

TOURNAMENT POLICIES

FOR 2019 WPLA TOURNAMENTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS



The following is information that any person desiring to participate in a WPLA conducted Tournament or Championship MUST be aware of prior to entering and/or participating. It is the responsibility of each participant to know the rules and policies that govern all WPLA competitions.

CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS: The WPLA reserves the right to accept or reject any entry submitted. Any person whose entry is accepted shall be subject to the rules and conditions of play set forth by the WPLA. The WPLA reserves the right to shorten any competition due to weather or other conditions warranting such action. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, as written in the WPLA Conduct Policy, will be cause for removal from tournament. **NOTE:** The WPLA will not make any provisions for a player asking for special consideration due to any other commitments.

WPLA CONDUCT POLICY: By submitting an entry, or by participating in any WPLA competition, the player understands that his participation is at the sole discretion of the WPLA. The player's entry may be rejected for any event, at the discretion of the Official in Charge, at any time before the close of competition. These include, but are not limited to cheating; willful destruction of golf course or WPLA property; abusive language or conduct towards WPLA and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players; abusive or derogatory criticism of the WPLA and/or host facility staff, volunteers, or other players; club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others; offensive, excessively loud behavior; repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after completion of round; inappropriate golf attire; or other conduct deemed to be unbecoming or detrimental to the WPLA. Should such an incident occur, the Official in Charge shall submit a report to the WPLA Tournament Committee. Future sanctions may range from suspension from future WPLA events to not being eligible for WPLA team competitions and/or player awards. This may include losing exempt status for future year(s). The decision to reject an entry during an event by the Official in Charge is final. However, any further action taken will be up to the WPLA Tournament Committee. The decision of this board may be appealed to the WPLA Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY: Entries are open to amateur golfers who are current WPLA members at the club from which they are playing, and whose club is a current member club of the WPLA. The player's handicap index must not exceed the limit set forth on any tournament application. All WPGA tournaments may be entered at any time beginning at **8:00 AM – Wednesday, February 13th, 2019**, provided the entry is received on or before the entry closing date and the field is not full. Any application that is received by the WPLA prior to the posted date above will not be accepted. Online registration for all WPLA tournament and championships is available online at wsga.org. You will find a description of each tournament, along with the entry closing dates on each tournament page. The WPLA does not accept entries by telephone or email. Fax entries are only accepted if method of payment is by credit card. Late entries will be accepted within 48 hours of posted deadline date. There will be an additional \$25 service fee applied to all late entries. Entries with insufficient funds will be considered incomplete and unacceptable and will be withdrawn. The applicant will also be responsible for any fees incurred by the WPLA for NSF checks and must pay such fees before entry in further WPLA events will be allowed.

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: Information concerning course assignment, pairings, starting times, etc., will be mailed or emailed approximately 7-10 days prior to the event. If you have not received your information within seven days of the event, it is your responsibility to check the WPLA website for pairings or contact the WPLA Tournament Office. Please do not call more than seven days prior to the event.

EMAIL / TEXT MESSAGING: Tee times and pairings information will be sent to players via text message and email, but only if the player sets his/her WPLA member account to opt in to receive this information. A player that chooses to get information via text messaging will still receive information via email, if that player has provided their current email address.

HANDICAP: Each player who wishes to play in a WPLA sanctioned event must be a current WPGA member with an active handicap index. The player's current handicap index, as of the qualifying date and/or Championship date is used to determine the player's course handicap for a relevant "Net" tournament. The WPLA reserves the right to adjust a player's WPGA/USGA Handicap Index prior to the start of a competition entered, or during that competition, if warranted.

QUALIFYING: Unless a player submits a statement of reason for transferring to another qualifying site that is acceptable to the WPLA, all NON-EXEMPT players must qualify at a local qualifying site. Allocation of the number of qualifying spots for each qualifying site will be prorated by the total number of entries and posted before the qualifying round. The WPLA reserves the right to transfer qualifiers, if necessary.

FOOTWEAR POLICY: To improve the playing conditions for our contestants, the wearing of metal spikes is prohibited in all WPLA conducted competitions.

SCORE POSTING: It is the sole responsibility of each player to post all acceptable scores, tournament or otherwise, in their handicap records. All WPLA tournament and championship score(s) will be posted directly to each player's handicap record by the Official in Charge.

LIVE SCORING POLICY: When the WPLA Tournament Committee announces that "Live" scoring will be used during the competition, all players must report their hole-by-hole scores to the WPLA live-scoring volunteer at holes to be determined by the WPLA Tournament Committee for live, up to the minute scoring on the internet and TV leaderboards at the tournament site.

WITHDRAWALS / NO SHOWS: Players who have applied to participate in a WPLA event and wish to withdraw for any reason must notify the WPLA office at (608) 770-2991 prior to the event. If withdrawing on the day of the event, the player should call the course that he/she is assigned to play. Players who fail to follow this procedure will be listed as "No Show". Repeated offenses by a player may result in future entries being rejected.

PHOTOGRAPHIC / VIDEO: By submitting any application, the player agrees to allow the WPLA to use the player's photographic and/or video image for any WPLA media related use(s).

REFUNDS: Once a player (team) has been accepted into a WPLA tournament, that player (team) is considered an active participant in that tournament. Should an active player (team) wish to withdraw from a tournament, that player's (team's) entry fee, minus a \$10.00 administrative fee, will be refunded if the WPLA office is notified at any time before the close of entries for that event. After the close of entries date, the player's (team's) entry fee, minus a \$25.00 administrative fee, will be refunded only if the field is full and the player's (team's) spot in the field can be filled by a player (team) on the Waiting List. Absolutely no refunds will be allowed for any other reason, including WPLA cancellation due to inclement weather. If an entire event is cancelled due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to re-schedule.

DRESS CODE: Players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. All males are required to wear shirts with collars and sleeves, and either golf slacks or knee-length shorts that are neat in appearance. Short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cut-off shorts, jeans, jean shorts and tank tops are examples of non-acceptable clothing. Headwear must be worn in a traditional manner, with the bill facing forward. Golf shirts should be tucked in. Caddies, when permitted, are also expected to abide the WPLA Dress Code. The Official in Charge will decide whether the requirement has not been met and will withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

AUDIO AND VIDEO DEVICES: Rule 4.3a (4) is modified in this way: During a round, a player and/or caddie must not listen to or watch content of any nature on a personal audio or video device.

SPECTATOR CARTS: When golf carts are permitted in tournaments conducted by the WPLA, their use is limited to transporting players (if permitted) and/or their caddies and their clubs. Spectators are prohibited from using golf carts. Walking spectators are always welcome at WPLA tournaments, unless prohibited by the host facility.

ELECTRONIC DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a device to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1). Electronic measuring devices are not allowed at USGA Open Qualifying events (U.S. Open, U.S. Women's Open, U.S. Senior Open).

ONE BALL RULE: In WPLA events, this rule is NOT in effect.

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES: For all WPLA Tournaments & Championships, the conditions of competition are listed on the entry form and tournament information page for each event. For additional information or entries, please visit the WPLA website at www.wiscpubliclinks.com.

WPLA PACE OF PLAY POLICY: Each player who enters a WPLA Tournament or Championship agrees that, by entering, he/she will abide by the WPLA Pace of Play Policy, which is published on the WPLA website and all tournament information pages.