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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+)

MEN’S SINGLES: (50+)

WOMEN’S SINGLES: (18+)

WOMEN’S SINGLES: (50+)

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

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.

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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.

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.

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.

EQUIPMENT

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

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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