



## Mass Golf Four-Ball Championship Performance Policy



Since moving to a “low to high” registration model for the Four-Ball Championships, we have seen an increase in the competitiveness at the events. As part of this process, many teams that fall well within the maximum handicap limit (combined 6.0) are unable to play due to being outside of the “cut-off” of the low to high order when creating the final Championship field. To keep the focus on the competitiveness of the event, the Performance Policy below will be in place for the Four-Ball Championship moving forward.

**1<sup>st</sup> Occurrence:** Any member of a side that finishes with a total score greater than the *performance policy target score* for the Championship will be put on a *warning list* for the next two Championships.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Occurrence:** Any member of the warning list that is a member of a side that finishes with a total score greater than the *performance policy target score* for the Championship will be put on *the restricted list* for the following Championship.

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### **Definitions**

**Performance Policy Target Score:** The *performance policy target score* will be 2 strokes greater than the combined course rating(s) of the course(s) played for the Championship. For example, if the Championships is contested at golf courses with a 71.3 and a 73.6 course rating, any member of a side that scores 147 or higher is over the *performance policy target score*.

**Warning List:** Players on the warning list have exceeded the performance policy target score once within the previous two Championships. There is no impact on their ability to compete in the Championship or be ranked on the “low to high” order when creating the Championship field.

**Restricted List:** Players on the restricted list have exceeded the performance policy target score twice within the previous three Championships. There is no impact on their ability to compete in the Championship, but they will only be added to the field if all teams from the low-to-high ranking and waitlist have entered or withdrawn from the Championship.

**Note 1:** A side that withdraws from the Championship at any time after a side has begun their 1<sup>st</sup> round will be considered a score that exceeds the *performance policy target score*.

**Note 2:** This policy will begin in 2025 using 2024 results only. Any player on a side that finished with a score greater than the 2024 *performance policy target score* (148.3) is on the warning list but will still be eligible to compete in the 2025 Championship and will be calculated in the low to high ranking.

**Note 3:** The performance policy target score formula was created with the understanding that the Four-Ball Championship is typically played in the early spring, when conditions can vary greatly. Mass Golf reserves the right to adjust the target score if conditions are drastically different than expected for the event.