

# Policy 1: Tournament Management

The tournament directors will be the committee as defined by the USGA and governed by Rule 33 (see reference at the end).

## 1. Tournament Notice

Approximately six weeks prior to the tournament, the directors distribute the tournament flyer and request that it be uploaded to the website. The golf course address and telephone number should be on the flyer.

## 2. Sign-up and Fees

Tournament directors designate the sign-up and payment deadlines, and also the payment options.

Beyond the traditional fee payment of account transfers and checks, directors should avoid offering an electronic payment option (Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, etc.) on the tournament flyers that are sent to members, former members, published in Pulse, etc. The flyer appears on the website and the site is often viewed by outside vendors, golf courses, and others. (See Bylaws, Article X, Paragraph 4).

Skins is an optional game and not required for entry. Skins payments must be included with the entry fee payment; skins are no longer collected the day of the tournament.

Late entries and payment may not be accepted and are always discouraged.

## 3. Course Notification

A. One of the tournament directors will notify the golf course of the number of players signed up

B. Pairings will be provided to the golf course and to the participants. For shotgun starts, generally the course will do the starting hole assignments, but directors should inquire what holes SRPGA players will start on. Directors should request starting on hole 1 or 10 to facilitate finishing at or near the club house.

C. Directors should endeavor to limit the number of threesomes for purposes of efficiency and advise threesomes they could be split up. It is conceivable a golf course might do this to save resources and increase tee times available for the public.

## 4. Tournament Control

A. The golf course controls the actual tournament starting times and is typically specified on the executed contract.

B. Participants should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their tee time.

## 5. Cancellations and No-Shows

- A. If a player cancels, or does not show up for a tournament, a refund is up to the discretion of the golf course and the tournament directors.
- B. Cancellations made after 3:00 PM Thursday of tournament week shall be made to the golf course.
- C. Refunds are not guaranteed, but are dependent on when the pairings were submitted, golf course discretion, and may be in full or part of the paid entry fee.

## 6. SRPGA Handicap

SRPGA uses the USGA handicap system as managed by the Arizona Golf Association (AGA). All players are required to post legitimate outside scores into the handicap system. Refer to Policy 2: Handicaps.

## 7. Annual Scramble.

For eligibility in the yearly scramble tournament a player must have an established handicap in the SRPGA and AGA and must have posted a minimum of three (3) stroke play SRPGA tournaments during the current calendar year as an SRPGA member.

## 8. The directors have the authority to waive and set aside any of the tournament policies or requirements of the SRPGA for the purpose of conducting special tournaments, provided:

- A. All board members receive notice of this intent at least 30 days prior to the event.
- B. A majority of the board members approve the proposed waiver.

## 9. Scramble Tournaments:

The SRPGA may from time to time conduct team event tournaments using the scramble format. For these events the directors will employ the USGA recommended handicapping for such events such that the following percentages of course handicaps are used for the A, B, C and D players on each team.

- A. For 4-player teams: 1 – 20%, B- 15%, C – 10% and D – 5%
- B. For 2-player teams: A – 35%, B – 15%

# Policy 2: Handicaps

As a member of the Arizona Golf Association (AGA) and the USGA, the SRPGA is required to abide the AGA and USGA policies and procedures. One requirement is the establishment of a Handicap Committee that has the responsibility of verifying all the acceptable scores are appropriately reported for handicap purposes and that recorded scores are available for peer review. In an effort to comply with this requirement, the SRPGA Handicap Committee has established this policy for recording (posting) of all member scores and subsequent necessary handicap adjustments

To establish a handicap in the SRPGA a total of five (5) 18-hole scores or a USGA handicap is required by the SRPGA handicapping system for any new member.

Fair handicapping depends upon full, accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability as reflected by the player's scores.

1. The AGA system of establishing a handicap index will be followed.
2. All members must post all their scores as soon as possible after playing individually in any 9 or 18 hole outings. These scores must be adjusted per AGA rules. Please refer to the USGA Handicap System in Brief brochure or the SRPGA website for guidance on equitable stroke control adjustment.
3. The SRPGA highly recommends members utilize hole by hole posting in order to get a properly adjusted score.
4. Member scores obtained from playing in SRPGA sponsored events or tournaments will be posted by the Handicap Committee.
5. All SRPGA events will be deemed tournament events for purposes of applying Section 10-3 (handicap reduction for exceptional tournament play). This designation will be noted on the flyers for all SRPGA events.
6. Toward further promotion of fair play, and in compliance with USGA recommendations, the Board of Directors may revise this policy (and republish) at times to allow for further necessary handicap reductions in cases of repeated exceptional play in any event.

Note: Players can enter scores on the AGA website following instructions after signing on. Those players without internet access can use the AGA terminals available at numerous golf courses around the state. More handicap information is available on the SRPGA handicap website at <http://sprgolf.com/handcaps.htm>

### Policy 3: Guest Participation

The SRPGA recognizes two (2) categories of guest participant: any participant who is not a regular or social member, or a special guest eligible for regular membership (see Bylaws Article 1.G)

1. Guests may play in SRPGA tournaments except the Spring and Fall Tournaments and the Annual Scramble. (see Bylaws Article 1, Section B)

SRPGA conducts the Spring and Fall Tournaments on behalf of PERA Club for the SRPGA members, SRP employees, and those officially retired from SRP.

2. If an SRPGA member invites a guest to play in a tournament, the guest must play in the same foursome with the member who invited them. Any guest who does not currently have PERA club privileges or is a past member of the SRPGA must play with the member who invited them.

3. SRPGA members are limited to 3 guests each at any tournament where guest participation is permitted.
4. Members signing in guests are responsible for the guests' fees and cancellations in accordance with SRPGA Policy 1. In addition, the member will be responsible for any prizes won by the guest.
5. Guest must pay the same fees as members for each tournament they participate in.
6. Guest must adhere to all rules governing play and golf etiquette.
7. Guests can participate in any tournaments except the Annual Scramble and Spring and Fall Tournaments. Guests are not eligible for flight prizes but are eligible to compete for skill prizes and to participate in skins games at the discretion of the tournament directors.
8. In tournaments where there is a player limitation, the lottery system (Policy 5) will be used.

## Policy 4: Hole-In-One Club

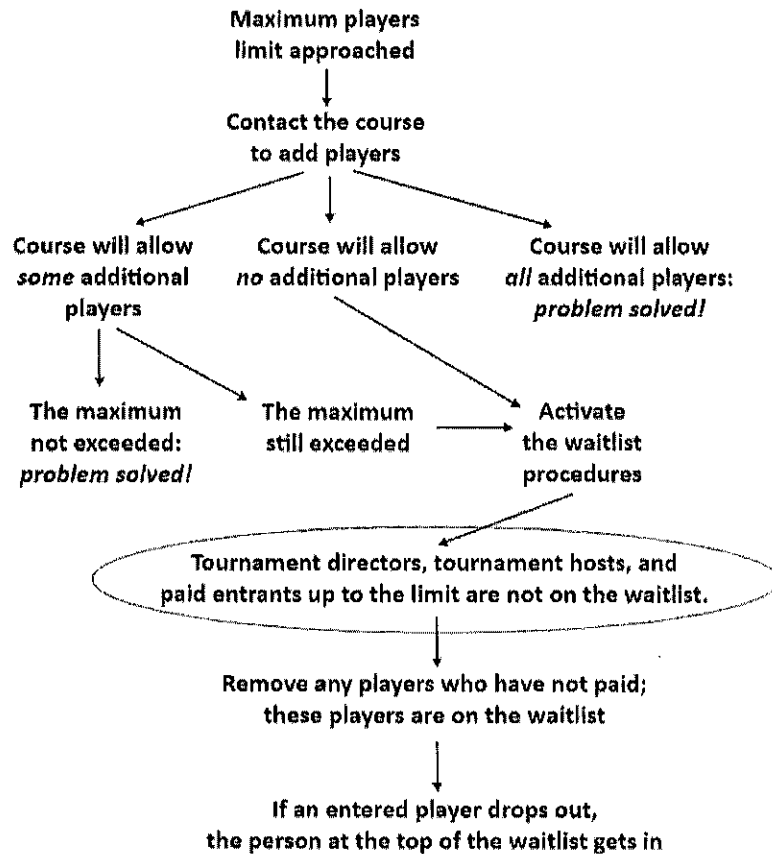
### 1. Membership

Membership in SRPGA automatically includes membership in the Hole-In-One Club (HIOC). A golfer can only be a member in the HIOC through current membership in SRPGA.

### 2. Fees

- A. The HIOC membership fee is \$2.00 annually and is included in the dues payment.
- B. HIOC fees are non-refundable
- C. The balance of this account shall be held inaccessible for any reason other than that for which it was established.
- D. At the end of each calendar year the total fund balance will be equally split among all members who scored a hole-in-one in an SRPGA 18-hole, sanctioned tournament during that calendar year. If only one member scored a hole-in-one, the total fund balance will be paid to that member at the end of the calendar year.
- E. If no member of the Hole-In-One Club scores a hole-in-one during a membership calendar year, the balance will carry forward into the next calendar year. The annual Hole-In-One Club membership fees will be added to the previous account balance, and the total fund balances will be subject to payment at the end of the current calendar year in which one or more members score a hole-in-one during an SRPGA 18-hole sanctioned tournament.

## Policy 5: Process for Reducing Entries at Player Maximum Tournaments



Some courses require a player count 7-10 days ahead of the tournament. For tournaments that have a history of significant player participation, or for new courses on the schedule that may create great interest, the directors should consider establishing a payment due date more than 7 days in advance of the tournament date, for example, 10 days or more.

### Tournament Entries

- A player is not considered to have entered a tournament until the entry fee has been received. Tournament entries are considered on a first-come, first-served basis.
- If you notify the directors of your intention to play and pay the entry fee, your entry submission precedes that of a player who notifies the directors and pays after your payment, or has not paid at all.

### Steps for Establishing the Required Player Maximum:

When a tournament contract specifies a firm player maximum, and when signups approach that limit, the directors will contact the golf course and request that additional players be allowed.

If the course will add unlimited players, then the problem is solved.

If the course will allow some additional players or no additional players, the following procedure will be followed

1. The tournament directors and any hosts of invitational tournaments are exempt from elimination.
2. The first players to eliminate are all of those whose entry payment has not been received. Basic premise: If you have not paid, you are not entered. This message is routinely printed on SRPGA tournament flyers.
3. Guests will be removed from the player listing and placed on the waitlist in favor of SRPGA members.
4. If the number of players who have paid still exceeds the total number of players the course allows, the later players will be put on a waitlist in chronological order of payment received.
5. Chronological order is when the deposit or transfer was received at AFCU, or is the date stamp on the envelope of the check mailed to the P.O. Box. If a person to person (P2P) transfer is utilized, it must then be transferred to the SRPGA checking account and will have a date associated with the transfer.
6. The waitlist will be established based on chronological order of entry fees paid and notification of intent to play in the tournament.
7. Players placed on the waitlist may be asked to not pay entry fees until those on the waitlist are added to the list of player participants. This is intended to reduce the issuance of refunds.
8. As any openings become available the person at the top of the waitlist will be added to the list of players.

## Policy 6: Annual Trophies

The following trophies may be awarded each year at the Annual SRPGA dinner and meeting

Golfer of the Year (Total Points) – Harrison Williams Trophy

Annual Low Gross (Yearly Average)

Most Improved Golfer (Yearly Handicap Difference) – Cliff Cameron Trophy

Low Gross (Spring and Fall Tournaments)

Low Net Each Flight (Spring and Fall Tournaments)

Low Net Calloway (Spring and Fall Tournaments)

Hole-In-One Plaque (For hole-in-one occurring in accordance with Policy 4)

Low Net Score at Dobson Ranch – Steve Webber Memorial Trophy

Low Net Score at Antelope Hills – Greg Witherspoon Memorial Trophy

Low Net Score at Ken McDonald – Tom Copeland Memorial Trophy

Should a tie occur for a low gross or most improved golfer trophy, a trophy will be awarded to each of the players.

If more than one hole-in-one occurs during the calendar year, a plaque will be awarded to each player making a hole-in-one.

### **GOLFER OF THE YEAR – HARRISON WILLIAMS TROPHY**

Harrison who was employed as Superintendent of Office at Building Services was the driving force behind the formation of what we all now enjoy as The Salt River Project Golf Association (SRPGA). Harrison wanted a way to get to know other management people throughout SRP in an informal way as a way of networking and since he was an avid golfer, he invited some other management people to join him on a golf outing. Everything went so well, they determined that this type of outing might be good for all employees to enjoy and a way to get to know people in other departments. They did this and in the early 1960's The Project Golf Association was chartered thru the PERA Club. Harrison was with the Project from 1949 until his death in 1973.

This award is given each year to the individual who collects the most points based on the following point system:

Take the total number of golfers in a tournament. That total number is the maximum points that can be won by the golfer with the lowest net score (compare cards only for 1st place tie). Net scores determine points

One point is awarded to players who tee off but do not post an 18-hole score.

Skill prizes are worth 5 points

### **ANNUAL LOW GROSS AWARD**

This award is given out each year to the individual who has the lowest gross score average. To be eligible for the award, a player must meet the following requirements:

1. A player must compete in at least 2/3's of the sanctioned tournament rounds available. See example below.  
 $18 \text{ rounds} \times 2/3 = 12$
2. If a player X's out, is disqualified by the Rules Committee, or for any reason fails to post a score in any SRPGA sanctioned tournament they started the round, their round will not be counted in qualifying for this award.

3. Exclusion from a tournament by ~~the lottery system (Policy #6)~~ Policy 5 when a maximum player limit has been reached, and the player is not included as a tournament participant, the player will not meet the requirement in number 1 above.

### **MOST IMPROVED GOLFER - CLIFF CAMERON TROPHY**

This award is given each year to the individual who has shown the most improvement over the year. This award is presented to the person with the highest handicap differential (improved) for the year. The differential is calculated using the USGA Most Improved Golfer Computation Method. To be eligible for this award, a player must meet the requirements (1, 2 and 3) discussed under the Low Gross Award section of this policy. Cliff was employed at SRP from 1953 to 1989. SRP dedicated Cameron Substation in his honor October 10, 2003.

### **STEVE WEBBER MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Steve Webber was passionate about golf and loved everything about of golf. He learned to make his own clubs and would build clubs for his friends. He was a member of the SRPGA board of directors 15 years and served a Rules Chair for about eight years. He loved the Dobson Ranch Golf Course and served as tournament director for the Dobson tournament for many years. Prior to his passing at age 54 he worked at SRP from 1969 - 2002 as a lineman and later as a line inspector who reported needed repairs and maintenance on SRP power lines.

### **GREG WITHERSPOON MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Greg Witherspoon was an all-around athlete, who believed in fitness, excelled in extreme skiing, enjoyed running, and loved the game of golf. He attended Arizona State University on scholarship and played on the baseball team. He also served on the SRPGA Board and his favorite tournament was Antelope Hills in Prescott, AZ where he served as its director for many years. Greg worked at SRP from 1979 - 2001 in the Environmental Sciences Department. He was also a spiritual person, active in his church where he was a Stephens minister who volunteered time to service of others including the refugees from Sudan.

### **TOM COPELAND MEMORIAL TROPHY**

Tom Copeland joined SRP in 1957 and retired in 1994 as a Senior Warehouseman, Material Services. The SRPGA started in the early 1960's, and Tom was one of its earliest members. He spent over 30 years on the board, holding various positions and directing SRPGA tournaments. Tom directed the SRP Summer Twilight Golf League at Riverview and Ken McDonald for over 20 years, and he was instrumental in starting our first Winter League at Ken McDonald, where the Tom Copeland Memorial Spring Tournament, instituted in 2017, is usually held. His favorite course in Arizona was the White Mountain Country Club. He was an excellent bowler on the SRP's Project Classic League Bowlers with a 200 per game average. Tom was 77 when he passed away on November 30, 2016.



## References

### Rule 33. The Committee

#### 33-1. Conditions; Waiving Rule

The *Committee* must establish the conditions under which a competition is to be played.

The *Committee* has no power to waive a Rule of Golf.

Certain specific *Rules* governing stroke play are so substantially different from those governing match play that combining the two forms of play is not practicable and is not permitted. The result of a match played in these circumstances is null and void and, in the stroke-play competition, the *competitors* are disqualified.

In stroke play, the *Committee* may limit a *referee's* duties.

#### 33-2. The Course

##### ■a. Defining Bounds and Margins

The *Committee* must define accurately:

- (i) the *course* and *out of bounds*,
- (ii) the margins of *water hazards* and *lateral water hazards*,
- (iii) *ground under repair*, and
- (iv) *obstructions* and integral parts of the *course*.

##### ■b. New Holes

New *holes* should be made on the day on which a stroke-play competition begins and at such other times as the *Committee* considers necessary, provided all *competitors* in a single round play with each *hole* cut in the same position.

**Exception:** When it is impossible for a damaged *hole* to be repaired so that it conforms with the Definition, the *Committee* may make a new *hole* in a nearby similar position.

**Note:** Where a single round is to be played on more than one day, the *Committee* may provide, in the conditions of a competition (Rule 33-1), that the *holes* and *teeing grounds* may be differently situated on each day of the competition, provided that, on any one day, all *competitors* play with each *hole* and each *teeing ground* in the same position.

##### ■c. Practice Ground

Where there is no practice ground available outside the area of a competition *course*, the *Committee* should establish the area on which players may practice on any day of a competition, if it is practicable to do so. On any day of a stroke-play competition, the *Committee* should not normally permit practice on or to a *putting green* or from a *hazard* of the competition *course*.

##### ■d. Course Unplayable

If the *Committee* or its authorized representative considers that for any reason the *course* is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may, in match play or stroke play, order a temporary suspension of play or, in stroke play, declare play null and void and cancel all scores for the round in question. When a round is canceled, all penalties incurred in that round are canceled.

(Procedure in discontinuing and resuming play - see Rule 6-8.)

### **33-3. Times of Starting and Groups**

The *Committee* must establish the times of starting and, in stroke play, arrange the groups in which *competitors* must play.

When a match-play competition is played over an extended period, the *Committee* establishes the limit of time within which each round must be completed. When players are allowed to arrange the date of their match within these limits, the *Committee* should announce that the match must be played at a stated time on the last day of the period, unless the players agree to a prior date.

### **33-4. Handicap Stroke Table**

The *Committee* must publish a table indicating the order of holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received.

### **33-5. Score Card**

In stroke play, the *Committee* must provide each *competitor* with a score card containing the date and the *competitor's* name or, in *foursomes* or *four-ball* stroke play, the *competitors'* names.

In stroke play, the *Committee* is responsible for the addition of scores and the application of the handicap recorded on the score card.

In *four-ball* stroke play, the *Committee* is responsible for recording the better-ball score for each hole and in the process applying the handicaps recorded on the score card, and adding the better-ball scores.

In bogey, par and Stableford competitions, the *Committee* is responsible for applying the handicap recorded on the score card and determining the result of each hole and the overall result or points total.

**Note:** The *Committee* may request that each *competitor* record the date and his name on his score card.

### **33-6. Decision of Ties**

The *Committee* must announce the manner, day and time for the decision of a halved match or of a tie, whether played on level terms or under handicap.

A halved match must not be decided by stroke play. A tie in stroke play must not be decided by a match.

### **33-7. Disqualification Penalty; Committee Discretion**

A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional individual cases be waived, modified or imposed if the *Committee* considers such action warranted.

Any penalty less than disqualification must not be waived or modified.

If a *Committee* considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, it may impose a penalty of disqualification under this Rule.

### **33-8. Local Rules**

#### **a. Policy**

The *Committee* may establish Local Rules for local abnormal conditions if they are consistent with the policy set forth in Appendix I.

#### **b. Waiving or Modifying a Rule**

A Rule of Golf must not be waived by a Local Rule. However, if a *Committee* considers that local abnormal conditions interfere with the proper playing of the game to the extent that it is necessary to make a Local Rule that modifies the Rules of Golf, the Local Rule must be authorized by the USGA.

#### **RECORD OF REVISIONS:**

11-10-2011 Policy 1, Item 8. Scramble eligibility defined but not approved

11-8-2012 Policy, Item 8. Scores posted must be as a SRPGA member & for 18 hole scores

11-8-2012 Policy 3. Revised definition of a guest (2.), struck limit of guests and revised minor language

11/11/2021 Policy 1. Update language related to paying fees, refunds and managing pairings

11/11/2021 Policy 5. Revised Policy for procedures related to player maximum tournaments, eliminating the lottery and instituting the wait list.