Tournament and Player Regulations



Arizona Golf Association

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ARIZONA GOLF ASSOCIATION TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

PREAMBLE

The following are designated as the Tournament and Player Regulations (the "Regulations") of the Arizona Golf Association ("AZ GOLF").

The Executive Director may, at his/her sole discretion, waive or modify a Regulation in the best interest of the Association.

It is each player's responsibility to know the Regulations concerning participation in Association events. By submitting an entry for an AZ GOLF event, a player accepts responsibility for knowing and understanding the Policies and Procedures of the AZ GOLF and agrees to abide by them. It is also an acknowledgement that there are certain risks inherent in the game of golf and acceptance of personal liability for all such risks.

The Arizona Golf Association's Tournament program is a member program and thus open to any member of the AZ GOLF except for events denoted as 'amateur' or requiring a USGA handicap, in which case those restrictions govern all entries.

The Arizona Golf Association reserves the right to decline or withdraw any entry at any time in its sole discretion and may alter any of the schedules, dates and/or facilities. AZ GOLF Staff in its sole discretion will decide issues not otherwise covered in these Regulations and Policies.

LIABILITY

By submitting an entry form and subsequently playing in an AZ GOLF event, players and their caddies (if applicable) hereby: (1) acknowledge that they are voluntarily participating in the event with knowledge of the dangers inherent therein (including risk of injury that may be compounded by negligent emergency response or rescue operations of the AZ GOLF or third parties); (2) waive and release any and all claims for injury or damage against the AZ GOLF and its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns; and (3) agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the AZ GOLF and its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, agents and assigns from and against any and all claims, damages, liabilities and losses, including without limitation reasonable attorney's fees and costs and expenses of litigation, arising out of any act of God or negligent act or omission of the indemnifying party in connection with the event.

AZ GOLF AGE CATEGORIES / DIVISIONS

AZ GOLF EVENTS

Men's and Women's Championships and Tournaments are conducted in the following age Divisions as designated:

Men's Open – No age distinction Men's Mid-Amateur – Ages 25+ Men's Seniors – Ages 55 – 64 Men's Legends – Ages 65+ Women's Open – No Age distinction Women's Mid Am – Ages 25+ Women's Seniors – Ages 50+

The following events are eligible for POY points

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men

AGA Championship Arizona Stroke Play Championship Arizona Mid-Amateur Championship Arizona Amateur Championship Arizona Senior Amateur Championship

Women

Arizona Women's Four-Ball Championship Arizona Women's Match Play Championship Arizona Women's Mid-Amateur Championship Arizona Women's Amateur Championship Arizona Women's Senior Amateur Championship Arizona Women's Senior Match Play Championship

TOURNAMENTS

Men

Arizona Southern Amateur Arizona Stableford Arizona Four-Ball Arizona Match Play Arizona Northern Amateur Arizona Foursomes

Women

Arizona Women's Season Opener Arizona Women's Scotch Play Arizona Women's Partners

TEAM/INVITATIONAL EVENTS SELECTION PROCESS

AZ GOLF supports several Team/Invitational Competitions and selects players under the following guidelines:

PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

The AZ GOLF will host three players selected by the AZ GOLF Pacific Coast Trustees & AZ GOLF Staff. The Pacific Coast Amateur Management Committee has directed that each Association field a team of their best players using the WAGR and/or Scratch Players list. The selected players will receive uniforms and the entry fee paid by the AZ GOLF. In addition, each player may receive a travel stipend determined by the Trustees.

BOB GOLDWATER CUP MATCHES

Two Teams of twelve players each, Open and Senior, will be filled according to the following criteria: Eligibility: Top ranking players on the respective Player of the Year points lists as of the deadline provided on Golf Genius.

Open Team Automatic Selection – the top-11 players based on point total from the Open Player of the Year points list will receive automatic team berths. The date for the cut off is posted on azgolf.org (The final player comes from the captain's pick.)

Senior Team Automatic Selection – the top-9 players, age 50 and over from the Open and/or Senior Player of the Year points list and the top two players from the Legends Player of the Year points list. The date for the cut off is posted on azgolf.org (The final player comes from the captain's pick.)

If any automatic selection declines the invitation to play, that position will be returned to the AZ GOLF Tournament Staff and Tournament Committee to complete the team(s). The Tournament Staff and Tournament Committee will do so at its discretion from the AZ GOLF members with the intent of fielding the best team possible.

Team Captains: The Players with the highest total on the respective Player of the Year points lists will be the captain for that team. Each captain may appoint one AZ GOLF member at his sole discretion to the team. Eligible captain's picks must be an AZ GOLF member in good standing who has played in a minimum of one AZ GOLF event in the calendar year. (If an Open or Senior player is unable to play, a replacement will be made from the same age group).

ARIZONA VS. UTAH SHOOTOUT

The Arizona team is comprised of eight at-large members, two senior members (50 years and older), two legends members (60 years and older), and two at-large women members, and two senior women members (50 years and older).

Eligibility: Automatic Selection - The top players in the respective Player of the Year points lists from the above categories will be selected to compete on the team. The date for the cut off is posted on azgolf.org.

Any remaining places will be filled choosing the best players interested from the respective Player of the Year points list by the AZ GOLF Tournament staff.

Players on an active college golf team roster are not eligible.

EMPOWHER CLASSIC

The EmpowHER Classic is an end of year invitational that brings together all women who have won an event during the year. Regardless of flight, handicap, or event if you win a trophy at an AZ GOLF event you will receive an invite to compete in this end of year celebration. Female industry leaders can also qualify for a position in the field and would be invited by the AZ GOLF staff.

ARIZONA WOMEN'S STATE MEDALLION

The Arizona Women's State Medallion brings together players who represent their club at the state level. The Medallion is open to all Women AZ GOLF members who qualify at their 9-hole or 18-hole club. For specifics on registration, qualifying, and the competition terms please visit our website by following this link and scroll down to "State Medallion Conditions": <u>https://azgolf.org/clubhouse</u>

USGA QUALIFYING

The Arizona Golf Association hosts USGA Qualifying events in partnership with the USGA. To enter USGA Qualifying events, players must register on the USGA website during the specified registration window at **usga.org**.

SANCTIONED EVENTS

AZ GOLF wants to showcase and grow golf in the state of Arizona, one way the organization can contribute to this goal is by providing support and community reach to events not run by the AZ GOLF.

The AZ GOLF has no role in Sanctioned events other than to allocate points to players participating in the tournaments. The distribution, receipt and confirmation of entries, conditions of competition, entry fees, eligibility, pairings, start times, course setup, tournament policies, prize fund and submission of results to the media and AZ GOLF are the responsibility of the organizing tournament Committee or host club. If an event wishes AZ GOLF sanctioning, it must provide a two-year history and meet the following criteria:

- 1. Tournament must adhere to The Rules of Golf.
- 2. Tournament must be open to all AZ GOLF members.
- 3. Names and scores of top 10 places plus ties must be forwarded to AZ GOLF by **email to Logan Rasmussen at logan@azgolf.org within 5 days of the event being completed.** No retroactive postings will be made.
- 4. Age Division events must include players' age requirements. Age divisional flights must adhere to the AZ GOLF Divisional criteria in order to award divisional age points.
- 5. Player of the Year Points are only awarded to Championship Flight, Gross scores only.
- 6. Tournament must strictly adhere to the USGA Rules of Amateur Status and the value of awards may not exceed \$1,000 per person. If excess prizes are provided the event becomes ineligible for inclusion.

An event's tournament Committee or organization must submit their request for Sanctioned Event status certifying the above criteria has/will be met to the AZ GOLF Tournament Committee for final approval. AZ GOLF will review sanctioned events from year to year to ensure that AZ GOLF tournament players are participating in the events and the integrity of the Players of the Year points are being maintained. The Player of the Year point distribution allotment is posted to azgolf.org:

Sanctioned Events include the following events:

- 1. Roy Tatum Best Ball
- 2. Phoenix City Championship
- 3. Chandler City Championship
- 4. Tucson City Championship
- 5. Oro Valley City Championship
- 6. Phoenix City Team Championship
- 7. Arizona Open
- 8. Arizona Senior Open

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – INFORMATION AND POINTS

- 1. Players of the Year Points are accumulated during the calendar year by playing in eligible tournaments.
- 2. Any player competing in an eligible tournament (listed on page will earn points in the appropriate Age Division determined by the score returned in the event. In Divisional events, players will be asked to select the playing division and will earn points only in that division.
 - Championships Players earn both Open and Age Division points.
 - Tournaments Players earn points **only** in the division in which they participated.
- 3. Open Division play does not displace Age Division points assignments in events that offer divisions.
- 4. Points are available for players in USGA Championships and International events with AZ GOLF Invitations.
- 5. Players Qualifying for USGA events receive points according to the published criteria. AZ GOLF is responsible for charting points gained in Arizona qualifiers. Players qualifying in other locations are responsible to notify the AZ GOLF within 30 days of qualifying to receive points. Points are awarded in the year of the Championship. (Note: USGA Four-Ball points for qualifying are awarded in the year of the Championship, not the year of the qualifying round.)
- 6. In the Arizona Open, points are determined by the order of finish of the amateurs entered. (All who make the cut in the Arizona Open earn points.)

PLAYER OF THE YEAR POINTS CHARTS

Points for participation in the following events will accumulate throughout the year, to help determine the Player of the Year title within each age division and are used for team/invitational selection.

Points for AZ GOLF Men's Stroke Play Events

(* Points for partner events are split between the two players.)

| Rank | AZ GOLF Men's Championships | AZ GOLF Men's Divisional Tournaments (Partner events are split) |
|-------|-----------------------------|--|
| Place | Points | Points |
| 1 | 750 | 400 |
| 2 | 650 | 312 |
| 3 | 600 | 275 |
| 4 | 550 | 243 |
| 5 | 500 | 215 |
| 6 | 475 | 189 |
| 7 | 450 | 167 |
| 8 | 425 | 148 |
| 9 | 400 | 130 |
| 10 | 375 | 115 |
| 11 | 350 | 102 |
| 12 | 325 | 90 |
| 13 | 300 | 79 |
| 14 | 280 | 70 |
| 15 | 260 | 62 |
| 16 | 240 | 55 |
| 17 | 220 | 48 |
| 18 | 200 | 43 |
| 19 | 180 | 38 |
| 20 | 170 | 33 |
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| 23 | 145 | 23 |
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| 25 | 135 | 18 |
| 26 | 130 | 16 |
| 27 | 125 | 14 |

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| | 60/Cut Made | 30 | |

Points for AZ GOLF Men's Match Play Events

| | AZ Amateur | Arizona Match Play |
|------------------|------------|--------------------|
| Place | Points | Points |
| Champion | 850 | 500 |
| Runner-Up | 700 | 400 |
| Semi-Finalist | 550 | 300 |
| Quarter-Finalist | 450 | 200 |
| Round of 16 | 350 | 100 |
| Round of 32 | 250 | |
| Round of 64 | 150 | |
| Medalist | 100 | 50 |

Points for AZ GOLF Women's Stroke Play Events

(* Points for partner events are split between the two players.)

| Rank | AZ GOLF Women's Championships (Partner events are split) | AZ GOLF Women's Tournaments (Partner events are split) |
|-------|---|---|
| Place | Points | Points |
| 1 | 750 | 600 |
| 2 | 600 | 500 |
| 3 | 450 | 400 |
| 4 | 300 | 300 |
| 5 | 250 | 200 |
| 6 | 200 | 100 |
| 7 | 150 | |
| 8 | 100 | - |

| | Arizona Women's Match Play Arizona Senior Women's Match Play |
|------------------|---|
| Place | Points |
| Champion | 750 |
| Runner-Up | 600 |
| Semi-Finalist | 450 |
| Quarter-Finalist | 300 |

Points for AZ GOLF Women's Match Play Events

Points for USGA Qualifying / Championships and International Invitationals with AZ GOLF Participation*

| USGA Qualifying Rounds and International Invitational with AZ GOLF Participation (highest point value, not cumulative) | | |
|--|--------|--|
| | Points | |
| Qualifiers (for local or regional qualifying) | 100 | |
| Make Match Play in a USGA Championship (Match Play event) | 300 | |
| Make Round of 32 at a USGA Championship (Match Play) | 350 | |
| Make Round of 16 at a USGA Championship (Match Play) | 400 | |
| Make Quarter Finals at a USGA Championship (Match Play) | 500 | |
| Make Semi Finals at a USGA Championship (Match Play) | 600 | |
| Runner Up at a USGA Championship (Match Play) | 750 | |
| Champion at a USGA Championship (Match Play) | 1000 | |
| Make cut in a USGA Championship (Stroke Play event) | 300 | |
| Top 10 at a USGA Championship (Stroke Play) | 500 | |
| Top 5 at a USGA Championship (Stroke Play) | 600 | |
| Runner Up at a USGA Championship (Stroke Play) | 750 | |
| Champion at a USGA Championship (Stroke Play) | 1000 | |

*Players who are exempt from qualifying will not earn points for qualifying

*USGA Four-Ball qualifying points are awarded in the calendar year the Championship is played (not the year of the qualifier)

| Sanctioned Events (Partner Events are split) | | |
|---|--------|--|
| Place | Points | |
| 1 | 300 | |
| 2 | 250 | |
| 3 | 200 | |
| 4 | 175 | |
| 5 | 150 | |
| 6 | 125 | |
| 7 | 100 | |
| 8 | 75 | |
| 9 | 50 | |
| 10 | 25 | |

Points for Sanctioned Events

ADDITIONAL PLAYER OF THE YEAR CRITERIA

The AZ GOLF Player of the Year Awards were established in 1986 to recognize the player who, during the current AZ GOLF Tournament season, has the most consistent and outstanding record. Awards are given in each age Division (Open, Seniors, Legends, Open Women, and Senior Women).

Minimum participation to qualify for consideration for Player of the Year awards: Players must have competed in a minimum of three AZ GOLF point eligible events to be considered.

Upon completion of the tournament season, The Arizona Player of the Year committee will select the winners based on overall play throughout the year, strongly based off the Player of the Year Points list. **The Committee will have the final say in all awards.**

MAYFAIR AWARD

The Mayfair Award was created in 1988 to honor the male AZ GOLF tournament player with the lowest weighted scoring average at the end of each year. To be eligible, a player must compete in at least three AZ GOLF eligible events.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAY

Eligible Players

- 1. Members must be in good standing of the Arizona Golf Association.
- 2. Active USGA Handicaps are required for any competition.
- 3. Members of the Junior Golf Association, The First Tee, or by invitation by the AZ GOLF Tournament Staff.
- 4. Otherwise as may be specified for an individual event.

HANDICAPS AND TOURNAMENT SCORES

USGA Handicap Index

The current USGA Handicap Index, as of the daily revision date stated for the event, will be used to determine the contestant's handicap. At the discretion of the AZ GOLF Staff, the lowest handicap of the past 12 months or another determination may be used. Players who have not posted enough scores to establish a USGA Handicap Index or who have not posted recent scores will play to a Course Handicap of zero or lower at the discretion of the AZ GOLF.

Posting Tournament/Competition Scores

AZ GOLF posts scores for all AZ GOLF Members for individual and team events, including USGA Qualifying Rounds and AZ GOLF events whenever possible.

ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

Entering a Tournament

Players wishing to enter an AZ GOLF Tournament must enter on-line via the Golf Genius registration portal prior to the deadline date specified. Players placed on the waiting list will not be charged an entry fee until they are moved into the active field for the event.

Withdrawing from a Tournament

Members may withdraw from Tournaments by:

- 1. Calling the AZ GOLF office during normal business hours; or,
- 2. Calling the Withdrawal Line (602) 944-3035 (ext. 210) and leaving a message.

Refunds for Withdrawing prior to the Entry Deadline

1. Withdrawals made prior to the entry deadline will receive a full refund sub a \$10.00 administration fee, regardless of the reason.

Refunds for Withdrawing after the Entry Deadline

- 1. Withdrawals made after the entry deadline will receive NO REFUND.
- 2. AZ GOLF Tournament staff may review refunds on a case-by-case basis.

Player Statuses

To ensure a smoother tournament and to ease administration efforts the following statuses will be tracked throughout the year and repeated negative status could result in suspension from AZ GOLF events.

WD: Player notified AZ GOLF Staff of not being able to compete prior to assigned starting time.
DNF: Player begins round, subsequently notifies AZ GOLF Staff that they cannot finish their round.
NC: Player begins round, subsequently fails or refuses to return scorecard to AZ GOLF Staff or fails to tell AZ GOLF staff that they cannot finish their round. If a player *No Cards*, they are subject to suspension from the next AZ GOLF event.
NS: Player fails to notify AZ GOLF Staff of not being to compete prior to assigned starting times. If a player *No Shows*, they are subject to suspension from the next AZ GOLF event.

Multiple occurrences of NC or NS will result in significant suspension.

WAITLIST/ALTERNATES

If an event is over-subscribed prior to the entry deadline, those wishing to enter when the field is filled will be placed on a Waitlist. Players who have withdrawn from a tournament will be replaced in the tournament field by the next available player on the tournament's Waitlist within the proper division. AZ GOLF will attempt to contact alternates for the field, but it remains the alternate's responsibility to be available or check with the AZ GOLF in order to remain in consideration. If an attempt to contact an alternate is unsuccessful, AZ GOLF at its sole discretion may move to the next player on the Waitlist.

In some cases, there may be playing opportunities created by players who no-show the day of the tournament. The AZ GOLF will attempt to fill open places in an event up to the available starting time. Non-confirmed players at a site must check in with the AZ GOLF tournament staff on arrival and to be added to the same day waitlist into the field and notified onsite, should an opening become available. If multiple non-confirmed players are present, the order of the same day waitlist governs.

CODE OF CONDUCT

CODE OF CONDUCT (Note - Violations are subject to penalty during events.)

General

Players shall not take advantage of club and tournament facilities by bringing friends, guests or family into the locker room or Host Site hospitality area at any time during the tournament, unless the area is designated for such guests.

Club Member Relations and Volunteers

Please take the opportunity to thank the volunteers. The AZ GOLF is allowed to conduct the number and quality of tournaments that it does, due to the help and support of its volunteers. It is important to understand that our volunteers, whether acting as Rules Officials, starters, scorers, spotters, or timers are giving their time and services for no compensation other than the satisfaction of supporting the game of golf and the opportunity to interact with other golfers. Under no circumstances will abuse of volunteers be tolerated. Players who abuse volunteers are subject to disciplinary action.

Code of Conduct

By submitting an entry for any AZ GOLF event, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the AZ GOLF. The AZ GOLF conducts events at the highest level. As such, the AZ GOLF requires players to always conduct themselves professionally at events. Drinking alcoholic beverages should be kept to a minimum. Smoking is limited to cigarettes, cigars and pipes – no other substances are allowed.

Code of Conduct:

- 1. Players must act with integrity and show respect for the course and others nearby.
- 2. Penalty assessments which may be imposed by the OIC such as but not limited to:
 - a. Warnings may be given for minor or incidental violations
 - b. One-stroke penalty
 - i. Inappropriate language or actions heard or seen by others
 - ii. Minor physical damage to the course or course equipment
 - iii. Inappropriate attire
 - iv. Club throwing in anger (as opposed to tossing)
 - c. Two-stroke penalty
 - i. Verbal abuse of other players, officials or spectators
 - ii. Criticism of the course or its management
 - iii. Any inappropriate language or behavior which may reflect negatively on the Club or the AZ GOLF
 - iv. Repeated minor violations
 - d. Disqualification
 - i. Purposeful interference with another player's play
 - ii. Throwing a club toward another person
 - iii. Repeated major violations
 - iv. Verbal threats or physical aggression
 - e. Suspensions may also be imposed for serious violations.

Note: A player will be entitled to appeal any penalty to the event OIC. A suspension may be appealed to the AZ GOLF Tournament Staff.

f. A person acting as a Caddie for a player is subject to the same Code of Conduct as a Player, with the same warnings, penalties, or disqualification applied for Caddie Conduct.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice rounds are not included in any AZ GOLF entry fees and are at the sole discretion of the Host Site.

- 1. Additional fees may be charged and should be expected.
- 2. Cart use may be required.
- 3. When practice rounds are permitted at by a Host Site, a player is not entitled to bring a guest without advance approval of the Host Site.
- 4. When playing a practice round, Players must adhere to host site rules & regulations. The penalty for a violation is withdrawal from the event without reimbursement of fees.

ON-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Apparel

The AZ GOLF complies with the apparel policy at each host facility. Players not complying with this policy may be asked by the AZ GOLF to change into appropriate attire or may be withdrawn from the event without a refund.

Caddie Assignments

The AZ GOLF reserves the right to determine eligibility for employment as a caddie. Caddies are permitted in all events where a stipulation prohibiting caddies has not been posted in advance. The right to have a caddie does not extend to separate cart use for the player and caddie. **The AZ GOLF Cart Policy limits each group to two carts per group and will be enforced on the starting tee.** Such rights are subject to the discretion of the AZ GOLF tournament staff.

Caddies must agree to wear the AZ GOLF provided Caddie bib to easily identify caddies from spectators. Caddie bibs are required to be returned following every round. Failure to return a caddie bib results in a \$100 replacement fine payable before the next AZ GOLF event. Caddies must adhere to all host facility dress codes.

Drinking Water on Course

The AZ GOLF generally does <u>not</u> provide drinking water on the golf course. Players should plan to have an adequate amount of water. Drinking water provided on the course is the responsibility of the host course. When made aware of empty water coolers, the AZ GOLF staff will attempt to notify the course to have the water coolers re-filled.

Spectator Policy

While spectators are welcome at AZ GOLF events, it is important that spectators do not jeopardize the play of any player on the course. Spectators must have minimal verbal or physical contact with players to avoid the possibility of a breach of a Rule. Spectators may follow groups but should remain on or near cart paths or in the rough as a courtesy. While following groups, spectators are asked to always maintain a distance from the players and their caddies. Usage of electronic devices by spectators that disrupt play are not permitted. **Spectator carts are NOT allowed.**

OTHER CONDITIONS

Use of Carts, ADA Accommodation and Guidelines for Qualification

General

- 1. Cart use during play is permitted unless specifically addressed in the Tournament Entry Information, with the following stipulations: Carts are assigned only to contestants. A caddie may use a cart only if a contestant is not displaced by such use.
- 2. Restrictions on cart use for players are at the discretion of the Host Site, and all players are bound by those requirements, subject to withdrawal for violations of that policy. Any such restrictions will be posted at the tournament site.
- 3. Two persons per cart only.
- 4. Carts must be kept on paths if available near greens and tees.
- 5. Any non-player riding with a player is considered a caddie and subject to any potential Rules violations.
- 6. Pull carts are permitted if allowed by the Host Club Rules.

ADA Accessibility Rules – *See Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, Rule 25* – *Modifications for Players with Disabilities* The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) affords individuals with a permanent disability the right to access public accommodations with advance notice. Accessibility arrangements are within the discretion of the AZ GOLF and will be determined by the person's qualification under ADA Regulations. The AZ GOLF does not have the right by virtue of hosting a tournament to dictate to a host facility, only the opportunity to ask for an accommodation. Anyone has the right to ask for ADA consideration as follows:

Qualifications for ADA ACCESS - *See Official Guide to the Rules of Golf, Rule 25 – Modifications for Players with Disabilities* To qualify for ADA consideration, a player must request accommodation at least one week in advance of the first tournament round scheduled.

Upon the timely receipt of the required information, the AZ GOLF will evaluate a request to use a cart in tournament competition due to a disability condition on a case-by-case basis. For the AZ GOLF to evaluate an accommodation request, players must submit the following:

- 1. A letter requesting accommodation for the specific event;
- 2. Current medical documentation (prepared within one year of the request), setting forth the exact nature of the disability and evidence it qualifies under ADA Regulations as a permanent disability.
- 3. Sufficient information to enable the AZ GOLF to determine that providing a cart would not provide a player with an advantage over other players.

Later applications may not receive consideration, depending on the individual circumstances. A final determination will be provided for requests 48 hours in advance of the event.

Please note that requests from spectators will be evaluated separately, and that the AZ GOLF does not grant spectators rights at any tournaments. As the events are for AZ GOLF members, they do not fall under the ADA Guidelines for "public accommodation." On the other hand, as ADA Regulations give access to any person providing a single-rider cart, the AZ GOLF will support any such request for access.

Examples of Devices regularly used as a mobility aid by an individual with mobility impairment include a single rider cart (or scooter), which is a four-wheeled, stabilized, battery-powered personal transportation device operated in a fullyseated position, or a single rider device that is operated in a standing or semi-standing position. *A full-size golf cart is not considered a form of transport regularly used off the golf course in the day to day life of individuals with mobility impairments, so such use is prohibited.*

ACCOMMODATION GUIDELINES FOR MOBILITY IMPAIRED SPECTATORS

Spectators at AZ GOLF events are expected to move through the spectator areas of the course as they would in other public venues. This means that spectators are expected to walk the course. To accommodate spectators with disabilities under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), the AZ GOLF offers some accommodations to allow guests with mobility impairments the opportunity to watch our events. The following guidelines have been developed for Officials in Charge ("OIC"). For the purposes of these guidelines, an "individual with a mobility impairment" means any person who is subject to any physical impairment or condition regardless of its cause, nature or extent that makes it difficult or impossible for a person to move about without the aid of crutches, a wheelchair or any other form of support, or that limits the person's functional ability to ambulate, climb, descend, sit, or rise, or to perform any related function. It is not permissible to make any inquiry about a spectator's disability, or to require proof of the disability.

For those individuals with mobility impairments that require some form of motorized transport, they will generally be permitted to move through the course on whatever form of transport they regularly use if they have brought their motorized transportation device with them as noted above, unless it has been determined by the OIC that a particular Device would present a penalty area to other spectators, players, caddies, or course officials or would damage the golf course.

These guidelines do not apply to the use of motorcycles, mopeds, tricycles, bicycles (whether motor-driven), skateboards, or other similar devices not otherwise permitted to be operated on or within a golf course.

- 1. An individual with a mobility impairment, upon registering with the Official in Charge, is permitted to use his or her own Device within the tournament site in any areas open to pedestrian use, unless otherwise advised in advance that topography or course conditions in certain areas are not conducive to the use of Devices.
- 2. Individuals without a mobility impairment are not permitted to operate Devices in any areas within the site, unless they have been authorized to do so to transport a mobility impaired individual.
- 3. For those spectators with a mobility impairment who did not bring his or her own Device, reasonable accommodations will be made to assist the spectator. For example, to the extent there is sufficient staff at events, the mobility impaired spectator can be brought to a viewing area on the course at the discretion of the Official in Charge. The number of viewing areas available will depend on the course set up, availability of transport, course topography and other conditions, all of which shall be determined at the discretion of the Official in Charge. It is not the intention of these guidelines to provide hole by hole viewing of any individual player or players under these circumstances.
- 4. Full sized golf carts may not be offered to spectators due to insurance considerations.
- 5. Players are encouraged to communicate with the AZ GOLF in advance of an event if they are aware of a spectator (usually a family member) intending to watch the player and contact the AZ GOLF no later than five

business days before the event to discuss available options for mobility impaired spectators. Available options may vary from site to site and the option requested by the spectator may not necessarily be one of the recommended or available options offered at the site (such as a full-sized golf cart or driving the individual from hole to hole to watch a specific player or group

- 6. The Device, whether brought by the spectator or provided on the course, must be operated in a manner that does not compromise the safety of the user, other attendees, spectators, players, caddies, or course officials or damage the golf course.
- 7. Individuals operating Devices must maintain control of the Device and may not leave the Device unattended.
- 8. Spectators using Devices must operate the device at the speed in which pedestrians are moving in the immediate area of the motorized transportation.
- 9. Devices may not be used outside defined pedestrian areas. It is the responsibility of users of Devices to determine that the areas in which they choose to operate are safe for such operation. The AZ GOLF and the golf course property owner shall not be responsible or liable for the actions of any individuals, including spectators, or for any individual's failure to properly use a Device, or to maintain his or her use on safe topography. In choosing to bring a Device or using one provided at the Qualifying site, the user assumes all risks.
- 10. Individuals using Devices must yield to pedestrian traffic, should refrain from using the Device in a crowded or densely populated area and must exercise caution when turning corners, approaching an incline and approaching other course conditions.
- 11. In the event the Official in Charge or others charged with administering the event observe the unsafe operation of a Device, or interference, interruption or undue delay of play as a result of using the Device, a warning will be issued. Should an individual using a Device continue to operate the Device in an unsafe manner or at an excessive speed after being advised of the speed restrictions, or otherwise interfere with, interrupt or unduly delay play, the Device user shall be required to remove the Device from the site, but may be allowed to return without the assistance of the Device. At all times, the AZ GOLF, Officials in Charge, and golf course property owners reserve the right to temporarily prohibit the use of Devices for safety or other legitimate reasons.

Please note that requests made in advance from spectators will be evaluated separately. Individual ADA-qualifying requests may be granted on occasion by the AZ GOLF Staff, pending a determination of liability, cooperation of the facility, and the availability of suitable transportation. If a spectator is granted an accommodation, any cart used must remain on paved paths where available.

INCLEMENT WEATHER DELAYS

For delays due to inclement weather, the main priority will always be the competition of all scheduled rounds. Every reasonable effort will be made to achieve this objective by the last scheduled day of play, which may include playing more than 18 holes. If this cannot be accomplished, play may be extended at the discretion of the AZ GOLF staff and the Host Site.

If play is suspended, every effort will be made to resume play the same day, even when that round cannot be completed before dark. If it is impossible for at least half of the field to finish a scheduled round, generally the suspended round will be finished when conditions permit. If less than fifty percent (50%) of the starting field completes play on the first scheduled day of competition, the round may be canceled. Following rounds will be completed when possible without consideration of the percentage of the field playing on any one day.

The decision whether to cancel a round will be at the discretion of the Committee. If conditions demand playing a double round to complete play, a secondary cut may be implemented to permit completion of play on the day desired. Should points or awards be applicable to players in the secondary cut, the status at the cut shall determine allocations.

Cancellation of Tournament Due to Weather or Weather-related Course Conditions

The AZ GOLF may cancel an event if, in the judgment of the Committee, it is unreasonable for a fair competition to be completed in the time available. If an event is cancelled, every attempt will be made to reschedule as soon as practicable. If the tournament is cancelled prior to start, a portion of the entry fees may be refunded at the discretion of

the AZ GOLF. Once an event has begun, if cancelled, any refund will be based on costs absorbed by the AZ GOLF in attempting to play the event.

Suspension of Play

Play may be suspended by AZ GOLF staff or Rules personnel at their discretion. In cases where completion of the event is not possible, the previous round's leader may be declared the Champion. Where one or more rounds have not been completed, a revised payout may also be published based on expenses experienced.

NO FINANCIAL INTEREST OF ONE PLAYER IN ANOTHER

Players may not enter into any agreement with any other Player to share any part of a prize that he may win in conjunction with any Official Tournament unless it is an event with a partner-type format. A Player who violates this provision shall be suspended from participating in AZ GOLF events for a minimum of one year.

Broadcast and Film Rights

All media rights, including without limitation television, radio, photo, motion picture and internet rights and quotes, of Players participating in Tournaments or any other golf event conducted in conjunction with such tournament, shall be granted and assigned to the AZ GOLF by virtue of the entry of any such Player into any such event. All such rights relating to Sanctioned tournaments shall similarly be assigned and granted to the AZ GOLF to the extent not conflicting with the rights of the Host Site.

All such rights granted and assigned to the AZ GOLF are thereafter the property of and reserved by the AZ GOLF. Any use thereof without its express and written consent is prohibited. Players further agree, by virtue of entering in any such tournament, to refrain from any action which would interfere with the AZ GOLF ownership of its authorized use of the specified rights.