

TSB Tournament Rules (Excerpted from TSB 2024)

II. HANDICAPS

- 1) Handicaps must be computed in accordance with the current USGA Handicap System.
- 2) A player's USGA Handicap Index will be adjusted in accordance with the Handicap Conversion Table into the appropriate handicap for the host club.
- 3) The official Handicap Season and final revision date will be determined by each handicap provider. Eligible winter scores with Course Ratings and Slope Ratings should be posted at time of play.
- 1) All scores from WMGA tournaments, including Team Matches, **must** be posted into the USGA Handicap Index System. Scores from some WMGA stroke play tournaments will be posted as "C" scores by the Committee as noted in the Posting Scores Memo found on wmga.com.

III. COMPETITIONS

Tournament Entries

- 1) Online registration for all tournament entries, unless otherwise noted, will occur on three days starting at 8:00 am: April 3rd, April 10th, and April 17th, and will close at 11:59 PM on the final entry date indicated for each tournament. **The field for each tournament is selected on the basis of the order in which the entries are submitted (i.e. first come, first served basis).** A player must submit only one entry per tournament. Tournament registration must be completed online at wmga.com.
- 2) The tournament entry fee typically includes continental breakfast, when applicable, lunch, the golf competition, prizes, tipping, and access to the range and practice area. Fees for cart rental and/or caddie will be paid for by the player at the tournament site.
- 3) After entries close, the tournament information will be posted on the WMGA website and starting times will be emailed to players. If the field is not full by the final entry

- date, late entries may be considered. Call the WMGA office (914-592-7888) for availability.
- 4) A waiting list for players/team will be maintained for each oversubscribed tournament. If a player/team cancels prior to the tournament, the first player/team on the waiting list will be accepted into the tournament.
 - a) If one or more players of a team is unable to participate, **the team has a one-time exemption to replace partner(s) for the partnered tournament.**
 - b) **NOTE:** In many cases, being placed on the waiting list does NOT mean a player is excluded from tournament participation. Positions in the tournament often become available as the date approaches. The WMGA recommends a waitlisted player keep her schedule open.
 - 5) Pairings for the tournaments will be made by the Committee unless otherwise noted.
 - 6) Practice rounds are not provided unless otherwise noted.

Tournament Cancellation & Refund Policies

- 1) There will be no cancellation of play unless the course is deemed unplayable by the host club. If the host club is agreeable, play may be delayed until later in the day.
- 2) Entry fee, less a \$20 service and processing fee, will be refunded regardless of cancellation reason if the WMGA is notified by phone (914-592-7888) or by email to the tournament manager (tournamentmanager@wmga.com) prior to the final entry date. Requests for refunds after the final entry date and prior to release of pairings will only be accepted in writing (via email) and the amount of the refund, if any, may be reduced by any tournament costs including caddie and/or cart fees. There will be no refunds after pairings are released. Further, regardless of the reason for withdrawal, the player or team may be responsible for all fees, including caddie fees, incurred by the WMGA.
- 3) If a player/team needs to cancel on the day of play, please email the tournament manager directly as soon as possible at tournamentmanager@wmga.com.
- 4) The WMGA reserves the right to cancel any tournament for lack of sufficient participation.

Handicap Eligibility

- 1) Handicap limits will be calculated ten days prior to the first day of competition as follows:
 - a) Class A Tournaments – USGA Handicap Index maximum of 14.0.
 - b) Class B Tournaments – USGA Handicap Index minimum of 14.1.
- 2) A player may only enter a tournament for which her USGA Handicap Index makes her eligible. EXCEPTION: Players in the Myra D. Paterson must fulfill USGA Handicap Index requirements as of November 15th of the previous year.
- 3) If a subsequent handicap revision would make her ineligible for an event other than those noted in the preceding EXCEPTION, the player will not be required to withdraw. In any Championship, the player will be required to use the maximum allowable Index or her current Index, whichever is lower. If the player's Index is lower than the minimum allowed for entry, she will not be eligible for a gross prize.

Tournament Rules

- 1) All play will be governed by USGA Rules, any Local Rules posted, and any Conditions of the Competition established.
- 2) All players may use a golf cart. The rules regarding the use of caddies will be determined by the host club and will be posted in the Notice to Players. A player will be responsible for any cart and/or caddie fees which may be incurred. A player **MAY NOT** bring her own caddie or carry her own golf bag. Pull cart may be used at the discretion of the host club. Caddies will be assigned by the caddie manager. A player may not have the same caddie twice or request a specific caddie except for the finalists on the final day of the Match Play Championships.
- 3) A player or team who has been assigned a starting time must be present at that time and fully intend to complete the round. Withdrawal for reasons other than personal illness or family emergency within 24 hours of that assigned time, failure to submit a tournament score, or failure to play the second day of a two-day tournament may result in disciplinary action, including suspension of the player or team from all WMGA events (Team Matches included) at the discretion of the Competitions Committee.

Further, regardless of the reason for withdrawal, the player or team may be responsible for all fees, including caddie fees, incurred by the WMGA.

- 4) All competitors and spectators must abide by the WMGA Dress Code, Code of Conduct, and Electronic Communication Devices policies.
- 5) Proper golf attire must be worn at all WMGA events. Players must adhere to the **dress code regulations** of the host club. Players should review the Notice to Players or host club website for guest information. In the absence of a host club policy see **Dress Code**. Members whose dress is deemed inappropriate by the host club or WMGA may be denied participation in the tournament.
- 6) All penalties will be assessed in accordance with the USGA 2023 Rules of Golf.
- 7) Electronic communication devices **MUST** be turned off. They may not be used anywhere on club grounds, except in a player's car. If the club policy is more restrictive, all players and spectators **MUST** comply.
EXCEPTION: When electronic communication devices are permitted on the golf course, players may use electronic communication devices in the case of an emergency or in accordance with Rule 4.3. Violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action.
- 8) Competitions Committee reserves the right to modify any of the rules in this book governing tournaments.
- 9) Competitions Committee will post all Stroke Play scores to USGA Handicap Index. All players must return their score card after each round even if reported as DNF or No Card.