



Women's South Carolina Golf Association

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WSCGA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR ONE-DAYS

Eligibility

To compete in WSCGA One-Day Tournaments, a participant does not need to be a resident of South Carolina, but must:

- Enter from the South Carolina club which you receive your current USGA GHIN handicap-index.
- Be a member of a golf club which is a Regular or Associate member of the WSCGA or have an Individual Membership through a South Carolina Associate e-Club
- Must have a valid Driver's License.
- If you are a transgendered individual, please contact the WSCGA office for the WSCGA policy and additional application procedures.

Eligible Handicap Indexes

A player's Handicap Index is calculated as of the close of entries. The Handicap-Index Limit is 40.4. If your index is higher you are still eligible to play; however, you will only receive 40.4. You will receive 95% of the course handicap in stroke play and stableford along with 85% in Two Person Best Ball.

Tournament Entry Policies

Entry fee includes cart, golf, lunch and prizes. All players are required to ride.

Entries are accepted online only; on a first come, first served basis. The field is limited to 100 total entries (unless specified). If the field is full, the 100-field limit should not include players from the Host Club. Those individuals not accepted into a particular One-Day or accepted to play in a One-Day that is subsequently cancelled may check the other one-day sites for availability. Online registration will be open for a 4 week period; opening at 9:00 a.m. EST 6 weeks prior to the start of the tournament, and closing at 5:00 p.m. EST two weeks prior to the tournament.

All entrants will remain on the waitlist until Entry Fees are processed within 24 hours after the entry deadline. Entrants will be notified via email of their entry status within 48 hours after the entry deadline. Entrants may see their entry status by going to the WSCGA website and logging into the tournament site and looking under "Participants". Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Tournament) by the WSCGA. Reason for rejection may include a fraudulent entry or handicap or unbecoming conduct.

LOTTERY EVENTS ONLY: Entries are open for one week to register and the WSCGA will randomly select the entries that are in for the One Day Event. Selected entries will then have 2 days to accept their invitation before it's gone and given to someone else.

Withdrawals and Refund Policy

If a player needs to cancel after the deadline, her entry may be transferred to another WSCGA member, with transfer of entry fee done between players. The WSCGA must be notified in advance. If a player needs to cancel after the deadline and notifies the WSCGA 8 days or more before the event, WSCGA will assess a \$6 processing fee. If player cancels within 7 days of the event, NO Refunds will be issued

If a Tournament is canceled and only a few holes have been played; you will be not be refunded any of your entry fee. However, you may receive a rain check from the host club.

Rain/Inclement Weather Policy

A determination as to canceling a tournament, whether a One-Day or a major championship, due to inclement weather will not be determined until the morning of the tournament. We request that participants do not contact the WSCGA offices or the host club prior to that time. Participants will be notified of cancellation/postponement ASAP by e-mail.

If there is potential of a Hurricane during an event, an email will be sent out and the processing of entries will be delayed until we can determine which way the storm is headed. If we have to cancel event, we will make every effort to reschedule at a later date with-in the year.

The WSCGA official-in-charge and the staff of the host club have the authority to discontinue play or cancel an event due to inclement weather or conditions. Competitors may discontinue play only if they consider themselves to be in danger from lightning or for some other factor, such as sudden illness, which the WSCGA official-in-charge considers satisfactory.

If an event is canceled, all entry fees, minus credit card processing fee, will be refunded, with the exception of any club/restaurant fees that they deem non-refundable. No refunds are made to groups or individuals who fail to start due to inclement weather when an event is not canceled.

THE FOLLOWING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES ARE ARRANGED ALPHABETICALLY:

Breaking of Ties

Gross: The winner of the tied competitors shall be determined by matching total scores of the last nine holes of the course. If this does not break the tie, match the total scores of the last six holes of the course. If this does not break the tie, match the total scores of the last three holes of the course. If this does not break the tie, match the score of the last hole of the course. If this method has not broken the tie, the winner shall be determined by going to the number one handicap hole on the scorecard and proceeding in sequence until a winner is determined.

Net: The winner of the tied competitors shall be determined by matching the total net scores of the last nine holes of the course. If this does not break the tie, match the total net scores of the last six holes of the course. If this does not break the tie, match the total net scores of the last three holes of the course. If this does not break the tie, match the net score of the last hole of the course. If this does not break the tie, the winner shall be determined by going to the number one handicap hole on the scorecard and proceeding in sequence until a winner is determined.

Caddie/Cart Policy

Caddies are not permitted in WSCGA events, unless otherwise stated in the specific One-Day Tournament information. All players are required to use a cart. Players without a driver's license will be paired with a driving partner or assigned a volunteer driver.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones, with ringers turned off, may be used for the purpose of emergencies or business relations only. Any use of a cell phone must be used discreetly and must not distract or disturb your fellow competitors.

Distance Measuring Devices

A player may use a distance measuring device to measure distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a function that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 4.3 (1).

Dress Code

The WSCGA Dress Code is designed to maintain an atmosphere consistent with the traditions of the game of golf and the WSCGA. Proper golf attire is required. Tank tops, halter tops, racer-back shirts with no collar, blue jeans, cut-offs, short shorts (less than a 4-inch inseam), or bare feet are considered inappropriate attire.

The WSCGA Tournament Committee is obliged to strictly enforce the dress code as specified by the host course for each Tournament. The Committee shall enforce the decision made by the host course staff as to whether the requirements of the dress code have been met. Players are notified of specific host club dress code requirements in the confirmation letter sent out prior to each Tournament.

Discontinuing Play

Competitors are permitted to discontinue play in accordance with Rule 6-8 (USGA Rules of Golf). The WSCGA official-in-charge and the staff of the host club also may discontinue play.

Lightning Warnings: Warning Signals: **One Long Blast:** immediately stop play, mark your golf ball, and return to clubhouse. If a player does not stop play when signaled with *One Long Blast*, the player will be disqualified (Rules 6-8b, Appendix I). **Three Short Blasts:** Mark your ball and return to clubhouse and/or finish current hole then return to clubhouse. **Two Short Blasts:** Resume play. Be prepared to return to the course and resume play as soon as it is announced it is safe to continue to play.

If conditions become so severe that play cannot be resumed the same day, the committee may suspend, postpone, or cancel the round. When play is suspended, play will be resumed from where it was stopped, and all posted scores stand. When play is postponed, returned scores **may** be canceled at the discretion of the committee.

Prize Distribution if a Tournament is Canceled During Play: Tournament prizes can only be awarded by scorecard if the same 9 holes are completed by everyone.

If the same 9 holes are not completed by everyone, then Overall Gross and Overall Net will be determined by drawing from the entire field.

Prizes for Flights will be determined by drawing from each flight represented.

You can only win one prize.

If there is a sponsorship prize, all names will be put into a drawing and everyone is eligible to win one sponsorship

prize.

Hole-In-One Club

WSCGA members have the opportunity to participate in the WSCGA's Hole In One Club. Registration is done on an individual basis, online at www.wscga.org.

- The entry fee is a one time fee of \$5 for the present season.
- Sign ups will run all year.
- You must sign up prior to the hole-in-one.
- The Hole-In-One Club runs from the first tournament of the year to the last tournament of the year. You must have a hole-in-one at a WSCGA tournament (ie: One Day or Championship -- not a practice round)
- The hole-in-one pot will be divided after the last tournament of the season between all hole-in-ones minus 5% for administrative fees.
- If no hole-in-one during the WSCGA season, money will go to the WSCGA. The validity of a hole-in-one will follow these USGA recommendations:
 - If made during a round of at least nine holes, except that a hole-in-one made during a match should be acceptable even if the match ends before the stipulated round is completed.
 - If attested by someone acceptable to the Committee.
 - If made at a hole with a temporary tee and/or putting green in use, even if the Committee did not specifically define the teeing ground with tee-markers; the length of the hole at the time should be stated on any certificate. Must have regulation cup.
 - If made in a "scramble" competition, which is played as follows: A side comprises two to four players. Each member of a side plays from the teeing ground, the best drive is selected, each member plays a second shot from where the best drive is located, and so on.
- You, as the player, must notify the WSCGA Tournament Coordinator (803) 977-8216 or WSCGA Chairman at the event you play in) of your hole-in-one. Report hole #, yardage and witnesses. Scorecard must have 2 signatures.
- The Hole in One Contest will NOT be valid in a Par Three. Contest/Tournament.

Musical Devices

Players are allowed to use a device to listen to music, a radio broadcast or any other type of broadcast during a stipulated round (Rule 4.3a (4)) through an airpod device in **only one** ear. Player must announce playlist to starter if doing so prior to round.

One-Day Formats

STROKE PLAY

18 holes of stroke play, both gross and net scores. A stroke play competition consists of competitors completing each hole of a round and recording that score to their scorecard. Each competitor competes against the other competitors of the field.

TWO PERSON BEST BALL (Formerly referred to as Four Ball)

A competition in which two competitors play as partners, each playing her own ball. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole. Both gross and net scores. Partners do NOT need to be from the same club. Teams are given 85% of the course handicap.

2 Person 9/9

This is a 2-person team event in which the team will play a scramble on the front 9 and best ball on the back 9.

2 Best Balls of Foursome

This is a 4-person team event in which the 2 Best Balls on each hole will count for the team score.

4 Person Odds/Evens

This is a 4-person team event in which the 2 Best Balls on each hole will count on the Even Holes and 1 Best Ball will count on the Odd Holes.

Shamble

Can either be played with 4 or 2 person teams. The team will play a scramble off of the tee shot where everyone will play from where the best shot ends up after the first shot. From there all members of the team will play their own ball. With 4 players the 2 Best Balls will count and with 2 players the Best Ball will count.

1, 2, 3 Best Balls

This is a 4-person team event where you count 1 Best Ball on each Par 5, 2 Best Balls on each Par 4 and 3 Best Balls on each Par 3 for the team score.

2 Person Best Ball Match Play Nassau

Match play for individual holes. Winner of front nine receives 2 points; winner of back nine receives 2 points; 18-hole winner receives 2 points. (This is the format for our very popular Salute to the Solheim One-Day.)

Good Fortune Tournament

Each player will get 9 fortune cookies with playing instructions in them. On designated holes, a player will open a cookie and follow the instructions, i.e., play from the 150-yard marker, play the hole with only 4 clubs, etc. This is a non-posting event.

Stableford

An individual format in which the player accumulates points per hole instead of strokes. In this game, you want more points, not the lowest score! You earn points by the score you make on each hole.

Bogey - 1 point

Par - 2 points

Birdie - 3 points

Eagle - 4 points

Albatross - 5 points

Pace of Play Policy

The WSCGA Pace of Play is a “unreasonable delay” policy based on players reaching a specific point on the course by the time established by the Committee. It replaces the old policy check-point policy. The following conditions and policies shall regulate *Rule 5.6 of the Rules of Golf; Unreasonable Delay; Prompt Pace of Play* as defined by the Rules Committee:

1. In accordance with Rule 5.6, every player must not unreasonably delay play.
2. A time par sheet will be created by the Rules Committee to represent the approximate amount of time allotted for the first starting times of the day (lead groups) to finish each hole during each tournament round. The time par sheet will serve as a guideline for the Rules Committee to monitor the lead groups.
3. “Out of Position”: **Each player is responsible for maintaining her group’s position in relation to the group in front of them.**

A group is considered “out of position” if a) all players in the group have not hit tee shots on a par 3 before the preceding group has arrived at their second shots on the next hole and will not have to wait to play to the green/landing area, or b) all players in the group have not hit tee shots on a par 4 before the preceding group has holed out, or c) all players have not hit second shots on a par 5 before the preceding group has holed out. (Note: A reachable par 4/5 may be treated as a par 3/4.)

4. “Out of Position” for Lead Groups: A lead group which is over its time par (as stated on the time par sheet) will be considered “out of position”. However, a lead group which is under its time par, but holding up the group behind, may be subject to a warning and/or subsequent timing at the discretion of the WSCGA Rules Official.
5. One (1) Time Warning: It is the responsibility of each player to be aware of her group’s position on the course. A group

that is out of position, or in the case of the lead group over its time par, will be issued one (1) warning per round by a Rules Official unless a Rules Official deems, at any time, the group to be so far out of position that a warning is not appropriate. Additionally, groups may not receive a warning if they are on the last three holes of their round. Once warned, the group will be given the opportunity on the following hole to improve its position in relation to the preceding group, or in the case of the lead group in relation to time par. If sufficient improvement is not made, the group may then be timed.

6. A Rules Official may notify the group immediately following a group to be timed when circumstances permit. However, it is every group's responsibility to maintain its position on the course in relation to the field. If a Rules Official is unable to notify the group immediately following a group to be timed, it will not preclude that group from being warned and/or timed if they fail to maintain their position on the course. 7. Commencing of Timing: Timing of a player officially begins when, at the discretion of the Rules Official, it is clearly the player's turn to play and nothing interferes with her ability to play the stroke. Time taken for determining yardage, club selection, wind conditions, etc., will count against the player's overall time. On the putting green, timing commences after a player, at the discretion of a Rules Official, has had a reasonable amount of time to repair damage to the putting green and remove loose impediments on her line of play. Timing may commence before a player has replaced her ball on the putting green.

Ten (10) additional seconds will be allotted to the first player in the group to:

- Hit a tee shot

- Hit a second shot on a par 4 or par 5
- Play a third stroke on a par 5

- Play a stroke from off the green (**Exception:** Ten (10) additional seconds will not be allotted for the first player to make a stroke from off the putting green when a stroke has already been made from the putting green, and it is more likely than not that the player will be making her next stroke with a putter.)

- Play a stroke on the putting green.

Every effort will be made by a Rules Official to notify a group when timing has begun. However, timings accrued prior to such notification shall count towards a player's overall average for a given hole.

8. Penalties: A two (2) stroke penalty for breach of Rule 5.6 may be assessed if the player, while being timed by a Rules Official, takes in excess of sixty (60) seconds to play any given shot. A two (2) stroke penalty for breach of Rule 5.6 will be assessed if the player, while being timed by a Rules Official, exceeds the average amount of allotted time for the total strokes taken on a given hole by more than ten (10) seconds. The only exception to Rule 5.6 would be an "extraordinary circumstance" as determined by the Rules Official.

9. Target Timing: The Rules Committee reserves the right to time an individual player when the Rules Committee deems it necessary ("**Target Timing**"). Every effort will be made by a Rules Official to notify a player when timing has begun. However, timings accrued prior to such notification shall count towards a player's overall average for a given hole.

Appeal Process: Pace of Play penalties may be appealed to the Committee in charge of the event but must be made before scorecards are signed and returned. In order for an appeal to be considered, there must have been an action by the Committee, a circumstance beyond the contestant's control, or some similar occurrence that contributed to the delay such as an action by an individual member of the group. An appeal may result in a one step reduction of a penalty (i.e., Three strokes to one stroke then one stroke to no penalty, but not three strokes to no penalty). Each appeal is handled separately.

Player of the Year Point System

The WSCGA Player of the Year standings are based on a point system earned through performance and participation throughout the golf season. Points are awarded for most of the major women's amateur events across the country. Please see the WSCGA website for Point Chart.

This point system will select the WSCGA Player of the Year and Senior Player of the Year. The WSCGA Board of Governors has additional factors that also will be part of the selection process including, but not limited to:

1) Participation in WSCGA events. 2) Sportsmanship. 3) Scores Posted.

Points earned while playing in a particular event only count towards that specific ranking list. For instance, senior events will not count toward regular rankings.

Player's are responsible for submitting information on your finish in non-WSCGA events. Please include Division, Host Association, Event Name, Site, Date, and place you finished.

Points Earned must be submitted by December 1st to be counted.

Prize Pay-Outs and Flighting:

We attempt to have ten to twelve women per flight, with as many flights as possible. Flights are determined with current handicap index 7 days prior to event.

Payout: Per Flight:
 1st Gross
 1st Net

**Depending on the number of entries, if applicable the next prize added will be: 2nd Net; 2nd Gross; 3rd Net; 3rd Gross; and so forth

Rules of Golf

The Rules of Golf shall govern play and also the provided Local Rules and Conditions. Unless otherwise indicated, penalty for breach of a Condition of Competition is Disqualification. Additional Local Rules, as deemed advisable, may be imposed during the Tournament and will be announced to players prior to play. All rules questions shall be settled by The Committee, whose decision shall be final.

Spectator Policy

Please note that Rule 8-1 in the Rules of Golf states that a player may receive advice only from her caddie or partner. The penalty for giving or asking for advice is two strokes in stroke play, or loss of hole in match play. The player is responsible for following this rule.

Spectators must remain at least 15 yards from players at all times (including all designated practice areas), and are not permitted on fairways or putting greens. There may be NO communication between players and spectators that could be deemed as advice of any nature for the duration of the stipulated round. Those spectators using golf carts must keep their carts on the cart paths, obey all cart rules of the host club, and remain behind the competitors at all times. Spectators must show respect for all players, other spectators, golf course personnel, and WSCGA personnel. Spectators who do not comply with this policy will be asked to leave the golf course. The Committee may disqualify a player from a Tournament if a spectator associated with them does not comply with this policy and entry into future WSCGA Tournaments could also be affected. The player will be permitted to appeal the decision of the Committee to the WSCGA Board of Governors.

For Tournaments that do not allow spectator carts:

The following protocol has been established with respect to the use of golf carts for disabled spectators:

1. Each request requires supporting medical documentation (e.g., physician's slip, ADA handicap card, etc.) will be forwarded to the Golf Committee for approval.
2. If the committee approves the use of a cart, the spectator will be charged a daily cart fee for use of the cart.