

# **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 the Tournament 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 of entering SDWGA Tournaments:
  - A. For the first two weeks after the opening date, entries will be accepted by mail only. No entries will be accepted with a postmark date prior to the opening date.
  - B. Executive Committee members and the previous year's winners of the corresponding tournament may be given priority entry into a tournament if there are multiple entries with the same postmark date and a wait list is going to be formed.
  - C. Applications for tournaments shall be prioritized based on the postmark date. There must be only one entry form per envelope.
  - D. If more entries are received on any given day than places available in the tournament, those accepted shall be determined by lot. Entries received after the field is full shall be placed on a waiting list with the position on the list determined by lot. The lot will be under the direction of the Tournament Committee.
  - E. Late entries may be accepted with the approval of the Tournament Committee if the field is not filled.
  - F. Those teams placed on the waiting list will be notified by phone or email to indicate their position on

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the waiting list.

- G. If one partner in a tournament must cancel due to a medical or personal reason before the applicable tournament's closing date, the remaining player may replace her with another partner by notifying the Tournament Chair immediately without losing her position in the tournament. The replacement partner must be a SDWGA member in good standing. If the cancellation is after the closing date, the remaining player must contact the Tournament Chair to discuss the options available and may lose her position in the tournament if an acceptable replacement cannot be found. Unusual circumstances shall be handled by the Tournament Committee.
  - H. 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 48 hours of the start of the tournament.
  - I. In events in which a team handicap is used, that handicap will be calculated to tenths of a stroke.
  - J. Flights for all competitions shall be determined by the Tournament Committee as the size and composition of the field warrants.
  - K. The Tournament committee is responsible for the course set-up. 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.
  - L. No refunds will be made after the closing date except:
    - 1. Standbys who are unable to play when notified of a vacancy.
    - 2. Entrants who must cancel due to circumstances deemed acceptable by the Tournament Committee.
    - 3. 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.
    - 4. If a replacement cannot be found, a partial refund MAY be given at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.
    - 5. No refund will be given to participants who withdraw once play has started.
  - M. 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 Handicap Chair per the USGA Rules of Handicapping, Rule 7.1b.
9. Volunteers working on behalf of a tournament, but not playing in the tournament, will be guests of SDWGA at the Awards Luncheon.
10. 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 bar that player(s) from future SDWGA competitions.
11. 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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