

# South Carolina Golf Association

## Tournament Manual



### Championship and Tournament Regulations

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**SCGA Championship Regulations**  
*These regulations apply to SCGA Championships*  
**2022 USGA Rules of Golf Govern Play**

**Automotive Transportation**

The SCGA may require rental of (or rental and use of) automotive transportation at a championship or qualifying event. (Such a requirement does not imply that caddies are prohibited.) Such a requirement is stated on the championship entry form, letter to competitors and/or local rules sheet.

Automotive transportation is prohibited at junior events and other championships as specified in the championship entry form, letter to competitors and/or local rules sheet.

**Caddies and Spectator Carts**

Caddies are permitted at SCGA and SCJGA championships unless otherwise stated in the letter to competitors and the local rules. A competitor should identify his/her caddie to an opponent or to the competitor's marker prior to the start of play. The competitor is responsible for the conduct of the caddie during an event.

Caddie/Spectator Cart Policy (non-junior championships) : During the play of a hole, either the player or his caddie may ride in a golf cart but not both at the same time. Spectators are not allowed to ride in a player's golf cart at any time. Club owned spectator carts are not allowed.

*Exception 1: The SCGA will grant a person with a bona fide physical handicap a spectator cart if the following conditions are met: 1. The host club has a golf cart available; 2. Handicapped person pays host club the appropriate cart fee; 3. Handicapped person presents to the SCGA staff or representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.*

**Cellular Phones and Electronic Devices**

The use of cellular phones (except in the case of an emergency, a ruling, the use as a distance measuring device, or entering scores/leaderboard updating), laptops and tablet computers, PDA's, beepers, pagers and the like are not allowed during a stipulated round. A first offense results in a warning. A second offense results in a competitor's disqualification.

**Championships, Rules, and Regulations**

The South Carolina Golf Association (SCGA) Executive Committee is responsible for the rules and regulations that govern SCGA Championships. SCGA staff or committee who attend an SCGA championship is responsible to the Executive Committee for enforcing regulations.

United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf and local rules govern play.

**Classifications of Competitors**

**AMATEUR** is a member of a SCGA member club who maintains amateur status as defined by the USGA.

**PROFESSIONAL** is a member of the golf professional staff of a SCGA member club.

**JUNIOR** is an amateur dependent of a member of a SCGA member club who has not reached the 19<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date listed on a junior entry form.

**SENIOR MALE** is a male amateur member of an SCGA member club who has reached his 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date listed on a senior entry form.

**SENIOR FEMALE** is a female (at birth) amateur member of an SCGA member club who has reached her 55<sup>th</sup> birthday by the date listed on a senior entry form.

**MID-AMATEUR** is an amateur member of an SCGA member club who has reached the 25<sup>th</sup> birthday of the date listed on a mid-amateur entry form.

**FATHER-SON** is a team comprised of a father and son, or stepfather-stepson. One member of each team must be a member of an SCGA member club or a member of the golf professional staff of an SCGA member club.

**PARENT-CHILD** is a team comprised of a father and a daughter, mother-daughter, mother-son, stepfather-stepdaughter, stepmother-stepdaughter, or stepmother-stepson. One member of each team must be a member of an SCGA member club or a member of the golf professional staff of an SCGA member club.

### **Code of Conduct**

The SCGA expects all competitors to adhere to the “Standards of Player Conduct” of the USGA Rules of Golf (Rule 1.2). Entries are subject to rejection at any time, including during the event, by the SCGA or the host club. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct, did not start (DNS) or no card (NC). Failure to follow the SCGA Code of Conduct Policy may result in the competitor’s suspension from participation in future SCGA competitions.

### **Course Preparations**

The SCGA staff, at the bidding of the championship committee, is responsible for marking a golf course and determining tee (s) and hole locations. Special rules, such as drop areas, are listed on the Notice to Competitors.

### **Defending Champions**

In a match play championship, the defending champion (s) is/are exempt from the next year’s match-play qualifying and is seeded first in match play unless these rights are waived. The defending champion (s) **must** complete an entry form for the next year’s championship and fulfill all eligibility and deadline requirements.

In a four-ball championship, both competitors of the defending team must enter as the exact team to retain the exemption.

### **Discontinuing Play**

Competitors are permitted to discontinue play in accordance with Rule 5.7 (USGA Rules of Golf). The championship committee and the host club superintendent or club committee also may discontinue play.

Any interruption of play is noted by a siren blast. When play is discontinued, a competitor should mark and lift his/her ball.

When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, a competitor who is between the play of two holes may not resume play until the committee has ordered a resumption of play. A competitor in any event must discontinue play immediately upon announcement of a dangerous situation.

If conditions become so severe that play cannot be resumed the same day, the championship committee may suspend, postpone or cancel the round. When play is suspended, play will be resumed from where it was stopped, and all posted scores stand. When play is postponed, returned scores may be canceled at the discretion of the committee. A postponed round is rescheduled immediately for the following day if possible.

### **Dress Code**

The SCGA defers to the dress code of a host club but also enforces its own code. Unsuitable attire at championships include: shirts without collars, pants or shorts made of denim, cargo shorts, shorts less than Bermuda length, tank tops, T-shirts and cut-offs. The use of Soft Spikes or the like is mandatory.

A competitor who does not conform to a championship dress code may be asked to change attire prior to his/her starting time. The penalty for non-compliance is disqualification.

## **Eligibility**

Eligibility rules are listed on the respective SCGA championship entry forms. A SCGA amateur championship is open to an amateur golfer who is a legal resident of South Carolina, who has a Handicap Index issued by the Carolinas Golf Association through a SCGA member club (except in junior championships). Also, the player must meet Handicap Index requirements (if applicable), and meet the age requirements listed on the entry form. A competitor may submit only one entry for each championship.

### **The following residency criteria apply only to SCGA championships and its qualifiers:**

**Legal Residency Criteria:** Eligibility is open to an amateur golfer who is a legal resident of South Carolina, who has a Handicap Index issued by the Carolinas Golf Association through a SCGA member club (except junior championships), who meets Handicap Index requirements (if listed on the championship entry form), and who meets age requirements listed on entry form. **South Carolina Residency Criteria:** A golfer is considered to be a resident if he/she meets the following residency requirements: (1) maintains his/her primary residence in South Carolina (2) is qualified to vote in local, state and national elections in the state of South Carolina and (3) files a South Carolina State Income Tax return.

**Military Criteria:** Members of the United States Military with Permanent Duty Assignment in South Carolina are eligible to participate in SCGA Events. State Income Tax and Voter Registration requirements are waived.

**College Student Criteria:** A student who is claimed as a dependent on his parents, or legal guardian's income tax is deemed to be a resident of the same State in which his parents or legal guardian resides. A college student that is not claimed as a dependent is required to meet Residency Criteria 1, 2, & 3, as listed above.

**Junior Criteria:** An eligible junior is a dependent of a member of an SCGA member club. An eligible junior is not required to have a current USGA Handicap Index issued by an SCGA member club unless otherwise stated on the championship entry form. An eligible junior must have a parent, step parent or guardian who is a member of an SCGA member club. The parent; stepparent or legal guardian must meet South Carolina Residency criteria as listed above.

A state-specific championship is open to legal residents of that state. Each entrant must meet all other requirements listed on the entry form.

Applicants for reinstatement to amateur status (A/R) are not eligible for SCGA amateur championships. Professionals are eligible only for professional events (including divisions of the Father-Son and Parent-Child championships) and must conform to the **PROFESSIONAL** classification.

USGA Handicap Index limitations are stated on each championship entry form and must be met on the date listed on the form.

Entrants who misrepresent their playing proficiency are subject to disqualification at any time and to rejection from future SCGA events.

## **Entry Sources**

Entries are available by registering online at [www.scgolf.org](http://www.scgolf.org) through the USGA Golf Genius TM Program. Other than the Trescott Championship, Lathrop Cup, and P.O.S.M. , paper applications are not accepted.

## **Entry Requirements and Deadlines**

Entry opening and closing deadlines are strictly observed. Championship entry forms received before the specified opening date are returned to the sender and must be re-submitted.

Every competitor must register through the SCGA Tournament Management System (unless otherwise stated on the event application). No entry is accepted prior to a championship's opening date. Entries are accepted until a field is filled or until 5 p.m. of the closing date listed on the form. Should any event not be at capacity once the original deadline has passed, the SCGA reserves the right to extend the entry deadline. The SCGA also reserves the right to accept teams on a first come, first serve basis after the original deadline passes.

Faxed, e-mail, telephone, late or incomplete entry forms are not accepted.

The specified entry fee must be paid in cash, check, money order or register by credit card online and must include all needed means of registration. Any events where a check is accepted, checks must be made payable to the South Carolina Golf Association. Visa and MasterCard payments are accepted for online applications only.

The SCGA cannot and does not guarantee that [www.scgolf.org](http://www.scgolf.org) or the ability to apply online will be available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The SCGA does not make any guarantee that an entry submitted pursuant to this site will be received by the SCGA or received in a timely fashion. The responsibility for ensuring that an application/online registration is received by the SCGA by no later than the deadline set forth on the particular entry form, and the risk of delay and/or error in transmission lies solely with the applicant. The SCGA shall have no liability with respect to any such delay and/or error and the consequences there from, including rejection of any entry. Entries will be automatically rejected by the SCGA if received at the SCGA after the date and time set forth on the relevant entry form. Please be advised that players who are minors upon the date of submission of an entry form in the state in which they reside (e.g. South Carolina, under the age of 18) must have parental consent to apply via the Internet.

The SCGA is not responsible for errors or delays made by any mail, delivery courier, internet service provider or credit/debit card vendor. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to competitors as soon as practicable.

Entry into an SCGA championship is subject to approval by the SCGA Championship Committee. By signing/clicking the check box on a championship entry form, each entrant agrees to abide by all SCGA and club regulations.

### **Sickness and Health Related Regulations**

The SCGA urges participants to please be aware of any and all sickness and to please take all proper precautions to help prevent the spread of any sickness at all SCGA events (i.e. [hand washing](#), covering mouth, hand sanitizing, etc.) Players are requested that should a sickness become severe, please withdraw from any event as soon as possible. The SCGA is not liable or negligible should any participant become ill for any reason at a SCGA event or function.

Players should follow all orders set forth by any medical doctor (M.D. or D.O.), medical related personnel, and all U.S. Government/State of South Carolina mandates to ensure the safety of the player and all others that would be effected at a SCGA event. The SCGA will evaluate the continuation of events/functions due to any medical emergency that is declared a pandemic by the United States Government and/or the State of South Carolina.

Refund policies are set forth under all SCGA events, and any sickness and/or health related withdrawal will fall under the stated refund policy on each SCGA application form.

## **Entry Refunds**

Refund guidelines are set on each tournament application.

Refunds are not made for any reason after the qualifying round for qualifying competitors (in championships that have qualifying events) or after the date specified on the championship entry form for exempt competitors or for championships without qualifying events.

Credit card registration refunds are credited to the account from which payment was made.

Entries paid by check will either have the check destroyed or a refund check for the appropriate amount will be issued from the SCGA.

## **Field Size**

Field sizes are determined by the SCGA and are listed on the appropriate tournament application.

## **Exemption from Qualifying Events**

In championships, which require qualifying events, exemption categories are listed on the championship entry form. All other competitors must qualify.

## **Gambling**

The SCGA discourages any form of gambling in connection with any SCGA event. Incidents of wagering or gambling considered flagrant or excessive by the committee may result in disqualification of those involved and rejection of entry in subsequent SCGA championships.

## **Local Rules**

The SCGA Championship Committee is responsible for preparing and distributing the “Notice to Competitors,” including all local rules. These are distributed at the starting tees and are available at the starter’s table.

Unless otherwise noted, the local rules are listed on [www.scgolf.org](http://www.scgolf.org) section “Notice to Competitors”.

## **Official Starting Time**

**Tee Time** – The clock at the tee (1<sup>st</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup>) where the player begins his/her stipulated round is the official time of starting. Starters will not page players in advance of their starting time. Players should report to the tee at least five minutes prior to their starting time.

**Shotgun or Simultaneous Start** – A player is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. The assigned starting time for shotgun events is when a) a horn or siren is sounded, b) if no horn or siren is used, when the group can play without interference or c) if the player is in the second group to start on an assigned hole, when that group can play without interference.

## **Pace of Play**

The SCGA is concerned about the pace of play in championships. Following the lead of the USGA, the SCGA has developed a pace of play policy, based on Rule 5.6, that is fair to every competitor.

Pace of play regulations are stated on the championship local rules sheet. Specific pace of play guidelines are denoted on the player’s scorecard. As a general rule, these include:

Any competitor who is discovered taking more than 40 seconds to play a stroke is subject to a warning for slow play and will be advised of the fact. The competitor will be notified that exceeding 40 seconds on one more occasion will result in a penalty of one stroke. A third violation will result in a two-stroke penalty or loss of hole in match play, followed by disqualification on the fourth violation.

A warning is any notice given to a competitor regarding pace of play.

A competitor's time to play begins when the competitor has had a reasonable opportunity to reach his or her ball and when it is the competitor's turn to play and can do so without interference or distraction. Penalties are applied individually, but more than one competitor in a group may be penalized.

In general, competitors in a group are subject to being timed at any time but specifically when the group is deemed to be out of position at the tee of a par-four or par-five hole after the group ahead has left the hole's putting green.

Note that a group that is out of position at any time may be asked to close the gap regardless of pace of play guidelines.

### **Pairings and Starting Times**

The SCGA is responsible for making pairings and starting times, for making these available to competitors and for conducting championships.

Preferences for starting times and pairings are **not** granted. Pairings are made to facilitate the efficacious completion of a championship.

Pairings and starting times are posted at each host club as soon as they are available and they are available at the SCGA office and on the SCGA website.

Competitors are responsible for ascertaining starting times and should be ready to play at the assigned tee at least five minutes prior to the starting time.

### **Practice Rounds**

Practice rounds before a championship generally are scheduled the day(s) before the event at the discretion of the host club. Competitors generally are granted one practice round before a championship. The Competitor playing a practice round is responsible for the cart/green fee to the host club – Practice round fee is at the discretion of the host club. Use of golf carts may be required.

Multiple shots are not permitted during a practice round except on a putting green, provided play is not delayed.

### **Prizes**

All prizes are determined by the SCGA Championship Committee or by the duly appointed SCGA representative.

Prizes in SCGA amateur championships comply with USGA Rules of Amateur Status. (See Rules of Golf.) Prize money for professional events or divisions is determined by field size. Prizes in junior championships comply with state high school athletic and otherwise applicable regulations.

In a championship featuring a permanent trophy, the trophy will be on display at the championship but stays permanently on display at the South Carolina Golf Association office.

The SCGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise certificates after a tournament play date. It is the player's responsibility to claim or redeem a certificate or golf shop credit prior to leaving a tournament site or before the expiration date which is deemed appropriate by the host club. The SCGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played.

High School and Collegiate players should check with their institution compliance department regarding High School or NCAA/athletic department regulations relating to accepting prizes and/or merchandise.

### **Qualifying Events**

Qualifying events may be held for SCGA championships dependent upon application amounts and field size.

**Qualifying Site Selection.** Competitors are asked to identify on the entry form, the qualifying site they prefer.

If the field of the first-selected qualifying site is filled by the time a competitor's entry form is received by the SCGA, the competitor will be paired at another qualifying site.

The competitor will not be allowed to change qualifying sites after entries close or after the competitor is paired.

### **Scorecards**

USGA Rules of Golf apply.

Each competitor is responsible for the accuracy of the score recorded for each hole but not for the addition of those scores.

In SCGA competitions, a card is deemed returned to the committee when the score is posted on the official scoreboard. No alteration may be made on a scorecard by a competitor after it is returned to the committee.

Competitors are encouraged to remain in the scoreboard area until their scores are posted.

A competitor who fails to return a signed scorecard within 20 minutes of completion of the stipulated round is deemed to have failed to return a score for the round and will be listed on the scoreboard as a "No Card."

Competitors that fail to return a score card without informing the SCGA may be listed on the scoreboard as a "No Card" (NC)

In match-play championships, scorecards are not required. The winner of a match must report the result of that match to an SCGA official immediately after completion of the match. Competitors are urged to check the scoreboard to see that match-play results are posted properly and to determine the starting time of the next-scheduled round.

The SCGA reserves the right to reject any entry if the entrant was a "No Card" (NC) or "Did Not Show/Start" (DNS) the previous year or at a previous event during that calendar year.

### **Television, Radio, Motion Picture, Video and Photographic Rights**

Competitors in SCGA championships grant and assign to the SCGA, without limitation, their individual television, radio, motion picture, video, photographic and all other similar rights with respect to participating in SCGA events.

Competitors also agree to refrain from any action, which might interfere with the SCGA's ownership of the rights granted and assigned to the SCGA. All such rights are the property of and expressly reserved for, by and to the SCGA. Any use thereof, without the expressed and written consent of the SCGA, is forbidden.

### **Ties and Playoffs**

Resolution of ties and playoff information are listed on SCGA Local Rules sheets. As a general rule, these include:



- A tie for first place in a stroke-play championship is resolved by a hole-by-hole playoff beginning on a hole determined by the committee. If a playoff involves more than two competitors, those other than the champion are deemed to tie for second place.
- In championships at which trophies are awarded to more than the champion, ties will be resolved on the scorecard using the USGA recommended method.
- In all other cases involving ties, prizes are split, unless the payoff is less than \$30. Then the tie will be broken using the USGA recommended formula for a scorecard playoff.
- In a match-play championship, a playoff to determine the winner of a match will begin on a hole determined by the committee.
- In a match play championship, ties for match play seeds will be set by order of finish in qualifying rounds.
- In a match play championship, ties for match play spots will begin at a hole to be determined by the Committee when such a situation is determined.
- Competitors or teams finishing at the same level in a match-play championship (such as semifinalists) receive identical prizes.

## **SCGA Forty Plus Series Regulations**

*SCGA Championship regulations apply to Forty Plus tournaments except as listed below.*

### **Eligibility**

Eligibility rules are listed on the respective SCGA Forty Plus Series entry forms. A SCGA Forty Plus is open to male members of the SCGA who are over the age of 40 on the date of the specific event. Participants must have a USGA handicap index that does not exceed the amount listed on the entry form.

### **Entry Requirements and Deadlines**

Entry opening and closing deadlines are strictly observed.

Every competitor must register through the SCGA Tournament Management System for Forty Plus Events. No entry is accepted prior to a championship's opening date. Entries are accepted on a first come – first served basis until filled or until 5 p.m. of the closing date listed on the form (SCGA Forty Plus Finale has specific entry guidelines in regards to entry – see event application). Should any event not be at capacity once the original deadline has passed, the SCGA reserves the right to extend the entry deadline. The SCGA also reserves the right to accept teams on a first come, first serve basis after the original deadline passes. The SCGA also reserves the right to adopt other entry criteria due to participant demand ( i.e. priority to individuals who have played in prior Forty Plus Events).

### **Faxed, e-mail, telephone, late or incomplete entry forms are not accepted.**

The specified entry fee must be paid in cash, check, money order or register by credit card online and must include all needed means of registration. Any events where a check is accepted, checks must be made payable to the South Carolina Golf Association. Visa and MasterCard payments are accepted for online applications only.

The SCGA cannot and does not guarantee that [www.scgolf.org](http://www.scgolf.org) or the ability to apply online will be available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The SCGA does not make any guarantee that an entry submitted pursuant to this site will be received by the SCGA or received in a timely fashion. The responsibility for ensuring that an application/online registration is received by the SCGA by no later than the deadline set forth on the particular entry form, and the risk of delay and/or error in transmission lies solely with the applicant. The SCGA shall have no liability with respect to any such delay and/or error and the consequences there from, including rejection of any entry. Entries will be automatically rejected by the SCGA if received at the SCGA after the date and time set forth on the relevant entry form. Please be advised that players who are minors upon the date of submission of an entry form in the state in which they reside (e.g. South Carolina, under the age of 18) must have parental consent to apply via the Internet.

The SCGA is not responsible for errors or delays made by any mail, delivery courier, internet service provider or credit/debit card vendor. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to competitors as soon as practicable.

Entry into an SCGA championship is subject to approval by the SCGA Championship Committee. By signing/clicking the check box on a championship entry form, each entrant agrees to abide by all SCGA and club regulations.

### **Entry Refunds**

Refund guidelines are set on each tournament application.

Credit card registration refunds are credited to the account from which payment was made.

Entries paid by check will either have the check destroyed or a refund check for the appropriate amount will be issued from the SCGA.

## **Field Size**

Field sizes are determined by the SCGA for Forty Plus Events

## **Automotive Transportation**

The SCGA requires all competitors to use automotive transportation at a Forty Plus Event.

## **Caddies and Spectator Carts**

A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round. Spectators are not permitted to ride in the player's cart at any time or rent a spectator cart at any SCGA Forty Plus Event.

Exception: The SCGA will grant a person with a bona fide physical handicap a spectator cart if the following conditions are met: 1) Host club has a golf cart available; 2) Handicapped person pays host club the appropriate cart fee; 3) Handicapped person presents to the SCGA Director or SCGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

## **Format**

The Forty Plus Series format will be an 18-hole stroke play. Events will be either individual or four-ball stroke play events (format will be listed on the application and player information). Based on a full field, gift certificates will be awarded in gross and net divisions. The emphasis will be toward the gross awards.

## **Official Starting Time**

All Forty Plus Series Events begin as a shotgun start.

Shotgun or Simultaneous Start – A player is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. The assigned starting time for shotgun events is when a) a horn or siren is sounded, b) if no horn or siren is used, when the group can play without interference or c) if the player is in the second group to start on an assigned hole, when that group can play without interference.

## **Prizes**

All prizes are determined by the SCGA Forty Plus Committee or by the duly appointed SCGA representative.

Prizes are awarded for both gross and net scores.

A player cannot win in both gross & net. He will be awarded the highest valued position.

## **Ties and Playoffs**

There will be a scorecard playoff to decide the Gross winner in the event of a tie (USGA Method). Any other ties will be split unless the amount is less than \$30.00 per person. Then, ties will be broken by score on 10-18, last 6, last 3, last hole, and should the need arise by lot.

## **One Day Tournaments Regulations**

*SCGA Championship regulations apply to One Day tournaments except as listed below.*

### **Eligibility**

**SCGA One Day Events** are open to any amateur who is a member of an SCGA member club and who has a current USGA Handicap Index issued by the Carolinas Golf Association. Applicants for amateur reinstatement (A/R) are not eligible for these events.

### **Caddies and Spectator Carts**

A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the round (Rule 10.3a is modified in this way: A player must NOT have a caddie during the round). Spectators are not permitted to ride in the player's cart at any time or rent a spectator cart at any SCGA One Day Tournament .

Exception: The SCGA will grant a person with a bona fide physical handicap a spectator cart if the following conditions are met: 1) Host club has a golf cart available; 2) Handicapped person pays host club the appropriate cart fee; 3) Handicapped person presents to the SCGA One Day Director or SCGA representative a handicap card issued by a government agency.

### **Discontinuing Play**

The SCGA One Day Director and the staff of the host club have the authority to discontinue play or cancel an event due to inclement weather or conditions. Competitors may discontinue play only if they consider themselves to be in danger from lightning or for some other factor, such as sudden illness, which the SCGA One Day Director considers satisfactory.

If an event is canceled, all entry fees will be refunded. No refunds are made to groups or individuals who fail to start due to inclement weather when an event is not canceled.

### **Entry Requirements**

Entry into an SCGA One Day Event requires registering through the SCGA's TM System. Each participant must have an SCGA TM Profile to register for the event. Competitors may enter as an individual or add up to three other participants to play in their respective group.

Entries are accepted online only; on a first-come, first-served basis. Each entry fee must be paid online with a credit card (Visa or MasterCard).

Entry Selection Process: Entries are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Alternates are ranked in the order which entries are received. Alternates may show-up on a tournament day and fill a vacant spot if available. However, onsite walk-up entries are not accepted. All player information must be filled out or entry(s) will be returned. All entries are subject to approval by the SCGA.

Use of a golf cart is required at all SCGA One Day Events - Cart fees are included in tournament entry fee.

Mail, faxed, e-mail, telephone, late or incomplete entry forms are not accepted. The SCGA is not responsible for errors or delays made by any mail or delivery courier, internet service provider, or credit/debit card vendor.

Tournament applications are not accepted until the tournament's opening date/time and are not accepted after the closing date/time. See the SCGA website for open/close dates/times.

By registering for an event, each competitor agrees to abide by all SCGA and host club regulations, including dress code.

**Practice rounds are not available** for any SCGA One Day events and are not included in any entry fee.

### **Format**

**One Day Tournaments:** The One Day Tournament format is 18 holes of individual stroke play with 95% playing handicaps. One gross prize, one overall net prize and the net prizes in flights are awarded.

Competitors are grouped into four divisions. Tournament Division (Ages: 0 – 54), Senior Division (Ages: 55 – 64), Super Senior Division (65 & Older), Women’s Division (All Ages). A division can only be created if it contains at least four registered individuals – should there be less than four individuals, participants will be moved to another division.

### **Local Rules**

USGA Rules of Golf govern all play. Local rules are posted at the director’s desk and can also be found at [www.scgolf.org](http://www.scgolf.org).

### **Prizes**

**Regular One Day Tournaments:** Prizes are awarded for low gross score and overall low net score. These may come from a competitor in any flight.

The number of entries determines the number of net prizes awarded per flight. If the winners are not available to accept their prize, these will be either left at the host club or mailed at the discretion of the host club.

All ties are broken based on a scorecard playoff. The director will determine the winner (s) using the USGA recommended method.

The SCGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise certificates after a tournament play date. It is the player’s responsibility to claim or redeem a certificate or golf shop credit prior to leaving a tournament site or before the expiration date which is deemed appropriate by the host club. The SCGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played.

### **Scorecards**

USGA Rules of Golf apply.

Each competitor is responsible for the accuracy of the score recorded for each hole but not for the addition of those scores.

In SCGA competitions, a card is deemed returned to the committee when the score is posted on the official scoreboard. No alteration may be made on a scorecard by a competitor after it is returned to the committee. Competitors are encouraged to remain in the scoreboard area until their scores are posted.

A competitor who fails to return a signed scorecard within 20 minutes of completion of the stipulated round is deemed to have failed to return a score for the round and will be listed on the scoreboard as a “No Card.”

Competitors that fail to return a score card without informing the SCGA may be listed on the scoreboard as a “No Card” (NC)

The SCGA reserves the right to reject any entry if the entrant was a “No Card” (NC) or “Did Not Show/Start” (DNS) the previous year or at a previous event during that calendar year.

**Starting Times**

SCGA One Day Events will have designated pairings prepared within the SCGA office prior to each One Day Event. Participants are allowed to select an APPROXIMATE starting time during the registration process.

Official pairings will be released by the SCGA staff approximately 5 days prior to each SCGA One Day Event.



## **South Carolina Junior Golf Association Tournament Regulations**

*SCGA Championship regulations apply to SCJGA Tournaments except as listed below.*

### **Automotive Transportation**

Automotive transportation is prohibited at SCJGA events and other championships as specified on the Tournament Information Page, notice to competitors, and/or local rules sheet.

### **Caddies and Spectator Carts**

Caddies are permitted at most SCJGA championships as long as the caddie is 18 or under as of the first day of the respective championship. In the event caddies are not allowed it will be noted on the Tournament Information Page. A competitor should identify his/her caddie to an opponent or to the competitor's marker prior to the start of play. The competitor is responsible for the conduct of the caddie during an event.

Spectator Cart Policy: Spectators **may** be allowed to rent carts at the discretion of the host club of an SCJGA event. The spectator cart policy for each event will be listed on a notice to players, local rules sheet, or handed out at the host club to all who purchase carts.

### **Championship, Rules, and Regulations**

The South Carolina Junior Golf Association (SCJGA) Executive Committee is responsible for the rules and regulations that govern SCJGA Championships. SCJGA staff or committee who attend an SCJGA championship is responsible to the Executive Committee for enforcing regulations.

United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf and local rules govern play.

### **Code of Conduct & Dress Code**

All SCJGA Tournament Applicants agree to abide by the Code of Conduct & Dress Code. All players are expected to conduct themselves as respectful guests of the host club and as such; any conduct unbecoming to the game or to the SCJGA will be subject to penalty as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Offense – 1 Stroke Penalty
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Offense – 2 Stroke Penalty
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Offense – Disqualification and suspension for a year.

Proper golf attire is required by all players and spectators. SCGA Dress Code (p. 4) applies to all SCJGA events.

### **Course Preparations**

The SCJGA staff and the championship committee is responsible for marking a golf course and determining tee and hole locations. Special rules, such as drop zones, are listed on the Notice to Competitors.

## **Eligibility**

Because events vary, eligibility rules are listed on the respective SCJGA Tournament Information Pages on [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org).

## **Entry Sources**

Entries are available by registering online at [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org) though Blue Golf or the SCJGA APP.

## **Entry Requirements and Deadlines**

Entry opening and closing deadlines are strictly observed. No late entries will be accepted.

Every competitor must complete registration online at [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org) or through our SCJGA APP. No entries will be accepted after the deadline. Most tournament fields and entries will not be reviewed until after 5 p.m. of the closing date listed on tournament information page.

## **Late, phoned, emailed or incomplete entry forms are not accepted.**

\*No entries will be accepted via phone, email or late. All entries must be completed online at [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org). Visa and MasterCard are only accepted forms of online payment.

The SCJGA cannot and does not guarantee that [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org) or the ability to apply online will be available seven days a week, twenty-four hours a day. The SCJGA does not make any guarantee that an entry submitted pursuant to this site will be received by the SCJGA or received in a timely fashion. The responsibility for ensuring that an application/online registration is received by the SCGA by no later than the deadline set forth on the particular entry form, and the risk of delay and/or error in transmission lies solely with the applicant. The SCJGA shall have no liability with respect to any such delay and/or error and the consequences there from, including rejection of any entry. Entries will be automatically rejected by the SCJGA if received at the SCJGA after the date and time set forth on the relevant entry form.

The SCJGA is not responsible for errors or delays made by any mail, delivery courier, internet service provider or credit/debit card vendor. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to competitors as soon as practicable.

Entry into an SCJGA championship is subject to approval by the SCJGA Championship Committee. By registering for an SCJGA Championship each entrant agrees to abide by all SCJGA and club regulations. Confirmation of acceptance is sent to competitors as soon as practicable.

\*Checks, cash or money order and mailed applications are acceptable only for those events in which invitees are actually mailed a paper invitation.

## **Entry Refunds**

Refund guidelines are set on each Tournament Information Page at [www.scjga.org](http://www.scjga.org).

Credit card registration refunds are credited to the account from which payment was made.

Entries paid by check will either have the check destroyed or a refund check for the appropriate amount will be issued from the SCJGA.

## **Field Size**

Field sizes are determined by the SCJGA.



**Exemption from Events**

The SCJGA reserves the right to exempt players into SCJGA championships.

**Qualifying Events**

Qualifying events **may** be held for SCJGA championships, which attract far more entries than can be accommodated in the championship field.