

Connecticut State Golf Association Policies and Procedures

Policy # 10 General Tournament Policies

Authority and Responsibility

Included within the framework of the CSGA By-Laws Purpose the association may organize, supervise and coordinate golf competitions and activities in Connecticut as well as supervise national and international competitions held at member clubs.

The CSGA Mission Statement states the association will provide the highest level of service in conducting tournaments through its member clubs using best practices developed by the United States Golf Association.

The CSGA delegates these responsibilities through its organization to the Official in Charge (OIC) for every event it conducts or supervises. The OIC has final authority as to the local rules applicable for each event he or she conducts or supervises.

Conditions, Schedules

The CSGA Competitions Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein. The decision of the Competitions Committee in any matter shall be final.

Conditions of Tournament Entry

All entries submitted to the CSGA must be completed, signed (or received from www.csgalinks.org) and include the entry fee for the event. In order to be officially entered into an event(s), a completed entry form (or a copy) and the entry fees must be received and accepted at the Golf House no later than 3:00PM the day entries close.

Rejection of Entrants

Entrants are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the CSGA. The reason for rejection may include ineligibility, unbecoming behavior, and other due and sufficient cause.

Tournament Players Fee

A one time tournament players fee (\$10) will be charged to amateur participants in CSGA events. This fee must be paid prior to the acceptance of any tournament application.

Tournament Eligibility

Applicants must hold a current USGA Handicap Index, be a bona fide member of a CSGA Member Club at the time of entry, and must meet the specific eligibility criteria for the specific event.

A person whose membership has been suspended or has been terminated by a Member Club shall not be eligible to compete in any CSGA tournaments. If such person thereafter joins another Member Club, such person's

eligibility may be reinstated following written application of the CSGA and a hearing by the Executive Committee.

Any tournament entrant who has been found guilty of rules violations(s) and/or conduct which is prejudicial to the best interest or true spirit of the game, after presentment of such charges, notice and due hearing before three members of the Executive Committee, with the right to have counsel, may be declared ineligible for competition in any tournament conducted by the CSGA.

For any events that earn CSGA Player of the Year Points or CSGA senior Player of the Year Points, excluding One-Day Tournaments, applicants that are members of Type 2 or Type 3 CSGA Member Clubs as defined by the USGA, must also be residents of Connecticut.

All questions regarding eligibility shall be decided by the Executive Committee whose decisions shall be final.

Special Requests-Motorized Carts

The CSGA will evaluate on a case-by-case basis any request to use a motorized cart due to a claimed disability in CSGA championships or qualifying rounds which prohibit use of motorized carts. In order for the CSGA to evaluate properly such requests, it is necessary to submit medical documentation setting forth the exact nature of the disability and how that disability prevents such player from walking during a stipulated round. In addition, players must submit information sufficient to enable the CSGA to determine that providing a cart would not provide a player with an advantage over other players. Such information must be provided at least 90 days prior to the entry closing date.

Visit www.usga.org/Special requests for a sample questionnaire used by the USGA for such a request.

Tournament Information

Information concerning pairings, starting times, etc., will be e-mailed prior to the event. Starting times and pairings will also be posted on www.csgalinks.org as soon as they are available. Anyone without access to the internet may request to have the tournament information sent by US mail.

Team Handicaps

In team events the team handicap will be determined by converting the individual handicap index for each contestant to the applicable course index, rounded to the nearest single digit and added together.

Withdrawal/Refund Policy

Individuals who have submitted an entry for a CSGA event, and wish to withdraw for any reason, MUST notify the CSGA office (phone or email). Withdrawals prior to the closing date of the tournament will result in a \$25 administrative fee. Withdrawals between the closing date and seven days prior to the event are entitled to receive a 50% refund. No refund will be given for withdrawals within seven days prior to the event / qualifier.

Returned Checks/Credit Cards

All checks returned due to insufficient funds will carry a \$25.00 service charge. The same applies for credit cards.

Distance-Measuring Devices:

For all play in CSGA events a player may obtain distance information using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance measuring 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 disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

These devices have not been approved for use in USGA qualifying events conducted by the CSGA.

Breaking Ties

The CSGA will follow guidelines published in Rule 33-6 and Appendix 1 of the Rules of Golf, and will include the specific method to be used for each event in the letter to contestants.

Awarding Prizes

In situations where contestant(s) finish within the prizes awarded for both gross and net scores the Committee will determine one prize to be awarded the contestant(s). In no case shall more than one prize be awarded to a single contestant.

Player of the Year Points

To be eligible for Tettelbach Player of the Year or Siderowf Senior Player of the Year a competitor must have competed in at least one of the CSGA major championships defined as the Palmer Cup, Amateur Championship, Junior Amateur Championship, Senior Amateur Championship, Mid-Amateur Championship, Senior Match Play Championship, Open Championship, and Public Links Championship.

Conduct

The CSGA Code of Conduct reads as follows;

Contestants and their caddies are reminded that at all times appropriate golf etiquette and dress is required and that any abuse or disrespect of fellow competitors, officials, host, spectators, employees, or other persons conducting or attending CSGA sponsored or conducted events are grounds for immediate removal from the event and denial of entry for future events. Such abuse or disrespect may be verbal or physical or threat thereof and includes, but is not limited to, the use of vulgar or obscene language, as well as physical damage to property or equipment of any persons set forth above or the hosting facility.