



Women's South Carolina Golf Association

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WSCGA POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Eligibility

To compete in WSCGA Championships, a participant must:

- be a female amateur golfer who is a permanent legal resident of South Carolina for a minimum of six months prior to the championship
- have a current handicap index issued by the Women's South Carolina Golf Association's Handicap Program
- be a member of a Women's Golf Association which is a Regular or Associate member of the WSCGA or Individuals, upon payment of \$50.00 individual membership dues, whose women's golf association is not a WSCGA member, and who meet the above residency and handicap requirements
- If you are a transgendered individual, please contact the WSCGA office for the WSCGA policy and additional application procedures.

Exceptions:

1. Entrants in the Senior Championship and any Senior Division must be at least fifty (50) years of age on the first day of the tournament.
2. Entrants in the Junior Girls Championship must be at least 8 years of age and must not have reached their nineteenth (19) birthday by the first day of the tournament immediately following graduation from high school, and must not have started college.

Eligible Handicap Indexes

Handicap Indexes will be verified as of the specified revision prior to the start of the tournament to determine eligibility and handicaps to be used in the competition. Entrants must have an active 18-Hole USGA Handicap Index issued by a licensed club no higher than 36.0. Provided the field is not full, players outside the specified limits may be accepted at the discretion of the WSCGA.

Note:

1. All modified USGA Handicap Indexes will be reviewed by The Committee in charge of the competition. The player's score history will be reviewed and the handicap chair responsible for making the modification will be consulted before The Committee determines if the modified index will be permitted for use in the WSCGA Championship in question.

Tournament Entry Policies

Completed entry forms must be accompanied by the appropriate entry fees. Players have until the tournament entry window deadline to submit entries; Entry windows open at 9:00 a.m. EST and close at 5:00 p.m. EST. Please call the WSCGA office if you need assistance with the entry process.

Entry fees will be deposited upon receipt of entry; this does not assure an entrant a spot in the tournament. Entrants will be notified by email of their entry status within 48 hours after the entry deadline. Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the WSCGA. Reason for rejection may include a fraudulent entry or handicap or unbecoming conduct.

Withdrawals and Refunds

If a player needs to withdraw from a WSCGA Championship, she must notify the WSCGA office as soon as possible.

If an entrant is not accepted into a tournament because her handicap is too high, or she was on the waiting list, she receives a full refund of her entry fee. If an entrant withdraws before the entry window deadline she will be receive a full refund (regardless of reason).

Entrants who contact the WSCGA office to withdraw after the deadline date will not be issued a refund.

All refunds are issued to the person listed on the entry form. Please allow up to two weeks for processing refund checks. In team competitions, if a player needs a substitute for her original partner after the field is closed, she must arrange for another eligible partner and manage the entry fee between partners.

Those players who fail to appear for their assigned tee time without notifying the WSCGA or the host club, may be suspended from play for all WSCGA tournaments for one year. **NO Shows** also include withdrawals without notification to the official in charge.

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, blue jeans, cut-offs, short shorts (more than 4 inches above the top of the knee), 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 Championship. 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 Championship.

Spectator Policy

The WSCGA highly encourages friends and relatives to follow players as a gallery during WSCGA Championships. 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.

During a stipulated round, minimal contact will be permitted between spectators and players (or their caddies). Spectators must remain at least 10 yards (30 feet) from players at all times, and are not permitted on fairways or putting greens. 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 Championship if a spectator associated with them does not comply with this policy and entry into future WSCGA Championships could also be affected. The player will be permitted to appeal the decision of the Committee to the WSCGA Board of Governors.

Caddie/Cart Policy

Caddies are not permitted in WSCGA events.

Oversubscribed Tournament Policy

Field Composition: Each tournament field will be comprised of the lowest registered handicaps. The lowest combined index will be used to determine the lowest handicaps in the WSCGA Team Championship.

Rules of Golf

The Rules of Golf shall govern play and also the following Local Rules and Conditions. Unless otherwise indicated, penalty for breach of a Local Rule is two strokes (stroke play), or loss of hole (match play), and penalty for breach of a Condition of Competition is Disqualification. Additional Local Rules, as deemed advisable, may be imposed during Championships and will be announced to players prior to play. All rules questions shall be settled by The Committee, whose decision shall be final.