

SOUTHERN DISTRICT WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION OF ARIZONA

STANDING RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR TOURNAMENTS

1. All competition held under the administration of Southern District Women's Golf Association (SDWGA) shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf and such special or other rules as the Tournament Committee deems necessary.
2. All tournaments shall be determined by the Executive Board of Directors. These include:
 - a) Three district-wide tournaments to be held in the Winter, Spring/Summer, and Fall.
 - b) Two individual Club tournaments each year: The Telegraph and the La Conquistadora del Sud ("the del Sud".) Guidelines for these Club tournaments can be found in the Duties of the Southern District Representatives and Guidelines for Southern District Representatives- Telegraph and La Conquistadora (The "del Sud") Tournaments.
3. Procedures for the tournaments set forth in item 2a above shall be determined by the Executive Committee and may be changed, as necessary.
4. A plaque will be awarded to the overall winner(s) of each tournament and any additional prize money determined by the Tournament Committee. Effective November 1, 2021, a plaque and \$75 will be awarded for each hole-in-one recorded during district tournament play.
5. Eligibility: To be eligible to play in SDWGA Tournaments, an individual must have been a paid-up member of AGA and of SDWGA by the opening day of Tournament Registration or such date as determined by the Tournament Chair.
6. Individuals may be a member of SDWGA through more than one Club by paying the annual individual membership fee designated in the By-Laws. A member is eligible to play in the Telegraph and the del Sud tournaments at all Clubs of which she is a member.
7. All entrants in any tournament will pay the total entry fee, including green fees and carts. If they are members of the host Club, they may be reimbursed through the pro shop for the green fees and cart fees, if applicable.
8. Method for entering SDWGA District Tournaments
 - A. The timeline for the registration process is as follows:
 - a) Eight weeks prior to the tournament date the flyer is posted on the website.
 - b) Six weeks prior – Opening Date and the electronic registration form is posted on the website.
 - c) Between six weeks prior and five weeks prior, forms received will receive priority in the tournament.
 - d) Four weeks prior – the participant list and wait list (if applicable) are posted on the website and the payment period begins.
 - e) One week prior – Closing Date.
 - B. Entries will be completed through the electronic registration form on the website.
 - C. Executive Committee members will have confirmed entry into a tournament if the entry is received during the priority period.
 - D. Entries submitted during the first seven days of registration (priority period) will be included in the initial priority process. If more entries have been submitted during the priority period than places available in the tournament, the participant list and subsequent wait list will be determined by lot.

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- E. Entries submitted after the priority process is completed and the field is full shall be placed on a wait list with the position on the list determined first by the submission date and then by lot. The lot will be under the direction of the Tournament Committee.
 - F. The registered participants and wait list will be posted on the website two weeks after the opening date for registration. Entries received after the two weeks will continue to be processed until the deadline for entries and will be entered into the tournament if openings remain or be placed at the bottom of the wait list. Those teams placed on the wait list will be notified by phone or email to indicate their position on the wait list.
 - G. Any entries received after the deadline for registration may be accepted with the approval of the Tournament Committee.
 - H. If one partner who is registered in a tournament must cancel, the remaining player may find a replacement without penalty until the participant list is posted. If one partner who is registered in a tournament must cancel after the participant list is posted, the remaining player moves to the bottom of the wait list if she chooses to replace her partner. Additional teams who then register will be placed behind this team and continue to fill the wait list.
 - I. No refunds will be made after the closing date except:
 - a. Standbys who are unable to play when notified of a vacancy.
 - b. Entrants who must cancel due to circumstances deemed acceptable by the Executive Committee.
 - c. A full refund will be given to participants who withdraw between the refund deadline and the beginning of the tournament ONLY if a replacement is found.
 - d. If a replacement cannot be found, a partial refund MAY be given at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
 - e. No refund will be given to participants who withdraw once play has started.
 - J. Once tournament play has begun, if a player (or team) withdraws without a reason acceptable to the Tournament Committee, that player (or team) will not be allowed to participate in the next three SDWGA Tournaments [except for the Telegraph and del Sud tournaments within their own Club(s)]. If a player or team has begun but not completed a round or has failed to return a scorecard, she or they will also have a penalty score posted to their scoring record by the SDWGA Tournament Chair per the USGA Rules of Handicapping, Rule 7.1b.
9. Entrants must have an official World Handicap System (WHS) handicap index (i.e. no greater than 54.0). A Playing Course Handicap greater than 36 on the competition course shall be reduced to 36. (Note: A handicap must be available for verification through the AGA.) The handicap index used will be one in effect within 72 hours of the start of the tournament.
10. In events in which a team handicap is used, that handicap will be calculated to tenths of a stroke.
11. Flights for all competitions shall be determined by the Tournament Committee as the size and composition of the field warrants.
12. The Tournament Committee is responsible for the course set-up.
- a. Generally, length will be between 5,000 and 5,500 yards, with carries of 90 yards or less, whenever possible. Consideration of the tees used for Ladies League Play will also be a contributing factor.
 - b. The following Model Local Rules apply to all Southern District tournaments:

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- i. E-5 (Alternative to Stroke and Distance for Lost Ball or Out of Bounds)
 - ii. F-5 (Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Greens)
 - iii. G-8 (Prohibiting or Restricting Use of Audio and Video Devices)
 - c. The Tournament Committee may recommend event-specific rules (i.e. drop areas, maximum hole score), but they must be approved by the Executive Committee.
13. Volunteers working on behalf of a tournament, but not playing in the tournament, will be guests of SDWGA at the Awards Luncheon.
14. A player who exhibits unsportsmanlike conduct may be disqualified from a competition at the discretion of the Tournament Committee under USGA Rule 1. In addition, the Executive Committee may ban that player(s) from future SDWGA competitions.
15. No spectators will be allowed during SDWGA competitions.
16. In site selection, priority may be given to SDWGA clubs. Non-member courses that are "women golfer-friendly" will be considered to provide quality experiences for our participants.

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