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SCGA Championship Regulations
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Automotive Transportation
The SCGA may require rental of (or rental and use of) automotive transportation at a championship or qualifying event. (Such a requirement does not imply that caddies are prohibited.) Such a requirement is stated on the championship entry form, letter to competitors and/or local rules sheet.

Automotive transportation is prohibited at junior events and other championships as specified in the championship entry form, letter to competitors and/or local rules sheet.

Caddies and Spectator Carts
Caddies are permitted at SCGA championships unless otherwise stated in the letter to competitors and the local rules. A competitor should identify his/her caddie to an opponent or to the competitor’s marker prior to the start of play. The competitor is responsible for the conduct of the caddie during an event.

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy (non-junior championships): During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player’s golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed.

Exception 1: The SCGA will grant a person with a bona fide physical handicap a spectator cart if the following conditions are met: 1. The host club has a golf cart available; 2. Handicapped person pays host club the appropriate cart fee; 3. Handicapped person presents to the SCGA staff or representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices
The use of cellular phones (except in the case of an emergency or a ruling), laptops and tablet computers, pagers, beepers, and the like are not allowed during a stipulated round. A first offense results in a warning. A second offense results in a competitor’s disqualification.

Championships, Rules, and Regulations
The South Carolina Golf Association (SCGA) Executive Committee is responsible for the rules and regulations that govern SCGA Championships. SCGA staff or committee who attend an SCGA championship is responsible to the Executive Committee for enforcing regulations.


Classifications of Competitors
AMATEUR is a member of an SCGA member club who maintains amateur status as defined by the USGA.
PROFESSIONAL is a member of the golf professional staff of an SCGA member club.
JUNIOR is an amateur dependent of a member of an SCGA member club who has not reached the 18th birthday by the date listed on a junior entry form.
SENIOR MALE is a male amateur member of an SCGA member club who has reached his 55th birthday by the date listed on a senior entry form.
SENIOR FEMALE is a female (at birth) amateur member of an SCGA member club who has reached her 55th birthday by the date listed on a senior entry form.
MID-AMATEUR is an amateur member of an SCGA member club who has reached the 30th birthday by the date listed on a mid-amateur entry form.
FATHER-SON is a team comprised of a father and son, or stepfather-stepson. One member of each team must be a member of an SCGA member club or a member of the golf professional staff of an SCGA member club.
**PARENT-CHILD** is a team comprised of a father and a daughter, mother-daughter, mother-son, stepfather-stepdaughter, stepmother-stepdaughter, or stepmother-stepson. One member of each team must be a member of an SCGA member club or a member of the golf professional staff of an SCGA member club.

**Code of Conduct**
The SCGA expects all competitors to adhere to the “Etiquette; Behavior on the Course” section of the USGA Rules of Golf. Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the event, by the SCGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct, did not start (DNS) or no card (NC). Failure to follow the SCGA Code of Conduct may result in the competitor’s suspension from participation in future SCGA competitions.

**Course Preparations**
The SCGA staff, at the bidding of the championship committee, is responsible for marking a golf course and determining tee and hole locations. Special rules, such as ball drops, are listed on the Notice to Competitors.

**Defending Champions**
In a match play championship, the defending champion is exempt from the next year’s match-play qualifying and is seeded first in match play unless these rights are waived. A defending champion must complete an entry form for the next year’s championship and fulfill all eligibility and deadline requirements.

In a four-ball championship, both competitors of the defending team must enter as one team to retain the exemption.

**Discontinuing Play**
Competitors are permitted to discontinue play in accordance with Rule 6-8 (USGA Rules of Golf). The championship committee and the host club superintendent or club committee also may discontinue play.

An interruption/suspension of play is signaled by several consecutive, short air horn (or Siren) blasts. When play is discontinued, a competitor should mark and lift his/her ball.

Play is suspended for a dangerous situation when signaled by one prolonged air horn (or Siren) blast. All practice areas shall be closed during such suspension until the SCGA Rules Committee has declared them open. A competitor who is between the play of two holes may not resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. A competitor should mark and lift his/her ball immediately.

Resumption of play is signaled by two consecutive, short air horn (or Siren) blasts.

If conditions become so severe that play cannot be resumed the same day, the championship committee may suspend, postpone or cancel the round. When play is suspended, play will be resumed from where it was stopped, and all posted scores stand. When play is postponed, returned scores may be canceled at the discretion of the committee. A postponed round is rescheduled immediately for the following day if possible.

**Dress Code**
The SCGA defers to the dress code of a host club but also enforces its own code. Unsuitable attire at championships include: shirts without collars, pants or shorts made of denim, cargo shorts, shorts less than Bermuda length, tank tops, T-shirts and cut-offs. The use of Soft Spikes or the like is mandatory.

A competitor who does not conform to a championship dress code may be asked to change attire prior to his/her starting time. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.
Eligibility
Eligibility rules are listed on the respective SCGA championship entry forms. A SCGA amateur championship is open to an amateur golfer who is a legal resident of South Carolina, who has a USGA Handicap Index issued by an SCGA member club through the SCGA’s handicapping service (except in junior championships). Also, the player must meet USGA Handicap Index requirements (if applicable), and meet the age requirements listed on the entry form. A competitor may submit only one entry for each championship.

The following residency criteria apply only to SCGA championships and its qualifiers:

**Legal Residency Criteria:** Eligibility is open to an amateur golfer who is a legal resident of South Carolina, who has a USGA Handicap Index issued by a SCGA member club through GHIN (except junior championships), who meets USGA Handicap Index requirements (if listed on the championship entry form), and who meets age requirements listed on entry form. A golfer must also possess the above stated USGA Handicap Index 60 days prior to the starting date of the event South Carolina Residency Criteria: A golfer is considered to be a resident if he/she meets the following residency requirements: (1) maintains his/her primary residence in South Carolina (2) is qualified to vote in local, state and national elections in the state of South Carolina and (3) files a South Carolina State Income Tax return.

**Military Criteria:** Members of the United States Military with Permanent Duty Assignment in South Carolina are eligible to participate in SCGA Events. State Income Tax and Voter Registration requirements are waived.

**College Student Criteria:** A student who is claimed as a dependent on his parents, or legal guardian’s income tax is deemed to be a resident of the same State in which his parents or legal guardian resides. A college student that is not claimed as a dependent is required to meet Residency Criteria 1, 2, & 3, as listed above. Junior Criteria: He/She must be 17 years old or younger and be the dependent of a member of an SCGA member Club. The parent; stepparent or legal guardian must meet South Carolina Residency criteria as listed above.

**Junior Criteria:** An eligible junior is a dependent of a member of an SCGA member club. An eligible junior is not required to have a current USGA Handicap Index issued by an SCGA member club unless otherwise stated on the championship entry form. An eligible junior must have a parent, step parent or guardian who is a member of an SCGA member club.

A state-specific championship is open to legal residents of that state. Each entrant must meet all other requirements listed on the entry form.

Applicants for reinstatement to amateur status (A/R) are not eligible for SCGA amateur championships. Professionals are eligible only for professional events (including divisions of the Father-Son and Parent-Child championships) and must conform to the **PROFESSIONAL** classification.

USGA Handicap Index limitations are stated on each championship entry form and must be met on the date listed on the form.

Entrants who misrepresent their playing proficiency are subject to disqualification at any time and to rejection from future SCGA events.

**Entry Sources**
Entries are available by registering online at [www.scgolf.org](http://www.scgolf.org) though the USGA Tournament Player Management Program. Other than the Trescott & Lathrop Cup, paper applications are not accepted.
**Entry Requirements and Deadlines**

Entry opening and closing deadlines are strictly observed. Championship entry forms received before the specified opening date are returned to the sender and must be re-submitted.

Every competitor must complete, sign and return an official championship entry form. Forms must be filled out completely and legibly. No entry is accepted prior to a championship’s opening date. Entries are accepted until a field is filled or until 5 p.m. of the closing date listed on the form.

**Faxed, e-mail, telephone, late or incomplete entry forms are not accepted.**

The specified entry fee must be paid in cash, check, money order or register by credit card online and must accompany the championship entry form. Checks must be made payable to the South Carolina Golf Association. Visa and MasterCard payments are accepted for online applications only.

The SCGA cannot and does not guarantee that www.scgolf.org or the ability to apply online will be available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The SCGA does not make any guarantee that an entry submitted pursuant to this site will be received by the SCGA or received in a timely fashion. Just as with registration by mail, the responsibility for ensuring that an application is received by the SCGA by no later than the deadline set forth on the particular entry form, and the risk of delay and/or error in transmission lies solely with the applicant. The SCGA shall have no liability with respect to any such delay and/or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of any entry. Entries will be automatically rejected by the SCGA if received at the SCGA after the date and time set forth on the relevant entry form. Please be advised that players who are minors upon the date of submission of an entry form in the state in which they reside (e.g. South Carolina, under the age of 18) must have parental consent to apply via the Internet.

The SCGA is not responsible for errors or delays made by any mail or delivery courier. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to competitors as soon as practicable.

Entry into an SCGA championship is subject to approval by the SCGA Championship Committee. By signing a championship entry form, each entrant agrees to abide by all SCGA and club regulations.

**Entry Refunds**

Refund guidelines are set on each tournament application.

Refunds are not made for any reason after the qualifying round for qualifying competitors (in championships that have qualifying events) or after the date specified on the championship entry form for exempt competitors or for championships without qualifying events.

Credit card registration refunds are credited to the account from which payment was made.

Entries paid by check will either have the check destroyed or a refund check for the appropriate amount will be issued from the SCGA.

**Field Size**

Field sizes are determined by the SCGA.

**Exemption from Qualifying Events**

In championships, which require qualifying events, exemption categories are listed on the championship entry form. All other competitors must qualify.
Gambling
The SCGA discourages any form of gambling in connection with any SCGA event. Incidents of wagering or gambling considered flagrant or excessive by the committee may result in disqualification of those involved and rejection of entry in subsequent SCGA championships.

Local Rules
The SCGA Championship Committee is responsible for preparing and distributing the “Notice to Competitors,” including all local rules. These are distributed at the starting tees and are available at the starter’s table.

Unless otherwise noted, the following local rules are in effect at SCGA championships:

Relief for an embedded ball is through the green.

Regular water hazards are identified by yellow stakes and defined by yellow lines. Stakes and lines are deemed to be in a hazard.

Lateral water hazards are identified by red stakes and defined by red lines. Stakes and lines are deemed to be in a hazard.

Ground under repair is defined by white lines. White-lined areas tying into a cart path are deemed to be part of that obstruction.

Out of bounds is defined by the inside edges of white stakes at ground level and other items as defined in the Notice to Competitors.

The “One-Ball Rule” is NOT in effect

Distance Measuring Devices: a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is two shots for the first offense and disqualification for any subsequent offense.

At clubs which have shoe and spike restrictions, the penalty for non-compliance of the club rule is disqualification. All club dress codes will be observed. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

BALL AT REST MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN - When a player’s ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. This Local Rule applies only when the player’s ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental.

The penalty for non-compliance of the SCGA prohibition of cell phones, laptops and tablet computers, beepers, pagers and the like is a warning for the first offense and disqualification for the second offense.

Official Starting Time
Tee Time – The clock at the tee (1st or 10th) where the player begins his/her stipulated round is the official time of starting. Starters will not page players in advance of their starting time. Players should report to the tee at least five minutes prior to their starting time.

Shotgun or Simultaneous Start – A player is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. The assigned starting time for shotgun events is when a) a horn or siren is sounded, b) if no horn is siren is used,
when the group can play without interference or c) if the player is in the second group to start on an assigned hole, when that group can play without interference.

**Pace of Play**
The SCGA is concerned about the pace of play in championships. Following the lead of the USGA, the SCGA has developed a pace of play policy, based on Rule 6-7, that is fair to every competitor.

Pace of play regulations are stated on the championship local rules sheet. As a general rule, these include:

Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact. The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke. A third violation will result in a two-stroke penalty or loss of hole in match play, followed by disqualification on the fourth violation.

A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.

A competitor’s time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the competitor’s turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.

In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position at the tee of a par-four or par-five hole after the group ahead has left the hole’s putting green.

Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines.

**Pairings and Starting Times**
The SCGA is responsible for making pairings and starting times, for making these available to competitors and for conducting championships.

Preferences for starting times and pairings are **not** granted. Pairings are made to facilitate the efficacious completion of a championship.

Pairings and starting times are posted at each host club as soon as they are available and they are available at the SCGA office and on the SCGA website.

Competitors are responsible for ascertaining starting times and should be ready to play at the assigned tee at least five minutes prior to the starting time.

**Practice Rounds**
Practice rounds before a championship generally are scheduled the day(s) before the event at the discretion of the host club. Competitors generally are granted one practice round before a championship. Use of golf carts may be required.

Multiple shots are not permitted during a practice round except on a putting green, provided play is not delayed.

**Prizes**
All prizes are determined by the SCGA Championship Committee or by the duly appointed SCGA representative.

Prizes in SCGA amateur championships comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status. (See Rules of Golf.) Prize money for professional events or divisions is determined by field size. Prizes in junior championships comply with state high school athletic and otherwise applicable regulations.
In a championship featuring a permanent trophy, the current champion’s home club has custody of the trophy until the scheduled date of the championship the following year. The champion from the preceding year has the responsibility to assure that the permanent trophy on display at his club arrives, in due time, at the next championship site. If this is not possible, the custodian club must notify the SCGA office in advance of the championship dates.

The SCGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise certificates after a tournament play date. It is the player’s responsibility to claim or redeem a certificate or golf shop credit prior to leaving a tournament site or before the expiration date which is deemed appropriate by the host club. The SCGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played.

Collegiate players should check with their institution compliance department regarding NCAA regulations relating to accepting prizes and/or merchandise.

**Qualifying Events**

Qualifying events are held for SCGA championships, which attract far more entries than can be accommodated in the championship field.

**Qualifying Site Selection.** Competitors are asked to identify on the entry form, the qualifying site they prefer.

If the field of the first-selected qualifying site is filled by the time a competitor’s entry form is received by the SCGA, the competitor will be paired at another qualifying site.

The competitor will not be allowed to change qualifying sites after entries close or after the competitor is paired.

**Scorecards**

USGA Rules of Golf apply. (See Rule 6.)

The Exception to Rule 6-6d is modified as follows:

**Exception:** If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

Each competitor is responsible for the accuracy of the score recorded for each hole but not for the addition of those scores.

In SCGA competitions, a card is deemed returned to the committee when the score is posted on the official scoreboard. No alteration may be made on a scorecard by a competitor after it is returned to the committee. Competitors are encouraged to remain in the scoreboard area until their scores are posted. A competitor who fails to return a signed scorecard within 30 minutes of completion of the stipulated round is deemed to have failed to return a score for the round and will be listed on the scoreboard as a “No Card.”

Competitors that fail to return a score card without informing the SCGA may be listed on the scoreboard as a “Disqualification” (DQ under Rule 6-6b).

In match-play championships, scorecards are not required. The winner of a match must report the result of that match to an SCGA official immediately after completion of the match. Competitors are urged to check the
scoreboard to see that match-play results are posted properly and to determine the starting time of the next-scheduled round.

The SCGA reserves the right to reject any entry if the entrant was a “No Card” (NC) or “Did Not Show” (DNS) the previous year.

Television, Radio, Motion Picture, Video and Photographic Rights
Competitors in SCGA championships grant and assign to the SCGA, without limitation, their individual television, radio, motion picture, video, photographic and all other similar rights with respect to participating in SCGA events.

Competitors also agree to refrain from any action, which might interfere with the SCGA’s ownership of the rights granted and assigned to the SCGA. All such rights are the property of and expressly reserved for, by and to the SCGA. Any use thereof, without the expressed and written consent of the SCGA, is forbidden.

Ties and Playoffs
Resolution of ties and playoff information are listed on SCGA Local Rules sheets. As a general rule, these include:

- A tie for first place in a stroke-play championship is resolved by a hole-by-hole playoff beginning on a hole determined by the committee. If a playoff involves more than two competitors, those other than the champion are deemed to tie for second place.
- In championships at which trophies are awarded to more than the champion, a scorecard playoff determines the order of finish.
- In all other cases involving ties, prizes are split, unless the payoff is less than $30. Then the tie will be broken using the USGA recommended formula for a scorecard playoff.
- In a match-play championship, a playoff to determine the winner of a match will begin on a hole determined by the committee.
- Competitors or teams finishing at the same level in a match-play championship (such as semifinalists) receive identical prizes.
**SCGA Forty Plus Series Regulations**

*SCGA Championship regulations apply to Forty Plus tournaments except as listed below.*

**Eligibility**
Eligibility rules are listed on the respective SCGA Forty Plus Series entry forms. A SCGA Forty Plus is open to members of the SCGA who are over the age of 40 at the time of the specific event. Participants must have a SCGA handicap index that does not exceed the amount listed on the entry form.

**Entry Requirements and Deadlines**
Enter opening and closing deadlines are strictly observed. Forty Plus Series entry forms received before the specified opening date are returned to the sender and must be re-submitted.

Every competitor must complete, sign and return an official Forty Plus Series entry form. Forms must be filled out completely and legibly. No entry is accepted prior to a Forty Plus Series opening date. Entries are accepted until a field is full or until 5 p.m. of the closing date listed on the form.

**Faxed, e-mail, telephone, late or incomplete entry forms are not accepted.**

The specified entry fee must be paid in cash, check, money order or register by credit card online and must accompany the championship entry form. Checks must be made payable to the South Carolina Golf Association. Visa and MasterCard payments are accepted for online applications only.

The SCGA cannot and does not guarantee that www.scgolf.org or the ability to apply online will be available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The SCGA does not make any guarantee that an entry submitted pursuant to this site will be received by the SCGA or received in a timely fashion. Just as with registration by mail, the responsibility for ensuring that an application is received by the SCGA by no later than the deadline set forth on the particular entry form, and the risk of delay and/or error in transmission lies solely with the applicant. The SCGA shall have no liability with respect to any such delay and/or error and the consequences therefrom, including rejection of any entry. Entries will be automatically rejected by the SCGA if received at the SCGA after the date and time set forth on the relevant entry form.

The SCGA is not responsible for errors or delays made by any mail or delivery courier. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to competitors as soon as practicable.

Entry into an SCGA championship is subject to approval by the SCGA Championship Committee. By signing a championship entry form, each entrant agrees to abide by all SCGA and club regulations.

**Entry Refunds**
Refund guidelines are set on each tournament application.

Credit card registration refunds are credited to the account from which payment was made.

Entries paid by check will either have the check destroyed or a refund check for the appropriate amount will be issued from the SCGA.

**Field Size**
Field sizes are determined by the SCGA.
Automotive Transportation
The SCGA requires rental of automotive transportation at a Forty Plus Event.

Caddies and Spectator Carts
A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round (Rule 6-4 Note, Appendix I). Spectators are not permitted to ride in the player’s cart at any time or rent a spectator cart at any SCGA Forty Plus Tournament (Rule 33-7).

Exception: The SCGA will grant a person with a bona fide physical handicap a spectator cart if the following conditions are met: 1) Host club has a golf cart available; 2) Handicapped person pays host club the appropriate cart fee; 3) Handicapped person presents to the SCGA Director or SCGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

Format
The Forty Plus Series format will be an 18-hole Individual stroke play. Based on a full field, gift certificates will be awarded in gross and net divisions. The emphasis will be toward the gross awards.

Official Starting Time
All Forty Plus Series Events begin as a shotgun start. Shotgun or Simultaneous Start – A player is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. The assigned starting time for shotgun events is when a) a horn or siren is sounded, b) if no horn is siren is used, when the group can play without interference or c) if the player is in the second group to start on an assigned hole, when that group can play without interference.

Prizes
All prizes are determined by the SCGA Forty Plus Committee or by the duly appointed SCGA representative.

Prizes are awarded for both gross and net scores.

A player cannot win in both gross & net. He will be awarded the highest valued position.

Ties and Playoffs
There will be a “chip off” to decide the Gross winner in the event of a tie. Any other ties will be split unless the amount is less than $30.00 per person. Then, ties will be broken by score on 10-18, last 6, last 3, last hole, and should the need arise by lot.
One Day Tournaments Regulations

SCGA Championship regulations apply to One Day tournaments except as listed below.

Eligibility

A SCGA Regular One Day tournament is open to any amateur who is a legal resident of South Carolina, who is a member of an SCGA member club and who has an SCGA handicap index no more than 60 days old. Applicants for amateur reinstatement (A/R) are not eligible for these events.

A SCGA Senior One Day tournament is open to any male amateur who meets the above provisions and who has reached his 55th birthday by the day of the event.

Caddies and Spectator Carts

A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round (Rule 6-4 Note, Appendix I). Spectators are not permitted to ride in the player’s cart at any time or rent a spectator cart at any SCGA One Day Tournament (Rule 33-7).

Exception: The SCGA will grant a person with a bona fide physical handicap a spectator cart if the following conditions are met: 1) Host club has a golf cart available; 2) Handicapped person pays host club the appropriate cart fee; 3) Handicapped person presents to the SCGA One Day Director or SCGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

Discontinuing Play

The SCGA One Day Director in charge and the staff of the host club have the authority to discontinue play or cancel an event due to inclement weather or conditions. Competitors may discontinue play only if they consider themselves to be in danger from lightning or for some other factor, such as sudden illness, which the SCGA official in charge considers satisfactory.

If an event is canceled, all entry fee checks will be destroyed. No refunds are made to groups who fail to start due to inclement weather when an event is not canceled.

Entry Requirements

For entry into a Regular One Day and Senior One Day event participants may call the host golf club beginning 10 days prior to the event to reserve a tee time. Each participant must reserve a time for a group of 3 or more players; he may also reserve up to 2 tee times.

On the day of the event each participant must register with the SCGA One Day Director. They must have a current SCGA handicap from a member club. A competitor with more than one SCGA handicap index must use the lowest current index. They must pay $12 to our director and pay the host club for use of a golf cart. A check for insufficient funds may result in the competitor’s indefinite suspension from SCGA events.

By registering for an event, each competitor agrees to abide by all SCGA and host club regulations, including dress code.

Practice rounds are not available for any Regular One Day or Senior One Day event and are not included in any entry fee.

Use of a golf cart is required at all Regular One Day and Senior One Day events. Cart fees are not included in entry fees.

The substitution of players in a group is allowed at any time.
Format

Regular One Day Tournaments: The Regular One Day format is 18 holes of individual stroke play with full handicaps. One gross prize, one overall net prize and the net prizes in flights are awarded.

Competitors are grouped into handicap brackets or flights. Flight A is for competitors with course handicaps of seven strokes or less. Flight B is for competitors with course handicaps between 8 and 11 strokes. Flight C is for competitors with course handicaps of 12 or 16. Flight D is for competitors with course handicaps of 17 or more. The number of flights will be based on the number of participants.

Senior One Day Tournaments: This format is 18 holes of individual stroke play, with one gross and the rest net prizes in flights will be awarded.

Competitors are grouped into age brackets or flights. Flight A is for competitors with ages ranging from 55 to 59. Flight B is for competitors with ages ranging from 60 to 64. Flight C is for competitors with ages ranging from 65 or 69. Flight D is for competitors whose age is 70 or more. The number of flights will be based on the number of participants.

Local Rules

USGA Rules of Golf govern all play. Local rules are posted at the director’s desk. The following local rules are in effect at all one-day and senior one-day events.

The “One Ball Rule” is NOT in effect.

Embedded Ball: Anywhere through the green, a ball embedded in its own pitch mark may be lifted and cleaned without penalty and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay not nearer the hole. “Through the green” does not include water hazards or bunkers.

Water Hazards: All water hazards are marked with yellow lines and/or yellow stakes. All lateral water hazards are marked with red lines and/or red stakes. Any unmarked open water course is considered a lateral hazard. The appropriate reference point is where the ball last crossed the margin of the hazard.

Out of Bounds is defined by the inside points of white stakes at ground level and other items as defined in the Notice to Players.

Distance Measuring Devices: A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to guage or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

Preferred Lies (Appendix 1 p. 128-129): Only in Regular One Day and Senior One Day events the following local rule will apply:

“A ball lying on a closely-mown area through the green (or specify a more restricted area, e.g. at the 6th) may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within (specify area, e.g. six inches, one club-length, etc.) of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green.

A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when the ball has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on a spot in which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply.
If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Note: “Closely-mown area” means any area of the course including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

Penalty for Breach of Local Rule: Match Play – Loss of Hole; Stroke Play – Two Strokes

At clubs which have shoe and spike restrictions, the penalty for non-compliance of the club rule is disqualification.

All club dress codes will be observed. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

The use of cellular phones (except in the case of an emergency or a ruling), laptop and tablet computers, pagers, beepers, and the like are not allowed during a stipulate round. First offense results in a warning. Second offense results in the player’s disqualification.

Prizes

Regular One Day Tournaments: Prizes are awarded for low gross score and overall low net score. These may come from a competitor in any flight.

The number of entries determines the number of net prizes awarded per flight. If the winners are not available to accept their prize, these are mailed to the individual’s golf club listed on the sign in sheet.

All ties are broken based on a scorecard playoff. The director will determine the winner using the USGA recommended formula, which appears in Appendix I p.143-144 of the Rules of Golf.

A competitor who shoots a net score more than four shots less than the course rating will have their handicap cut by the director.

Senior One Day Tournaments: Prizes are awarded for low gross score. This may come from a competitor in any flight.

The number of entries determines the number of net prizes awarded per flight. If the winners are not available to accept their prize, these are mailed to the individual’s golf club listed on the sign in sheet.

All ties are broken based on a scorecard playoff. The director will determine the winner using the USGA recommended formula, which appears in Appendix I p.143-144 of the Rules of Golf.

A competitor who shoots a net score more than four shots less than the course rating will have their handicap cut by the director.

Scorecards

A scorecard is deemed to be returned when the score(s) have been posted on the official score sheets. No alteration to a card may be made after it has been returned to the director in charge.

A competitor who fails to return a scorecard within 30 minutes of completion of the stipulated round will be assigned a “No Card.”

Competitors that fail to return a score card without informing the SCGA may be listed on the scoreboard as a “Disqualification” (DQ under Rule 6-6b).

The director in charge is responsible for applying course handicaps to scores.
**Regular One Day Events & Senior One Day Events:** All scores for a pairing may be kept on one scorecard, which must be signed by at least two competitors. The scorecard will be issued from the director upon registration.

**Starting Times**

**Regular One Day Events & Senior One Day Events:** the host club upon signing up for the event will give Starting times. If a group fails to appear for their time they may be subject to future penalization.

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**South Carolina Junior Golf Association Tournament Regulations**

*SCGA Championship regulations apply to SCJGA Tournaments except as listed below.*

**Automotive Transportation**

Automotive transportation is prohibited at SCJGA events and other championships as specified in the championship entry form, letter to competitors, and/or local rules sheet.

**Caddies and Spectator Carts**

Caddies are permitted at SCJGA championships as long as they are under the age of 18 as of the first day of the respective championship. A competitor should identify his/her caddie to an opponent or to the competitor’s marker prior to the start of play. The competitor is responsible for the conduct of the caddie during an event.

Spectator Cart Policy: Spectators **may** be allowed to rent carts at the discretion of the host club of an SCJGA event. The spectator cart policy for each event will be listed on a notice to players, local rules sheet, or at the host club.

**Championship, Rules, and Regulations**

The South Carolina Junior Golf Association (SCJGA) Executive Committee is responsible for the rules and regulations that govern SCJGA Championships. SCJGA staff or committee who attend an SCJGA championship is responsible to the Executive Committee for enforcing regulations.


**Code of Conduct & Dress Code**

All players are expected to conduct themselves as respectful guests of the host club and as such; any conduct unbecoming to the game or to the SCJGA will be subject to penalty as follows:

1st Offense – 1 Stroke Penalty
2nd Offense – 2 Stroke Penalty
3rd Offense – Disqualification and suspension for a year.

Proper golf attire is required by all players and spectators. SCGA Dress Code (p. 4) applies to all SCJGA events.
Course Preparations
The SCJGA staff, at the bidding of the championship committee, is responsible for marking a golf course and
determining tee and hole locations. Special rules, such as ball drops, are listed on the Notice to Competitors.

Eligibility
Eligibility rules are listed on the respective SCJGA championship entry forms. An eligible junior is a dependent of a
member of an SCGA member club. An eligible junior is not required to have a current USGA Handicap Index
issued by an SCGA member club unless otherwise stated on the championship entry form. An eligible junior must
have a parent, step parent, or guardian who is a member of an SCGA member club.

Entry Sources
Entries are available by registering online at www.scjga.org though the USGA Tournament Player Management
Program, Blue Golf, or by downloading paper copies at the SCJGA website.

Entry Requirements and Deadlines
Entry opening and closing deadlines are strictly observed. SCJGA championship entry forms received before the
specified opening date are returned to the sender and must be re-submitted.

Every competitor must complete, sign and return an official SCJGA championship entry form. Forms must be filled
out completely and legibly. No entry is accepted prior to SCJGA championship opening date. Entries are accepted
until a field is full or until 5 p.m. of the closing date listed on the form.

Faxed, e-mail, telephone, late or incomplete entry forms are not accepted.

The specified entry fee must be paid in cash, check, money order or register by credit card online and must
accompany the championship entry form. Checks must be made payable to the South Carolina Junior Golf
Association. Visa and MasterCard payments are accepted for online applications only.

The SCJGA cannot and does not guarantee that www.scjga.org or the ability to apply online will be available seven
days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The SCJGA does not make any guarantee that an entry submitted pursuant to
this site will be received by the SCJGA or received in a timely fashion. Just as with registration by mail, the
responsibility for ensuring that an application is received by the SCJGA by no later than the deadline set forth on the
particular entry form, and the risk of delay and/or error in transmission lies solely with the applicant. The SCJGA
shall have no liability with respect to any such delay and/or error and the consequences therefrom, including
rejection of any entry. Entries will be automatically rejected by the SCJGA if received at the SCJGA after the date
and time set forth on the relevant entry form.

The SCJGA is not responsible for errors or delays made by any mail or delivery courier. Confirmation of
acceptance is sent to competitors as soon as practicable.

Entry into an SCJGA championship is subject to approval by the SCJGA Championship Committee. By signing a
championship entry form, each entrant agrees to abide by all SCJGA and club regulations.

Entry Refunds
Refund guidelines are set on each tournament application.

Credit card registration refunds are credited to the account from which payment was made.

Entries paid by check will either have the check destroyed or a refund check for the appropriate amount will be
issued from the SCJGA.
Field Size
Field sizes are determined by the SCJGA.

Exemption from Events
The SCJGA reserves the right to exempt players into SCJGA championships.

Qualifying Events
Qualifying events may be held for SCJGA championships, which attract far more entries than can be accommodated in the championship field.