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GUIDING BODIES

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NOTE: Any requested changes to WPGA, R&A or USGA rules due to a conflict with local tournament rules or course rules, must be submitted to WPFGF for approval and if approved, they must be distributed to each competitor in their Confirmation letter.

EVENTS

This is an AMATEUR ONLY TOURNAMENT - Applicants without an established Index may only enter in the “Scratch Events”.

SCRATCH EVENTS:

SCRATCH DIVISION: Gross score only, no handicap considered. Any golfer entered in the Handicap Singles may enter any of the Scratch tournaments.

MEN’S SINGLES: (18+)

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WOMEN’S SINGLES: (18+)

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UNISEX - 2 PERSON TEAM: (18+)

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

“BETTER BALL” COMPETITION.

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

HANDICAP INFORMATION

Golfers must have a USGA Index Number or the equivalent from their country and must provide their membership (GHIN) number or a copy of their Handicap card which verifies that Index Number. **Golfers entering the handicap events must show proof of ID.**

WPFGF will authorize a

"Handicap Review Committee" whose members will be chosen in advance of the competition. Committee members will review all participants' Handicap history that is available. This committee reserves the right to adjust Index Numbers of golfers who have a history of scoring well below their Handicap, or for countries that do not have a rate/slope system.

Returning golfers from either or both of the past WPFG/USPFC will use their tournament handicap. This Index will be established by the scores shot in one or both of the past WPFG/USPFC. If their current Index is lower, it will be used.

Entrants actual "LI", (Low Index) will be used unless adjusted by the "Handicap Review Committee". If entrant has two numbers from two different clubs the lowest must be used.

HANDICAP DIVISIONS:

Handicap Divisions will be determined by the number of participating in each event.

A maximum 10 stroke differential will be used for Unisex Handicap Divisions.

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SCORING

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No more than 10 strokes can be taken on any hole; players must pick up their ball and move on to the next hole.

All scores should be posted as a "Tournament" score.

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

Scratch Singles' winners are determined by aggregate score.

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

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

Handicap Division Team scoring: All members of each team play their own balls on each hole. At the completion of the hole, the lowest net score among the two team members serves as the team score.

Scorecards must be signed, attested, and completed by the golfers, and where applicable record name of other team member then turned in to be recorded.

Failure to submit cards on time may lead to disqualification.

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

RULES:

IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOLF ENTRANT TO KNOW THE RULES OF GOLF. If there is a rules dispute on the course and an official is not available, finish by playing two balls. The intent and the number of strokes of which ball should be used to calculate the score must be announced to the scorekeeper or companion player, when the rule allows. An official should be notified of the protest as soon as possible.)

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

The rules of golf and golf etiquette SHALL 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.

SLOW PLAY: A slow play policy will be incorporated into this tournament and upheld consistently.

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

Cell phones/mobile phones may be used in GPS – rangefinder mode and must be on silent mode. They are not to be used for any other telecommunication purposes. Other R&A and USGA approved rangefinders may also be used.

No "gimme" putts, mulligans, or 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

The following system of retrogression will be used for both Scratch and Handicap 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 the players are 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 WPGA Director for Golf.

CADDIES

No guests or caddies may accompany golfers.

GALLERY

If the course can accommodate a gallery, then the Host may elect to permit spectators, but spectators may not communicate or interfere with the competitors.

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 WPGA.

RULES FOR THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

OFFICIALS

Sport Coordinator

A computer scoring system must be used to set up and score the tournament.

Assistant Sport Coordinators (minimum 3): In addition to the Sport Coordinator, each course, each day must have an Assistant Sport Coordinator to represent the Golf Coordinator. This person must be knowledgeable in the rules and etiquette of Golf. They can act as Tournament Director, Host and starter.

Referee: If the course pro or other pro is available, they can serve as referee. USGA official (or state affiliate) is preferable. Each course used must have a referee each day.

BULETTIN BOARD: A bulletin board must be posted in a prominent position with any local rules and/or rules included in this tournament to each golfer each day.

No rules can be changed without written advance notice and without the approval of the WPFG Director.

PERSONNEL

Scorekeepers: Each course each day must have a minimum of 3 clerical personnel skilled in adding and working with numbers designated as scorekeepers, who will scrutinize all score cards for completeness and accuracy as the scorecards are turned in by competitors. Errors in recording other than “raw” score or addition errors detected by the scorekeeper while the golfer is in the process of turning in his/her scorecard, should be corrected by that golfer before leaving. No changes may be made to the scorecard after the golfer has turned in the scorecard and left. Scorekeepers should remind golfers to sign their scorecards.

At least 3 people to handle site check-in at each course each day.

At least 1 Marshall per side on each course to speed up play.

Spotters at all areas where golfers cannot see their landing area and/or areas prone to balls being lost.

Having enough help at each course is essential as all golfers may begin and finish at the same time.

SCORE BOARD: Each golf course shall have a score board listing all the competitors for the entire tournament. This may be an electronic score board, but it must be updated on a daily basis.

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TEES: The tees that will be used need to 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. Men and Women will play from different tees.

MEDICAL

Basic medical supplies will be provided by the Host at each venue. Communications shall be available at each venue and preparations made in case it is necessary to summon emergency services.

FACILITY

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.

To maintain the high status of the WPFGB Golf tournament and to help assure the tournament is well attended use quality or premier golf courses. Using golf courses other than those shown in the Host's bid presentation is not allowed unless the substituted course is superior to the original and then only if the change is approved by the WPFGB Director for Golf.

A minimum of three 18-hole courses for three days. This will accommodate 432 golfers.

EQUIPMENT

Golf Carts must be supplied for each team (or twosome) at each course each day. Scorecards will be exchanged and scored by the other twosome.

Tables, chairs and scoreboard.

Three lap top computers: One computer with internet access at each course for entering score data.

Cellular phones or two way police type radios with a dedicated channel: For Sport Coordinator and each Assistant Sport Coordinator.

Radios will also be needed by the marshals and Assistant Sport Coordinators at each course.

SCHEDULING

Arrange foursomes first by skill division then by age class.

"A" Division golfers should be grouped together. Do not mix skill divisions in the same foursome.

"A" Division golfers should play the most difficult course on the last day.

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If team members are in different Handicap and/or age divisions, that team should be paired with another mixed team of the same division(s) if possible. If there are no other mixed teams of the same Divisions, the mixed team should be paired with a team in the same Division as the Golfer with the higher Index Number on the team. When no other alternative is available, the mixed team will have to be paired with a team in the same Division as the Golfer with the lower Index Number.

HOST SPORT COORDINATOR:

If the maximum number of competitors that can be accommodated has been reached, maintain an "alternate list" according to the date received. Use this "alternate list" in case of drops or forfeitures. If the maximum number of players has been reached, no substitutions are allowed.

All golfers entered in Team Handicap or Team Scratch must have a partner listed with them. Normally this is when they enter as a team, however it might be as a result of "pooling", which is accomplished by the entrant signing up for team and checking the "pooling" box on the entry form. Then the Bracketing Committee and Sport Coordinator assign that entrant to a team.

Golfers not entering a team event must be paired anyway. They should play with this person throughout the tournament and share a golf cart if applicable but will not be scored as a team.

Registration: When Golfers arrive at the Games and register at the Host Headquarters, they must be able to find out where and when they are scheduled to play their first round. A schedule can be put in their registration package or a schedule may be posted for registrants to refer to. **The most beneficial method is to have a Golf representative on hand at Registration to answer questions and supply the schedule. Golfers may be required to show their Index Cards or Index documentation at this time. If so, this must be explained in the Confirmation Letter.**

Check-in: At the beginning of each day of play, each golfer must check-in at the correct course, at the time designated in the confirmation letter or on the schedule referred to above. At this time they will show the competitor pass they received at Registration. This pass will list the events the golfer has properly entered, and the golfer's agency I.D. is required. Check-in personnel should verify the following information from the golfer's documents presented.

From competitor pass-----correct events entered.

From agency I.D.-----photo and/or verification of identification

AWARDS

Medals are awarded first through third place (1st – 3rd). A maximum 28 sets of medals will be required. This number may be adjusted by the number of handicap divisions established. The WPFGE will advise you of the number of sets needed based on total entries, plus a reasonable margin.

ATTENTION COORDINATORS

**THE GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.
YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.**

**PRECISE RESULTS MUST BE
FORWARDED TO THE HOST COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY
FOLLOWING THE
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The WPFGE Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the WPFGE shall be submitted in a timely manner to this WPFGE Director.

The WPFGE Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

PLEASE USE THE WPFGE DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.