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Policy 1: Tournament Management

The tournament directors will be the committee as defined by the USGA and governed by Rule 33 (see reference at the end).

1. Tournament Notice

Approximately six weeks prior to the tournament, the directors distribute the tournament flyer. The golf course address and telephone number should be on the flyer.

2. Sign-Up and Fees

Tournament directors designate the sign-up and payment deadlines, and also the payment methods. Late entries and payment may not be accepted

3. Course Notification

- A. One of the tournament directors will notify the golf course of the number of players signed up.
- B. Pairings will be provided to the golf course and to the participants. For shotgun starts, generally the course will do the starting hole assignments. Directors should request starting on hole 1 or 10.

4. Tournament Control

- A. The golf course controls the actual tournament starting times.
- B. Participants should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to their tee time.

5. Cancellations and No-Shows

- A. If a player cancels, a refund is up to the discretion of the golf course and the tournament directors. Exception: Cancellations due to SRP work call out, serious illness, or death in the family. The amount of refund may be adjusted by the prize pool calculations.
- B. Cancellations made after 3:00 PM Thursday of tournament week shall be made to the golf course.
- C. Refunds, in whole or in part, may be made for proper cancellations

6. Skin Game

A skin game may be conducted during any tournament, at the discretion of the tournament directors.

7. SRPGA Handicap

SRPGA uses the USGA handicap system as managed by the Arizona Golf Association (AGA). All players are required to post legitimate outside scores into the handicap system. Refer to Policy 2: Handicaps.

8. For eligibility in the yearly scramble tournament a player must be a member of the SRPGA, have an established handicap in the SRPGA system, and have posted a minimum of three stroke play 18-hole tournaments in the current calendar year.

The directors have the authority to waive and set aside any of the tournament policies or requirements of the SRPGA for the purpose of conducting special tournaments, provided:

- A. All board members receive notice of this intent at least 30 days prior to the event
- B. A majority of the board members approve of the proposed waiver

9. Scramble Tournaments:

The SRPGA may from time to time conduct team event tournaments using the scramble format. For these events the directors will employ the USGA recommended handicapping for such events such that the following percentages of course handicaps are used for the A, B, C, and D players on each team.

- A. For 4-player teams: A – 20%, B – 15%, C – 10%, D – 5%
- B. For 2-player teams: A – 35%, B – 15%

Policy 2: Handicaps

As a member of the Arizona Golf Association (AGA) and the USGA, the SRPGA is required to abide by the AGA and USGA policies and procedures. One requirement is the establishment of a Handicap Committee that has the responsibility of verifying that all acceptable scores are appropriately reported for handicap purposes and that recorded scores are available for peer review. In an effort to comply with this requirement, the SRPGA Handicap Committee has established this policy for recording (posting) of all member scores and subsequent necessary handicap adjustments.

To establish a handicap in the SRPGA a total of five 18-hole scores or a USGA handicap is required by the SRPGA handicapping system for any new member.

Fair handicapping depends upon full, accurate information regarding a player's potential scoring ability as reflected by the player's scores.

1. The AGA system of establishing a handicap index will be followed.
2. All members must post all their scores as soon as possible after playing individually in any 9 or 18-hole outings. These scores must be adjusted per AGA rules. Please refer to the USGA Handicap System in Brief brochure or the SRPGA website for guidance on equitable stroke control adjustment.
3. Member scores obtained from playing in SRPGA sponsored events or tournaments will be posted by the Handicap Committee.
4. The Handicap Committee will determine which SRPGA events will be deemed tournament events for purposes of applying Section 10-3 (handicap reduction for exceptional tournament play). This designation will be noted on the flyers for all SRPGA events.
5. Toward further promotion of fair play, and in compliance with USGA recommendations, the Handicap Committee may revise this policy (and republish) at times to allow for further necessary handicap reductions in cases of repeated exceptional play in any event.

Note: Players can enter scores on the AGA website following instructions after signing on. Those players without internet access can use the AGA terminals available at numerous golf courses around the state. More handicap information is available on the SRPGA handicap website at <http://srpgolf.com/handicaps.htm>.

Policy 3: Guest Participation

The SRPGA recognizes 2 categories of guest participant: any participant who is not a regular or social member or a special guest eligible for regular membership (see Bylaws Article 1.F).

1. Guests may play in SRPGA tournaments *except* the Spring and Fall tournaments and the annual scramble. (See Bylaws Article I, Section B.)

SRPGA conducts the Spring and Fall tournaments on behalf of PERA Club for the SRPGA members, SRP employees and those officially retired from SRP.
2. If an SRPGA member invites a guest to play in a tournament, the guest must play in the same foursome with the member who invited them.
3. SRPGA members are limited to 3 guests each at any tournament where guest participation is permitted.
4. Members signing up guests are responsible for the guests' fees and cancellations in accordance with SRPGA Policy 1.

5. Guests must pay the same fees as members for each tournament they participate in.
6. Guests must adhere to all rules governing play.
7. Guests can participate in tournaments, except the annual scramble but are not eligible for flight prizes but are eligible to compete for skill prizes and to participate in skins games.
8. In tournaments where there is a player limitation, the lottery system (Policy 5) will be used.

Policy 4: Hole-In-One Club

1. Membership

Membership in SRPGA automatically includes membership in the Hole-in-One Club (HIOC). A golfer can *only* be a member in the HIOC through membership in SRPGA.

2. Fees

- A. The HIOC membership fee is \$2.00 annually and included in the dues payment.
- B. HIOC fees are non-refundable.
- C. The balance of this account shall be held inaccessible for any reason other than that for which it was established.
- D. At the end of each calendar year the total fund balance will be equally split among all members who scored a hole-in-one in an SRPGA 18 hole sanctioned tournament during that calendar year. If only one member scored a hole-in-one, the total fund balance will be paid to that member at the end of the calendar year.
- E. If no member of the Hole-In-One club scores a hole-in-one during a membership calendar year, the balance will carry forward into the next calendar year. The annual Hole-In-One club membership fee will be added to the previous account balance, and the total fund balance will be subject to payment at the end of the current calendar year in which one or more members score a hole-in-one during an SRPGA 18 hole sanctioned tournament.

Policy 5: Lottery Selection System

1. Player Maximum Tournaments

In tournaments where player participation is limited, and the number of sign-ups exceeds that limit, the first action by the directors will be to contact the golf course and request that additional players be allowed. If there are still too many players signed up, a lottery selection system will be used to determine the players.

- A. The tournament directors and any hosts of invitational tournaments are exempt from the lottery process.
- B. The lottery selection list included all other eligible players who sign up for the tournament
- C. Spring and Fall Tournaments: From the lottery selection list (see B), directors will draw individual players at random to be excluded from play until the tournament limit is reached.
- D. Tournaments other than the Spring and Fall: Directors will first remove guests from the lottery selection list (Note: Members include all members, regular and social members as defined in the Bylaws). If the tournament limit is still exceeded then the directors will draw individual members at random to be excluded from play until the tournament limit is reached.
- E. Notification. Those players drawn to be excluded from playing the tournament will receive notification at the time of the lottery drawing and their checks will be returned. Directors will work with the effected playing partners of the excluded player to form new groups.

2. Spring and Fall Tournaments

For these major tournaments, the lottery selection procedure is as follows:

- A. From the lottery selection list, directors will draw individual players at random to be excluded from play until the tournament limit is reached.
- B. Notifications will be made as in parts 1(d) and 1(e) of this policy.

3. Tournaments Other Than the Spring and Fall

For tournaments other than the Spring and Fall Tournaments, the lottery selection procedure is as follows:

- A. Directors will first remove guests from the lottery selection list. If the tournament limit is *still exceeded*, then directors will draw individual members at random to be excluded from play until the tournament limit is reached.
- B. Notifications will be made as in parts 1(d) and 1(e) of this policy.

- A. The directors will contact the course and request that additional players be allowed. If there are still too many players signed up, a lottery selection system will be used to determine the players.

Policy 6: Annual Trophies

The following trophies may be awarded each year at the Annual SRPGA dinner and meeting:

Golfer of the Year (Total Points) - Harrison Williams Trophy

Annual Low Gross (Yearly Average)

Most Improved Golfer (Yearly Handicap Difference) - Cliff Cameron Trophy

Low Gross (Spring and Fall Tournaments)

Low Net Each Flight (Spring and Fall Tournaments)

Low Net Calloway (Spring and Fall Tournaments)

Hole-In-One Plaque (For hole-in-one occurring in accordance with Policy 4)

Low net score at Dobson Ranch - Steve Webber Memorial trophy

Low net score at Antelope Hills - Greg Witherspoon Memorial Trophy

Should a tie occur for any low gross or most improved golfer trophy, a trophy will be awarded to each of the players.

If more than one hole-in-one occurs during the calendar year, a plaque will be awarded to each player making a hole-in-one.

GOLFER OF THE YEAR - HARRISON WILLIAMS TROPHY

Harrison who was employed as Superintendent of Office at Building Services was the driving force behind the formation of what we all now enjoy as The Salt River Project Golf Association (SRPGA).

Harrison wanted a way to get to know other management people throughout SRP in an informal way as a way of networking and since he was an avid golfer, he invited some other management people to join him on a golf outing. Everything went so well, they determined that this type of outing might be good for all employees to enjoy and a way to get to know people in other departments.

They did this and in the early 1960's The Project Golf Association was chartered thru the PERA Club.

Harrison was with the Project from 1949 until his death in 1973.

This award is given each year to the individual who collects the most points based on the following point system:

Take the total number of golfers in a tournament. That total number is the maximum points that can be won by the golfer with the lowest net score (compare cards only for 1st place tie).

Net scores determine points.

One point is awarded to players who tee off but do not post an 18-hole score.

Skill prizes are worth 5 points

ANNUAL LOW GROSS AWARD

This award is given out each year to the individual who has the lowest gross score average. To be eligible for the award, a player must meet the following requirements:

1. A player must compete in at least 2/3's of the sanctioned tournament rounds available. See example below.

18 rounds x 2/3 = 12
2. If a player X's out, is disqualified by the Rules Committee, or for any reason fails to post a score in any SRPGA sanctioned tournament they started the round, their round will not be counted in qualifying for this award.
3. Exclusion from a tournament by the lottery system (Policy #6) counts towards requirement number 1 above.

MOST IMPROVED GOLFER - CLIFF CAMERON TROPHY

This award is given each year to the individual who has shown the most improvement over the year. This award is presented to the person with the highest handicap differential (improved) for the year. The differential is calculated using the USGA Most Improved Golfer Computation Method. To be eligible for this award, a player must meet the requirements (1, 2 and 3) discussed under the Low Gross Award section of this policy. Cliff was employed at SRP from 1953 to 1989. SRP dedicated Cameron Substation in his honor October 10, 2003.

STEVE WEBBER MEMORIAL TROPHY

Steve Webber was passionate about golf and loved everything about of golf. He learned to make his own clubs and would build clubs for his friends. He was a member of the SRPGA board of directors 15 years and served a Rules Chair for about eight years. He loved the Dobson Ranch Golf Course and served as tournament director for the Dobson tournament for

many years. Prior to his passing at age 54 he worked at SRP from 1969 - 2002 as a lineman and later as a line inspector who reported needed repairs and maintenance on SRP power lines.

GREG WITHERSPOON MEMORIAL TROPHY

Greg Witherspoon was an all-around athlete, who believed in fitness, excelled in extreme skiing, enjoyed running, and loved the game of golf. He attended Arizona State University on scholarship and played on the baseball team. He also served on the SRPGA Board and his favorite tournament was Antelope Hills in Prescott, AZ where he served as its director for many years. He was also a spiritual person, active in his church where he was a Stephens minister who volunteered time to service of others including the refugees from Sudan. Greg worked at SRP from 1979 in the Environmental Sciences Department until his untimely death in 2001.

References

Rule 33. The Committee

33-1. Conditions; Waiving Rule

The *Committee* must establish the conditions under which a competition is to be played.

The *Committee* has no power to waive a Rule of Golf.

Certain specific *Rules* governing stroke play are so substantially different from those governing match play that combining the two forms of play is not practicable and is not permitted. The result of a match played in these circumstances is null and void and, in the stroke-play competition, the *competitors* are disqualified.

In stroke play, the *Committee* may limit a *referee's* duties.

33-2. The Course

■ a. Defining Bounds and Margins

The *Committee* must define accurately:

- (i) the *course* and *out of bounds*,
- (ii) the margins of *water hazards* and *lateral water hazards*,
- (iii) *ground under repair*, and
- (iv) *obstructions* and integral parts of the *course*.

■ b. New Holes

New *holes* should be made on the day on which a stroke-play competition begins and at such other times as the *Committee* considers necessary, provided all *competitors* in a single round play with each *hole* cut in the same position.

Exception: When it is impossible for a damaged *hole* to be repaired so that it conforms with the Definition, the *Committee* may make a new *hole* in a nearby similar position.

Note: Where a single round is to be played on more than one day, the *Committee* may provide, in the conditions of a competition (Rule 33-1), that the *holes* and *teeing grounds* may be differently situated on each day of the competition, provided that, on any one day, all *competitors* play with each *hole* and each *teeing ground* in the same position.

■ c. Practice Ground

Where there is no practice ground available outside the area of a competition *course*, the *Committee* should establish the area on which players may practice on any day of a competition, if it is practicable to do so. On any day of a stroke-play competition, the *Committee* should not normally permit practice on or to a *putting green* or from a *hazard* of the competition *course*.

■ d. Course Unplayable

If the *Committee* or its authorized representative considers that for any reason the *course* is not in a playable condition or that there are circumstances that render the proper playing of the game impossible, it may, in match play or stroke play, order a temporary suspension of play or, in stroke play, declare play null and void and cancel all scores for the round in question. When a round is canceled, all penalties incurred in that round are canceled.

(Procedure in discontinuing and resuming play - see Rule 6-8.)

33-3. Times of Starting and Groups

The *Committee* must establish the times of starting and, in stroke play, arrange the groups in which *competitors* must play.

When a match-play competition is played over an extended period, the *Committee* establishes the limit of time within which each round must be completed. When players are allowed to arrange the date of their match within these limits, the *Committee* should announce that the match must be played at a stated time on the last day of the period, unless the players agree to a prior date.

33-4. Handicap Stroke Table

The *Committee* must publish a table indicating the order of holes at which handicap strokes are to be given or received.

33-5. Score Card

In stroke play, the *Committee* must provide each *competitor* with a score card containing the date and the *competitor's* name or, in *foursomes* or *four-ball* stroke play, the *competitors'* names.

In stroke play, the *Committee* is responsible for the addition of scores and the application of the handicap recorded on the score card.

In *four-ball* stroke play, the *Committee* is responsible for recording the better-ball score for each hole and in the process applying the handicaps recorded on the score card, and adding the better-ball scores.

In bogey, par and Stableford competitions, the *Committee* is responsible for applying the handicap recorded on the score card and determining the result of each hole and the overall result or points total.

Note: The *Committee* may request that each *competitor* record the date and his name on his score card.

33-6. Decision of Ties

The *Committee* must announce the manner, day and time for the decision of a halved match or of a tie, whether played on level terms or under handicap.

A halved match must not be decided by stroke play. A tie in stroke play must not be decided by a match.

33-7. Disqualification Penalty; Committee Discretion

A penalty of disqualification may in exceptional individual cases be waived, modified or imposed if the *Committee* considers such action warranted.

Any penalty less than disqualification must not be waived or modified.

If a *Committee* considers that a player is guilty of a serious breach of etiquette, it may impose a penalty of disqualification under this Rule.

33-8. Local Rules

■ a. Policy

The *Committee* may establish Local Rules for local abnormal conditions if they are consistent with the policy set forth in Appendix I.

■ b. Waiving or Modifying a Rule

A Rule of Golf must not be waived by a Local Rule. However, if a *Committee* considers that local abnormal conditions interfere with the proper playing of the game to the extent that it is

necessary to make a Local Rule that modifies the Rules of Golf, the Local Rule must be authorized by the USGA.

Approval


The Officers of the SRPGA having complied with the provision of Article XII of these Bylaws on the 8th day of September 2011 as reflected in the minutes of that meeting, hereto affix our signatures this 8th day of September 2011 as the foregoing being the Articles of our Bylaws until such time as amendments may be necessary as provided for in these Bylaws.

Gary Dyson
President


Signature

9/26/11
Date (9/8/2011)

Tim Roberts
Vice President


Signature

10/5/11
Date (9/8/2011)

Wesley Knuth
Secretary


Signature

9/26/11
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