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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-**Athletes must submit a current, verifiable Handicap in order to participate and must provide proof of their most recent 10 rounds/scores of competition results.

### **SINGLES: MEN & WOMEN**

18+  
50+  
65+

### **TEAM: UNISEX 2-PERSON (may be comprised of any gender combination)**

18+  
50+

Active competitors from police and fire agencies may combine to form a team regardless of agency size **WITHIN A COUNTRY**. Retired competitors may combine to form a team in any manner they wish with other eligible competitors whether police or fire. This includes across country lines.

### **Entry Deadline: June 1, 2025**

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

A competitor over the age of 50 or 65 years may compete in the 18+ 50+ or 65+ , but not both.

The number of flights is determined by the total number of registered competitors.

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**SCOREBOARD:** 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.

**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. Men and Women will play from different tees. Competitors in 50+ and 65+ will use a different tee.

### **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.

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"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.

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 grade 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 event 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 receiving their Games Accreditation, 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 and posted online. **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 Accreditation 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.

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## **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. Competitors must provide proof of their 10 most recent rounds/scores of competition results. **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 of the past WPFGF/USPFC will use their tournament handicap. This Index will be established by the scores shot in one or both of the past WPFGF/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.

## **SCORING**

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

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

**Division Team scoring:** All members of each team play their own balls on each hole. At the completion of the hole, the highest point 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.

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### **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. 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 point score of the last nine holes of the last round is used. 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 WPFG Director for Golf.

### **CADDIES**

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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 WPGA.*

### **RULES FOR THE TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:**

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.

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### **AWARDS**

Medals are awarded first through third place (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>). A maximum 36 sets of medals will be required. The WPFGEF 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 WPFGEF 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 WPFGEF shall be submitted in a timely manner to this WPFGEF Director.

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

***PLEASE USE THE WPFGEF DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.***