



## 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.

#### **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. No refunds will be given if the entry is withdrawn after the entry closing date.

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

#### **Covid-19/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](http://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 (Taylor Lance: (803) 974-9794 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.

**FUN AND FUNKY SERIES:** A series of different, fun formats throughout the season. Each format is outlined on the individual registration form.

### **Pace of Play Policy**

The WSCGA Pace of Play is a "checkpoint" policy based on players reaching a specific point on the course by the time established by the Committee. It replaces the old policy of timing players who were out-of-position and had been warned. The concept is simple: maintain your position on the golf course. It places the responsibility for maintaining the pace where it belongs: with you, the player. Checkpoint pace-of-play is currently being used in USGA competitions and by many other golf associations.

The goal of the WSCGA Pace of Play Policy is to ensure that a reasonable pace of play is maintained by the entire field, not to force an unreasonable pace of play.

Scorecards will have the time your group is expected to complete each hole. If you fall behind, you are expected to play efficient golf and get back into position.

**Shotgun Starts:** Your group must not be more than 15 minutes behind the group ahead of you. If you can't see the group ahead of you, your group is out of position and subject to penalty. At the conclusion of the round the field will have 45 minutes to turn in scorecards. The timer starts after the second group in returns their scorecard(s). Anyone/group who turns their scorecard(s) in after this 45 minute period will not be included in the competition and forfeits their rights to any prizes.

**Checkpoints:** Officials will be present to verify time at the following checkpoints:

#9 Putting Green (Time checked upon completion of #9)

#18 Putting Green (Time checked upon completion of #18)

**First Group Missing Checkpoint:** Each contestant in the group **must** add a **ONE-STROKE PENALTY to their 9th hole score**. If they are also behind the Expected Pace after the second checkpoint, each contestant in the group **must** add an additional **TWO-STROKE PENALTY to their score for the 18th hole**.

**Subsequent Groups:** If any subsequent group passes the checkpoint over the expected pace **AND** more than **15 minutes** behind the group in front, each contestant in the group **must** add a **ONE-STROKE PENALTY to their 9th hole score**. If they also pass the second checkpoint over the expected pace **AND** more than **15 minutes** behind the group in front, each contestant in the group **must** add an additional **TWO-STROKE PENALTY to their score for the 18th hole**. As long as your group is less than 15 minutes behind the preceding group you will not be penalized!

**Slow Players:** A player concerned about a slow player(s) in her group should first speak with the player(s) and encourage them to play more efficiently. Then, the concerned player may, before or after penalties are assessed, ask to have an official time the group. The individual player does not have to be identified; the request just needs to be made. At some point during the stipulated round, the group will be monitored. If a player is identified as holding up the pace of the group, penalties may be applied to that player only. **This is the point where players should step up and identify the slow player.**

**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:

1<sup>st</sup> Overall Gross

1<sup>st</sup> Overall Net

Per Flight:

1<sup>st</sup> Gross

1<sup>st</sup> Net

2<sup>nd</sup> Gross  
2<sup>nd</sup> Net  
3<sup>rd</sup> Net may be added depending on # of participants.

### **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.

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