

SECTION 1 - Membership & Eligibility

About TheGrint Tour Houston

The Grint Tour Houston, along with all its intellectual property, is owned and operated by **Sandy Birdie LLC**, headquartered in **Coral Gables, FL**.

The Tour is open to all **amateur golfers** with a verifiable handicap index. To be eligible to compete in official events, players must meet one of the following:

- Have entered a minimum of six (6) completed scorecards into their TheGrint App account.
- Have a verifiable USGA Handicap Index.
- Receive approval from the Tour Director(s).

Any amateur golfer can join by visiting www.TheGrintTour.com and completing the registration process.

Membership Fees

- \$150 Without an active "Pro Membership" on TheGrint App.
- \$125 With an active "Pro Membership" on TheGrint App.

Memberships **auto-renew annually**. Members can adjust their renewal preferences at any time in the **My Account** section of the website.

Membership Benefits

As a Tour Member, you'll enjoy:

- Discounted event entry fees
- Unlimited referral credits
- Tour Welcome Kit with branded items

- Eligibility to participate in TheGrint Tour Cup Season-Long Race and win prizes
- Access to special sponsor discounts
- Eligibility for all regional TheGrint Tour tournaments
- Pro Membership benefits on TheGrint App
- Discounts with partner brands

Inclusivity

The Grint Tour welcomes **all players** regardless of age, gender, race, or socioeconomic background who wish to enjoy and compete in the game of golf.

Key Highlights for Members:

- Must have a valid/verifiable handicap to play.
- Annual membership includes discounted fees, referral rewards, and eligibility for year-end prizes.
- Registration is simple via <u>www.TheGrintTour.com</u>.

SECTION 2 - Assumption of Risk & Liability Waiver

By becoming a member of **TheGrint Tour** or participating in any official Tour event, you acknowledge and accept the inherent risks associated with the game of golf.

These risks may include, but are not limited to:

- Being struck by lightning.
- Being hit by a golf club or golf ball.
- Experiencing heat exhaustion or dehydration.
- Suffering injury from uneven terrain.
- Other unforeseen incidents related to golf course conditions or play.

By registering for membership or entering an event:

- You voluntarily assume all such risks and waive any claim for injury or property damage against TheGrint Tour or Sandy Birdie LLC.
- 2. You agree that while attending any Tour event whether as a participant, guest, or spectator you do so entirely at your own risk.
- 3. You release TheGrint Tour and Sandy Birdie LLC from any liability for injuries or damages arising from your participation or presence at an event.
- **4. You agree to indemnify and hold harmless** TheGrint Tour and Sandy Birdie LLC from any claims or liabilities by you or any associated persons.

Key Highlights for Members:

- Golf is played at your own risk.
- The Tour is **not responsible** for injuries, accidents, or property loss.
- All participants, guests, and spectators **must acknowledge this risk**.

SECTION 3 - Tournament Registration & Payment Policies

Registration

- All Tour events are listed on www.TheGrintTour.com.
- Registration is first-come, first-served many events sell out well before the entry deadline.
- We strongly recommend registering as early as possible to secure your spot.

Payment Policy

- A player's spot is only guaranteed once payment is received.
- Payment should be made via TheGrint Tour website using a credit card.
- Alternative payment options (Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, etc.) may be accepted with **Tour Director approval**.

A confirmation email and receipt will be sent once payment is processed.

Referral Credits

- Members earn a \$25 credit for each new player they refer who joins the Tour.
- The new player **must list your registered email** during their membership sign-up.
- Referrals are only valid for players who have **never** been members or played in past Tour events.
- Referral credits are valid for 120 days or 4 events (whichever comes first).

Credit Redemption

- Credits apply automatically at checkout when registering for a tournament.
- Credits cannot be applied to Early Bird pricing.
- Credits can only be used for the local tour where they were earned or at National Events.
- Tournament credits expire after 120 days or 4 events.
- Refund-issued credits do not expire.

- Register early events often sell out.
- Payment = Your spot is secured.
- Referral program = **\$25 credit** for bringing in new players.
- Credits have usage restrictions **no Early Bird** application

SECTION 4 - Tour Flights & Player Assignments

Flight Structure

Players are placed into flights based on their **USGA Handicap Index** or verified equivalent. Final placement decisions rest solely with the **Tour Director(s)** after reviewing player history, recent scores, and performance trends.

Standard Tournament Tees

The Grint Tour uses its own **tournament tee system** for consistency across events:

Flight	Tournament Tees	Typical Yardage
Champ / Albatross	Gold	6,300 - 6,700 yds
Eagle / Birdie	Blue	5,900 - 6,200 yds
Par	White	5,600 - 5,900 yds
Women (HCP > 8.0)	Red	< 5,400 yds
Women (HCP < 7.9)	White	Based on index

Senior Players (55+) may elect to move forward **one set of tees** from their assigned flight's tees. NET scoring will be calculated from the tees played. No event will use the most forward course tees.

Player Assignment & Re-Assignment Rules

Promotions During the Season

To keep competition fair, the Tour **may** reassign players to higher flights during the season. Common reasons include:

- Two consecutive wins in the same flight.
- Three total wins in a season.
- Significant improvement in scoring performance.

New Players

- Players without the minimum ten (10) scores in TheGrint App are flagged as No Valid Handicap.
- They must either:
 - Enter historical scores into TheGrint App to establish a valid index, or
 - Provide a current USGA Handicap Index for review.
- Novice players may be placed in a flight provisionally until enough scores are recorded.

- Flights are based on handicap and adjusted for fairness.
- Multiple wins can lead to promotion to a higher flight.
- Senior and women's tee options are available but course rating adjustments apply.



SECTION 5 - Cancellations, No-Shows & Withdrawals

Withdrawals Before an Event

- If you withdraw **more than 7 days** before an event, you will receive a **credit** for a future TheGrint Tour event.
- If you withdraw **3 to 7 days** before the event, a **cancellation fee** may apply, along with any green fees charged by the host course.
- All withdrawals must be communicated to the **Tour Director(s)** by **email or text**. The **timestamp** of your message will determine eligibility for credits or
 refunds.

Late Withdrawals & No-Shows

- Withdrawing less than 3 days before the event or not showing up on the day of play will result in forfeiture of your full entry fee.
- No-shows without notice may also result in loss of playing privileges for future events.

How to Withdraw

- Contact the Tour Director(s) directly by text or email as soon as possible.
- Include your **name**, the **event name**, and the **reason** for withdrawing.

- Withdraw early to avoid losing your entry fee.
- No-shows hurt the Tour and may impact your eligibility to play future events.
- Always communicate promptly if you can't attend.

SECTION 6 - Tournament Payouts & Skins Games

Tournament Payouts - By Flights

Each flight will have a **Gross Score Champion**, plus an **Overall Net Score Champion** across all flights.

Prizes may include a combination of:

- Sponsor gifts
- Gift cards
- Tour credits toward future events

The number of prize places paid depends on the **number of players in that flight**:

Players in Flight	Places Paid
2 - 8	1 place
9 – 12	2 places
13 - 16	3 places
17 – 20	4 places
21	5 places

The Tour reserves the right to **increase payouts** when participation grows or when sponsorship allows.

Year-Long Race Pot

- A portion of each entry fee (\$5 per player) goes into the season-long Race pot.
- The top 3 players in each league's **Race standings** receive payouts at season's end.

Skins Game

Flighted Skins: Optional cash buy-in, collected in person at check-in.

- Winner = lowest **gross score** on a hole in your flight (birdie or better).
- Payout = total pot ÷ number of skins won.
- If no skins are won, the pot **carries over** to the next event.
- Super Skins: Optional cash buy-in, no flights.
 - Winner = lowest **gross score** on a hole in the field (birdie or better).
 - Same payout rules as above.

Any unclaimed skins pot at year's end will be donated to charity or raffled as gift cards/golf items to those who participated during the unclaimed period.

Key Highlights for Members:

- Flight payouts depend on the size of the field.
- Optional Skins & Super Skins games are paid in cash only at check-in.
- Year-long Race pot grows with every event you play.

SECTION 7 - Scoring, Tie-Breaking & Net Score Over Par

Scoring Method

- Gross Scores determine flight winners.
- Overall Net Champion is calculated across all flights.
- Scoring is done using:
 - 1. The **official paper scorecard** (signed and attested).
 - 2. The **TheGrint App Live Leaderboard** (for real-time scoring).

Tie-Breaking Procedures

1-Day Events - Gross Prizes

- 1. Sudden death playoff (weather/course permitting).
- 2. Best gross back nine.
- 3. Best gross last six holes.
- 4. Best gross last three holes.
- 5. Handicap hole #1, then #2, and so on.
- 6. If still tied coin flip.

2-Day Events - Gross Prizes

- 1. Best gross final 18 holes.
- 2. Best gross back nine.
- 3. Best gross last six holes.
- 4. Best gross last three holes.
- 5. Handicap hole #1, then #2, and so on.
- 6. If still tied coin flip.

Net Prizes

Determined by Net Score Over Par (explained below).

What is "Net Score Over Par"?

The Grint Tour uses a proprietary formula to ensure fairness across handicaps and tee boxes:

Net Score Over Par = GROSS - (HCP Index × Course Slope / 113) - Course Rating

This calculation is used to determine Race points and the Overall Net Champion.

Key Highlights for Members:

- Gross = flight winners.
- **Net Score Over Par** = determines Race points & overall net champ.
- Tie-breaks are strict and consistent across all events.

SECTION 8 - Tees, Senior/Women's Options & Playing Distance

Standard Tournament Tees

To maintain consistency and fairness, TheGrint Tour uses designated **tournament tees** for each flight:

Flight	Tournament Tees	Typical Yardage
Champ / Albatross	Gold	6,300 - 6,700 yds
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Senior Players (55+)

- May elect to move forward one set of tees from their assigned flight tees.
- NET scoring will always be calculated from the tees actually played.
- The most forward course tees will never be used in Tour events.

Women's Options

- **HCP Index > 8.0** → Play from **Red tees**.
- HCP Index < 7.9 → Play from White tees.
- NET scoring calculated from tees played.

Average Playing Distances by Flight

• **Champ / Albatross:** 6,300 - 6,700 yards

• **Eagle / Birdie:** 5,900 – 6,200 yards

• **Par:** 5,600 – 5,900 yards

• Women's Red Tees: Under 5,400 yards

- Tee assignments are based on **flight and handicap**.
- Seniors and women have **flexible options**, but **ratings adjust** accordingly.
- TheGrint Tour ensures **consistent yardages** for each flight throughout the season.

SECTION 9 - League Format & Race for TheGrint Cup

Two-League Structure

The Grint Tour season is divided into **two leagues**, each with its own **points race** and championship prizes:







League	Flights Included
AUGUSTA League	Champ & Albatross Flights
PEBBLE League	Eagle, Birdie & Par Flights

How Points Are Earned Houston Tour

- Flight winners are determined by Gross Score.
- Race points are awarded based on your Net Score Over Par ranking within your league.
- Points are awarded at every official Tour event.
- Your best 6 event results count toward your season total (majors included).

Playoff Events

- The season concludes with 2 or 3 playoff events, including the Tour Championship (considered a playoff event)
- Playoff events do **not replace** your top 6 scores they are added to them.
- Playoffs are worth **TRIPLE points (same as a 2 day major)** making them critical for the championship chase.

Year-End Prizes

League Champions

- Name engraved on TheGrint Cup/Plaque.
- TheGrint Tour Championship Trophy (yours to keep).
- 1-Year TheGrint App PRO Membership.
- Sponsored prizes (TBD).
- Share of Year-Long Race Pot.

Top 3 in Each League

• Share of the **Year-Long Race Pot** (funded by \$5 per player per event).

Top 5 in Each League

- Free membership for the following Tour season.
- Sponsored prizes (TBD).

- Two separate leagues = more winners and fairer competition.
- Only best 6 results count + playoffs are triple points.
- Year-end prizes are **significant** and **free memberships** are on the line.

SECTION 10 - Event Rules & On-Course Policies

Rules of Play

- All events are played under the **USGA Rules of Golf**, with the following Tour-specific allowances:
 - TheGrint GPS and laser rangefinders are permitted.
 - Devices with slope functionality are allowed only if slope is turned off.
 - One-ball rule does not apply.
 - Local course rules are always in effect.
 - Local stroke-and-distance rule may be used for all flights.
 - Relief from a ball in a **divot** is allowed only in your own fairway.
 - Maximum score per hole: Par 3 = 6, Par 4 = 8, Par 5 = 9.

Scorekeeping

- You will keep your own score and that of one playing partner.
- At round's end, review and sign both cards before turning them in.
- **Live scoring** in the TheGrint App is **mandatory** at least one player in each group must enter hole-by-hole scores during play.
- Paper scorecards will be used to verify final scores.

Leaderboard

- A live leaderboard is available in the TheGrint App for all events.
- Accuracy is critical incorrect scoring can result in penalties or disqualification.

Pace of Play

- Stay within one hole of the group ahead at all times.
- Falling more than one hole behind may result in a **2-stroke penalty** for all players in the group.
- Warnings will generally be issued on the **front nine**; no warning is required on the back nine before a penalty is assessed.

Event Check-In

- All registered players must check in at the official Tour table before play.
- Arrive at least 45 minutes before your tee time.
- Be on your starting tee at least 10 minutes before your assigned time.

Late Arrivals

- If your group has completed its first hole before you arrive → Disqualification.
- If your group has teed off but not completed its first hole → 2-stroke penalty.

- USGA rules apply with a few Tour exceptions.
- Live scoring is mandatory in the TheGrint App.
- Keep pace or risk penalties.
- Check in early to avoid disqualification.

SECTION 11 - Weather, Delays & Event Cancellations

Shortened or Cancelled Events

If a tournament cannot be completed due to circumstances beyond the Tour's control (e.g., severe weather, course closure), the following will apply:

- Results will be based on the number of holes completed by the last group in each flight.
- If an event is shortened, standings will be determined using **gross scores** over the completed holes.
- If no meaningful number of holes are completed, the event may be cancelled, and credits or refunds will be issued at the discretion of the Tour Director(s).

Weather Delays During Play

- All players must remain on property during delays unless otherwise instructed.
- If play is suspended, **mark your ball's position** and seek shelter.
- Await official announcements from the Tour Committee before resuming play.

Lightning & Dangerous Conditions

- Play will be stopped immediately if lightning is detected nearby.
- Players must head to a safe location until play resumes or an official cancellation is announced.

Rescheduling

- The Tour may attempt to reschedule a cancelled event if the calendar allows.
- If rescheduling is not possible, credits/refunds will be handled according to Tour policy.

Key Highlights for Members:

- Weather delays = **stay on site** until you're told otherwise.
- Shortened events will be **official** if enough holes are completed.
- Safety always comes first lightning = stop play immediately.

SECTION 12 - MEDIA

By entering any TheGrint Tour event, you are agreeing to be photographed or filmed while practicing, playing or participating in any stage of the event. TheGrint Tour reserves the right to use these materials for media content creation. i.e., Social Media, informational purposes, marketing, and such.

Additional Event Info

Any additional event specific information will be published on the official event registration page of the Tour's website.