



TOURNAMENT POLICIES

FOR 2021 WSGA TOURNAMENTS & CHAMPIONSHIPS

The following is information that any person desiring to participate in a WSGA conducted Tournament or Championship MUST be aware of prior to entering and/or participating. It is the responsibility of each participant to know the rules and policies that govern all WSGA competitions.

TERMS OF COMPETITIONS: The WSGA reserves the right to accept or reject any entry submitted. Any person whose entry is accepted shall be subject to the rules and conditions of play set forth by the WSGA. The WSGA reserves the right to shorten any competition due to weather or other conditions warranting such action. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, as written in the WSGA Conduct Policy, will be cause for removal from tournament. **NOTE:** The WSGA will not make any provisions for a player asking for special consideration due to any other commitments.

WSGA CONDUCT POLICY: By submitting an entry, or by participating in any WSGA competition, the player understands that his participation is at the sole discretion of the WSGA. The player's entry may be rejected for any event, at the discretion of the Official in Charge, at any time before the close of competition. These include, but are not limited to cheating; willful destruction of golf course or WSGA property; abusive language or conduct towards WSGA and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players; abusive or derogatory criticism of the WSGA and/or host facility staff, volunteers, or other players; club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others; offensive, excessively loud behavior; repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after completion of round; inappropriate golf attire; or other conduct deemed to be unbecoming or detrimental to the WSGA. Should such an incident occur, the Official in Charge shall submit a report to the WSGA Tournament Committee. Future sanctions may range from suspension from future WSGA events to not being eligible for WSGA team competitions and/or player awards. This may include losing exempt status for future year(s). The decision to reject an entry during an event by the Official in Charge is final. However, any further action taken will be up to the WSGA Tournament Committee. The decision of this board may be appealed to the WSGA Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final.

TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY: Entries are open to amateur golfers who are current WSGA members at the club from which they are playing, and whose club is a current member club of the WSGA. The player's Handicap Index must not exceed the limit set forth on any tournament application. WSGA tournaments may be entered at any time beginning at **9:00 AM – Tuesday, February 16th, 2021**, provided the entry is received on or before the entry closing date and the field is not full. Any application that is received by the WSGA prior to the posted date above will not be accepted. Online registration for all WSGA tournament and championships is available online at wsga.org. You will find a description of each tournament, along with the entry closing dates on each tournament page. The WSGA does not accept entries by telephone or email. Late entries may be accepted within 48 hours of posted deadline date. There will be an additional \$25 service fee applied to all late entries. Entries with insufficient funds will be considered incomplete and unacceptable and will be withdrawn. The applicant will also be responsible for any fees incurred by the WSGA for NSF checks and must pay such fees before entry in further WSGA events will be allowed.

(See event information page for NEW Championship Eligibility Requirements)

TOURNAMENT INFORMATION: Information concerning course assignment, groupings, starting times, etc., will be mailed or emailed approximately 7-10 days prior to the event. If you have not received your information within seven days of the event, it is your responsibility to check the WSGA website for pairings or contact the WSGA Tournament Office. Please do not call more than seven days prior to the event.

EMAIL / TEXT MESSAGING: Starting times and pairings information will be sent to players via text message and email, but only if the players sets his/her WSGA member account to opt in to receive this information. A player who chooses to get information via text messaging will still receive information via email, if that player has provided their current email address.

HANDICAP: Each player who wishes to play in a WSGA sanctioned event must be a current WSGA member with an active Handicap Index. The player's current Handicap Index, as of the qualifying date and/or Championship date is used to determine the player's Course Handicap for a relevant "Net" tournament. The WSGA reserves the right to adjust a player's WSGA/USGA Handicap Index prior to the start of a competition entered, or during that competition, if warranted.

QUALIFYING: Unless a player submits a statement of reason for transferring to another qualifying site that is acceptable to the WSGA, all NON-EXEMPT players must qualify at a local qualifying site. Allocation of the number of qualifying spots for each qualifying site will be prorated by the total number of entries and posted before the qualifying round. The WSGA reserves the right to transfer qualifiers, if necessary.

FOOTWEAR POLICY: The ensure good playing conditions in WSGA tournaments, the wearing of shoes with traditional spikes or spikes where metal may come in contact with the course is prohibited. Model Local Rule G-7 is in effect.

SCORE POSTING: It is the sole responsibility of each player to post all acceptable scores, tournament or otherwise, in his or her handicap records. All WSGA tournament and championship score(s) will be posted directly to each player's handicap record by the Official in Charge.

LIVE SCORING POLICY: When the WSGA Tournament Committee announces that "Live" scoring will be used during the competition, all players must report their hole-by-hole scores to the WSGA live-scoring volunteer at holes to be determined by the WSGA Tournament Committee for live, up to the minute scoring on the internet and TV leaderboards at the tournament site.

WITHDRAWALS / NO SHOWS: Players who have applied to participate in a WSGA event and wish to withdraw for any reason must notify the WSGA office at (414) 443-3560 prior to the event. If withdrawing on the day of the event, the player should call the course that he or she is assigned to play. Players who fail to follow this procedure will be listed as "No Show". Repeated offenses by a player may result in future entries being rejected.

PHOTOGRAPHIC / VIDEO: By submitting any application, the player agrees to allow the WSGA to use the player's photographic and/or video image for any WSGA media related use(s).

REFUNDS: Once a player (team) has been accepted into a WSGA tournament, that player (team) is considered an active participant in that tournament. Should an active player (team) wish to withdraw from a tournament, that player's (team's) entry fee, minus a \$10.00 administrative fee, will be refunded if the WSGA office is notified at any time before the close of entries for that event. After the close of entries date, the player's (team's) entry fee, minus a \$25.00 administrative fee, will be refunded only if the field is full and the player's (team's) spot in the field can be filled by a player (team) on the Waiting List. Absolutely no refunds will be allowed for any other reason, including WSGA cancellation due to inclement weather. If an entire event is cancelled due to inclement weather, every effort will be made to re-schedule.

DRESS CODE: All players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. All males are required to wear shirts with collars and sleeves, and either golf slacks or knee-length shorts that are neat in appearance. Non-acceptable clothing includes the following: short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cut-off shorts, jeans, jean shorts and tank tops and the like. Headwear must be worn in a traditional manner, with the bill facing forward. Golf shirts should be tucked in. Caddies, when permitted, are also expected to abide the WSGA Dress Code. The Official in Charge will decide whether the requirement has not been met and will withdraw the entry of a player who does not comply.

SPECTATOR CARTS: When golf carts are permitted in tournaments conducted by the WSGA, their use is limited to transporting players (if permitted) and/or their caddies and their clubs. Spectators are prohibited from using golf carts. Walking spectators are always welcome at WSGA tournaments, unless prohibited by the host facility.

ELECTRONIC DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES: A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance measuring device. If, during a round, a player uses a device to measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., elevation, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a(1). Electronic measuring devices are not allowed at all Open USGA Qualifying events and Championships.

TOURNAMENT ENTRIES: For all WSGA Tournaments & Championships, the terms of competition are listed on the entry form and tournament information page for each event. For additional information or entries, please visit the WSGA website at www.wsga.org.

WSGA PACE OF PLAY POLICY: Each player who enters a WSGA Tournament, Championship or USGA Qualifying event conducted by the Wisconsin State Golf Association agrees that, by entering, he or she will abide by the WSGA Pace of Play Policy, which is published on the WSGA website and all tournament information pages.

ONE BALL RULE: In WSGA events, this rule is NOT in effect. Model Local Rule G-4 is in effect at USGA qualifiers.