eliminated in Round 3

***Special note: Tin Cup qualifiers in match play who are also inside the top eight on the final Tin Cup Total Points List are duplicates since they are already eligible for the team, and those spots will be ceded to the Captain's Picks.***

3. **SMGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT: Mid-September 2011, (4 Qualifying Positions)**

To be eligible to play in the SMGA Championship Tournament, you must have played a minimum of eight (8) events (Tuesdays or Interclubs) with the SMGA during the competitive season.

The competitive season is defined roughly as from September to September, but more specifically as that period from the conclusion of the prior year's SMGA

Championship Tournament, to the start of the current year's SMGA Championship Tournament.

At the conclusion of the SMGA Championship Tournament, the four net flight winners will each automatically qualify for the Tin Cup Team.

4. **Captain's Picks: At-large Wild Card + Alternate, (3 Qualifying Positions)**

The Captain's pick selection recognizes those golfers who become competitive late in the season, yet may not have earned enough points to qualify. The Tin Cup captain retains the privilege of, and will select, those golfers who meet these criteria.