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EVENTS

The age of the competitors will be determined by entrant's actual age on the first date of the WPGF games competition.

Golfers may not elect to enter Singles in a younger age category, unless they have a partner that is in a younger age category. (A Teams age is determined by the youngest member of the team.)

HANDICAP INFORMATION

All Golfers must have a USGA Index Number and must provide their membership (GHIN) number or a copy of their Handicap card which verifies that Index Number. **All golfers must bring with them their card or a computer print out of their current index information.**

Applicants without an established Index Number will not be entered.

The index number used will be determined by the WPGF Golf Director. Returning golfers from either or both of the past two (2) WPGF/WSPFG will use their tournament handicap equated to an Index. This Index will be established by the scores shot in one or both past WPGF/WSPFG. If their current Index is lower, it will be used.

SCRATCH DIVISION: any golfer entered in the Handicap Singles may enter either or both of the Scratch tournaments.

- Singles : Men's Open and Grand Master & Women's Open competitions
- Team Open (Unisex 2 person)

Raw score only, no handicap considered. These Scratch Events must be entered separately when an Entry Form is submitted to be eligible for these awards.

HANDICAP DIVISIONS:

MEN'S SINGLES: All male golfers must enter "Men's Handicap Single".

Awards will be given in the following Handicap divisions in Open [18-39], Master [40-49], Grand Master [50-59] and Grand Master "C" [60 & over] age categories:

"A" DIVISION: Lowest to 5.9 Index Number per age category

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"B" DIVISION: 6 to 12.9 Index Number per age category

"C" DIVISION: 13 to 20.9 Index Number per age category

"D" DIVISION: + 21 Index Number per age category.

WOMEN'S SINGLES: All female golfers must enter "Women's Handicap Singles". This is an Open Age Event. Handicap Division will be determined by entrants actual Index Number and the number of competitors will be used to determine the amount of age divisions.

UNISEX - 2 PERSON TEAM:

Teams may be two men, two women or a man and a woman.

The team's age division is the age division of its youngest team member.

Any golfer entered in Handicap Singles may enter "Unisex 2 person Team".

Team awards will be in the following Handicap divisions in Open [18-39], Master [40-49] and Grand Master [50 and over] age categories:

Awards will be given in the following Handicap divisions in Open [18-39], Master [40-49], Grand Master [50-59] and Grand Master "C" [60 & over] age categories:

"A" DIVISION: Lowest to 7.9 Index Number per age category

"B" DIVISION: 8 to 14.9 Index Number per age category

"C" DIVISION: 15 to 20.9 Index Number per age category

"D" DIVISION: + 21 Index Number per age category.

EQUIPMENT

Golf Carts must be supplied for each team (or twosome) at each course each day.

SCHEDULING

Arrange foursomes first by skill division then by age class.

No more than two members of the same agency may be in one foursome.

SCORING

Player's individual Index Number will be used to score each round.

Handicap Division Singles' winners are determined by Index Number adjusted aggregate score.

The Team's Handicap division is determined by averaging the team member's individual Index Numbers. A 10 stroke differential will be used to determine the team's index. (If a player has an index of 8 and the partner has a index of 20, the team index will be $(8 + 18) = 26$ ($26/2 = 12$). In this example the team index will be 12).

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Scratch Singles' winners are determined by aggregate score.

Scratch Team winners are determined by the team member's individual scratch scores, scored by best-ball ("Betterball") scoring system. (Same as above except only use the raw scores on each hole.)

The rules of golf and golf etiquette should be observed as though this is only a singles, scratch, stroke play tournament. So far as the rules of play go, team play is incidental to the tournament.

Exception: Team Members will be allowed to give advice to their partners. If a golfer does not have a partner, he/she may designate a member of the foursome as his/her advisor and receive advice from only that person.

No golfer will keep his/her own score, nor keep the score of a member of his/her own team or agency.

No cell phones, Blackberries, laptop computers, or any other electronic equipment can be used while on the golf course.

GPS Distance equipment is allowed.

Scorecards must be signed and turned in to be recorded.

Lost cards will result in disqualification.

No "gimme" putts, mulligans, improved lies, etc. Exception: Course conditions may dictate local rules which allow improved lies for specific areas of the course under construction or experiencing temporary poor playing conditions. No winter rules.

Ties

Use the following system of retrogression for both Handicap Division and Scratch Division ties. The lowest aggregate score of the last nine holes of the last round is used, if tied golfers are on the same course. If on different courses: take the last day scorecards for the tied golfers then total scores from the two cards for the last nine holes and compare. If still tied: use the last 6 holes. If still tied use the last 3 holes, then use the front nine scores in the same manner.

Tees

Men and Women will play from the tees designated by the Golf Coordinator with concurrence of WPFGE Director for Golf. Generally, the white tees for Men's Divisions and the Women's tees for Women's Divisions will be used. This should be established ahead of time because the courses slope rating will vary depending on which tees are used. Use the same tees for Handicap and Scratch golfers.

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CADDIES No guests or caddies may accompany golfers.

COURSES Host will identify the courses to be used, in the entry book, and which tees will be used. The slope and rating of each course should also be included.

1. Golfer submits his/her WPFG Entry Form for the Golf competition. Golfer must enter the Singles Handicap event (green fees are part of this event fee). Golfer may also enter with a partner in a Handicap Team event, and/or either of the Scratch events (Individual or Team). Or, he/she may enter the Team pool and a partner will be assigned, if possible.
2. Golfer will include on the entry form in the designated area, their affiliate membership number and the specific handicapping Association they belong to. Host will use the golfer's membership number to retrieve his/her Index Number.

IF THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION IS NOT PROVIDED BY THE GOLFER AND THE HOST IS REQUIRED TO CONTACT THE GOLFER TO GET INFORMATION NEEDED TO ESTABLISH A CURRENT INDEX, A \$25 FEE WILL BE ASSESSED AND DUE UPON REGISTRATION AT THE WPFG.

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOLF ENTRANT TO SEE THAT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.