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# Golf

## Abridged Rules



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## General Information

### Guiding Bodies

World Police and Fire Games Federation (WPFGE)  
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<http://www.randa.org>

### Venues

Bridges Golf Course

Breezy Bend Country Club

Elmhurst Golf & Country Club

### Events

This is an amateur only tournament. Applicants without a registered handicap/index and proof of the same will not be permitted to compete.

- Men's Singles
  - Age categories: 18+, 50+
- Women's Singles
  - Age categories: 18+, 50+
- Unisex and Mixed-2 Person Team
  - Age categories: 18+, 50+
  - Teams may be two men, two women, or a man and a woman.

A competitor over the age of 50 years may compete in the 18+ competition but **CANNOT** compete in both age groups.

Active competitors from police, fire, and eligible first responder agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY**.



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Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors. This includes across country lines.

The number of grades/flights to be conducted will be determined after the close of entries. If maximum entry numbers are reached, the grades/flights may be A and A+; B and B+; C and C+. The Sport Co-ordinator reserves the right to assign competitors of relatively equal numbers to each grade/flight.

### **Handicap Information**

Golfers must have an R&A/USGA Index number/handicap 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 any 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. The Handicap Review Committee can re-handicap any individual after the first and/or second day of play if their score is considered to not reflect their handicap/index

Returning golfers from either or both past WPFG/USPFC will use their tournament handicap. This index will be established by the scores shot in one or both 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 an entrant has two numbers from two different clubs the lowest must be used.

## **Competition Format**

### **Scheduling**

Scheduled for 3 days of competition. See [Sport Schedule](#) for details.

Foursomes will be arranged, first by skill division then by age class.

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



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foursome.

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

If team members are in different Grade and/or age divisions, that team should be paired with another mixed team of the same grade if possible. If there are no other mixed teams of the same Grade, the mixed team should be paired with a team in the same Grade 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.

### **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.

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

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

Handicap Division Team Scoring: All members of each team play their own ball on each hole. At the completion of the hole, the lowest net score amongst the two team members serves as the team's score.

Score cards must be signed, attested, and completed by the golfers, and where applicable record name of the other team member and then submitted for recording.

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.

### **Awards**

Medals are awarded first through third place (1st – 3rd).



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## Sport 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 will be observed. 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.

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 ties. The lowest aggregate points score of the last nine holes of the last round is used. If the players are still tied: use the last



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six holes. If still tied, use the last three 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 WPFG 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 HANDICAP/INDEX, A \$25 FEE WILL BE ASSESSED AND DUE UPON REGISTRATION AT THE WPFG.*

*\*WPFG follows [R&A's Official Golf Rules](#)*

### **Players Conduct**

Any serious violation of conduct, such as fighting or violence toward other participants or officials will result in the participants immediate disqualification from the competition. The sport coordinator shall immediately notify the WPFGF, who will investigate each incident to determine if additional discipline will be imposed.