

GSGA, Inc. Tournament Rules---May 31, 2010

I. Tournament play will be governed by the current USGA Rules of Golf. All USGA rules will apply with the following exceptions and/or amplifications:

- A. The embedded ball rule (Rule 25-2) applies through the green (fairway and rough) except for balls lying in or touching a hazard. Lift without penalty, clean and drop as near as possible to the spot where it lay, not nearer the hole.
- B. Relief is provided from cart paths with or without artificial surfaces and sides as afforded under Rule 24-2b. Lift without penalty and drop within one club length of nearest point of relief, not nearer the hole.
- C. In order to maintain a steady tournament pace, play out of bounds or lost ball as a lateral water hazard with the ball unplayable in the hazard. Under penalty of one stroke drop within two club lengths of point where the original ball crossed the out of bounds line or last sighting (in case of lost ball).
- D. Play the ball down unless otherwise directed by the host club pro.
- E. NO GIMMIES, Putt out ball on every hole.

II. SCORING:

An official tournament scorecard is issued for each player in the tournament. Scores are to be posted on the official scorecard as they occur.

- A. The designated marker (scorer) is responsible for the submission of an accurate and legible scorecard. He will also serve as group referee and will render all rulings and any required interpretation of conditions. If there is any doubt or disagreement over the ruling, a second ball should be played and scored. *The scorecard must be double-checked for accuracy before submission.*
- B. GSGA requires that another member of the foursome maintain a backup scorecard for all players, cross checking hole scores with the scorer several times during the round. *We also strongly recommend that the two players in a foursome not keeping the team score also keep their own individual score as a control.*
- C. During post-tournament scorecard checking, any corrected score that is higher than the original submitted score will result in disqualification of the player.
- D. Take no more than a triple bogey on any one hole. Pick up and move on if you have not holed out.

- E. In order to be eligible to receive a prize award every player must review and must sign (or initial) by his name on the official scorecard. Failure to do so may result in one being disqualified from the tournament. Scorecards submitted with missing hole score entries will be disqualified from the tournament prize awards.**
- F. The Tournament Director will settle all claims arising from the tournament play prior to the awarding of prizes. The Tournament Director's decisions are final.**

III. MERCHANDISE AWARD CERTIFICATES:

- A. Individuals must be present to receive their individual prize award. Winners not present when the awards are given out may forfeit their merchandise certificate.**
- B. The Board of Directors will purchase merchandise with the forfeited certificates. All merchandise collected in this manner will be given as door prizes at the Annual Awards Banquet held each year.**

IV. CONDUCT AND DRESS CODE:

As a Gator Senior, we recognize that we are guest of the host club and that we will conduct ourselves accordingly.

- A. We rake bunkers, repair divots and ball marks and take any necessary steps to protect the course and playing conditions.**
- B. We fully subscribe to the traditional rules of golfing etiquette, both on the course, in the clubhouse and all other club property.**
- C. We conform to the dress code of the courses we play, which is usually collared shirts and no cutoff shorts or jeans. No denim jeans.**
- D. Gator Senior's require the wearing of soft spikes at all tournaments.**