



2022 Tournament Regulations

Arizona Golf Association

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ARIZONA GOLF ASSOCIATION 2022 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS

PREAMBLE

The following are designated as the Tournament and Player Regulations (the “Regulations”) of the Arizona Golf Association (“AGA”).

The Executive Director may, at his 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 AGA event, a player accepts responsibility for knowing and understanding the Policies and Procedures of the AGA 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 AGA 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. AGA 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 AGA event, players and their caddies (if applicable) agree to indemnify, defend and hold harmless the AGA and its respective 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, negligent act or omission of the indemnifying party in connection with any competition.

AGA EVENT DIVISIONS

AGA EVENTS

Major Men’s and Women’s Championships and Tour Events are conducted in the following age Divisions as designated:

Open – Championship course set-up of near maximum distances and hole placement;

Masters (Ages 40-54) - Course set-up with Open, or at 6,700+ yards, course rating of 72.0 and higher;

Seniors (Ages 55-64) - Course set-up at 6,300 to 6,800 yards;

Legends (Ages 65 and over) - Course set-up up at 5,800 to 6,400 yards OR a course rating of 68.0 to 71.0;

Women's – Championship course set-up of 5,700 to 6,200 yards.

Women's Seniors (Ages 50 and above) – Course set-up of 5,300 to 5,700 yards.

Any of the Divisions above may be combined to accommodate course design and conditioning. Events having Masters, Senior and Legends flights are classified as Divisional Events. Tournament results are determined within each age Division. Any event classified as an Open event does not make a distinction for age in determining tournament results even though there are Open divisions for some age-events. The course set-up lengths for each Division represent approximate ranges and will vary due to individual course characteristics.

Eligibility for Divisional Player of the Year Points is based on the player's birthdate at the beginning of the Calendar Year. When a player's birthdate creates eligibility for another Division, the player may compete for a trophy in any event for which his age makes him eligible but may gain points only through the Division effective January 1. The Divisional winner must play from the tees designated for that Division. See "Player of the Year Points" for allocation rules.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Men

AGA Championship

Arizona Stroke Play Championship

Arizona Mid-Amateur Championship

Arizona Amateur Championship

AGA Players Cup Championship

Aguila Golf Course

Lone Tree Golf Club

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club

Desert Mountain Golf Club

TBD

Women

Four-Ball Championship

Stroke Play Championship

Senior Stroke Play Championship

Mid-Amateur Championship

Match Play Championship

Briarwood Country Club

Anthem Country Club

Tonte Verde Golf Club

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club

Papago Golf Club

TOUR EVENTS

Men

Short Course

San Tan Amateur (Divisional)

Falcon Amateur (Divisional)

Arizona Divisional Stroke Play

Southern Amateur (Divisional)

Arizona Divisional Match Play

Arizona Four-Ball

Northern Amateur (Divisional)

Augusta Ranch Golf Club

Oakwood Golf Club

Falcon Dunes Golf Course

TPC Scottsdale – Champions Course

Ventana Canyon Golf Club

Talking Stick Golf Club

Ak-Chin Southern Dunes Golf Club

Oakcreek Country Club

Women

Women's State Medallion

Season Opener

Mixed Stix*

**Team event with one male and one female*

Scotch Play

Partners Tournament

Oakwood Country Club

Longbow Golf Club

Oakcreek Country Club

Flagstaff Ranch Golf Club

Tubac Golf Club

QUALIFYING ROUNDS – FOR ARIZONA AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

GENERAL

One-Day qualifiers for the Arizona Amateur earn Player of the Year Points and thus are open to all AGA members. Any player who is entered into the qualifier but already exempt into the Championship will not be considered in determining the number of qualifying positions available to the field.

The number of places available in a qualifier will be posted on the Notice to Players provided at the starting tee. Number of qualifying spots will be available to players once the event is closed as well as posted online.

When there are multiple qualifying sites (AZ Am), all players not qualifying at individual sites will be placed on an Alternates List based on their finishing place in that qualifier. Any replacements into the Championship field will be done by random selection from a) first place alternates, b) second place alternates, etc.

There is no limit how many times a player may attempt to qualify for a given event, provided a separate entry fee is paid for each attempt.

If conditions prohibit the completion of the local qualifying round, the qualifying round may be cancelled. At the discretion of the AGA, a reduced number of qualifying positions determined pro rata based on those allocated may be granted to finished scores. Players not completing play will have the option of (a) a return of entry fees; or, (b) priority position in another qualifying round if one is available. Qualifying positions not allocated will be transferred to remaining qualifiers; or if none, applied to the Alternates List.

EVENT TYPES AND DESCRIPTIONS

FATHER-SON TOURNAMENT

The annual Father/Son tournament is held the first weekend in June at Antelope Hills Golf Course. To be eligible, one member of the family must be an AGA member. A father can play with up to three sons and all are playing on different teams. Family members can be any combination including fathers, sons, grandfathers, grandsons, stepfathers and stepsons. Uncles or nephews do not qualify.

The format is a modified Chapman - all players play from the tee, then each team chooses the best drive and alternates shots from there. If a father's ball is selected, each of the sons play from that spot.

The tournament is open to all golfers (age 9 and older). There are three different Divisions: professionals, handicap and Callaway. (Callaway is a scoring format that allows those without a handicap to compete and enjoy the experience).

MIXED EVENTS

Many events are open to all members with gender and age-based flights. The Mixed Stix is an event offered for men and women to play on the same team, with teams consisting of one man and one woman (one teammate must be a member of the AGA).

SENIOR CUP SERIES

The Senior Cup Series are one-day partner events for any AGA members age 50 and older with a handicap index. These are Four-Ball stroke play events in four flights, played at net with a gross winner recognized in each flight.

Teams earn points for their net finish in each event. However, the points are applied individually so participants may play with different partners in different events. Courses are set up at 6,000 to 6,500 yards (Ages 70+ are permitted to play from 6,000 yards when available.) Women will play from 5,000 to 5,200 yards.

Senior Series Points accumulate throughout the season and the top point winners are invited to participate in the season-ending championship. The more events played, increases the chances of qualifying for the finals.

CLUB TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP

The Club Team Championship is an annual tournament that challenges clubs to submit a team or teams to compete against other clubs throughout the state. The format is a two-person scramble with team members from the same club. Teams are flighted based on combined handicap. The championship flight competes at gross only and the rest of the field plays at both gross and net. Clubs may use any method they like to determine their teams. A series of qualifiers are held at various sites throughout the state. Two individuals from the same club may compete regardless of any club-selected team. The top 52 teams are invited to participate in the 18-hole championship. The defending champions and host site also receive a spot in the finals. Tee placements recognize the different abilities of the entrants.

WOMEN'S STATE MEDALLION TOURNAMENT

The Women's State Medallion Tournament is held for the winners of the low gross and low net prizes in their local club's State Medallion Qualifying Tournament. The format is a two-person individual stroke play event (both 18-hole and 9-hole competitions) with the team score being the total of the gross

player's gross score and the net player's net score. Teams are flighted based on the handicap of the gross player. Maximum handicap index limit of 54.0 shall be used for the competitions.

PLAYERS CUP / TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS

The Players Cup / Tournament of Champions will include all Divisions in the field with qualifying/registration as follows:

First Tier – Those players who have won an AGA Tournament in the current year. (Deadline to enter is October 7)

Second Tier – Top Players from the Points Lists: (Deadline to enter is October 21)

Open – Top 50

Legends – Top 10

Masters – Top 10

Women – Top 5

Seniors – Top 30

Senior Women – Top 10

Third Tier – TPA members, first-come (Deadline November 4)

MEMBER AND JUST 4 FUN DAYS

Member days are an opportunity for our members to play golf at a variety of facilities throughout the year. Public, Resort and Private courses are used. These are open to all Arizona golfers on a first-come basis. There may or may not be an organized tournament structure depending on the players and the venue.

TEAM COMPETITIONS

The AGA supports several Team Competitions and selects players for certain Invitational events. (See page 17 for additional descriptions).

The deadline date to qualify for the Goldwater Cup and Arizona vs. Utah Shootout Teams is August 15, 2022. Additional qualifying criteria are outlined for each team event. Participation is governed by the Tournament Committee or, in the case of the Pacific Coast Amateur and International Partners Invitational, the AGA's designated Trustees. See each event listing for the 2022 qualifying criteria.

The following is the Team Schedule for 2022:

International Partners		Lima Golf Club (Lima, Peru)
Heather Farr Cup Matches	June	TBD
Pacific Coast Amateur Championship	July	TBD
60 th Bob Goldwater Cup Matches	September 26	Phoenix Country Club
Arizona vs. Utah Shootout	October 9 - 11	Hosted in Utah in 2022

USGA QUALIFYING

To enter USGA Qualifying events, players must register on the USGA website at [usga.org](https://www.usga.org).

USGA U.S. Amateur Qualifiers: There is a cut after the first day of the **U.S. Amateur** (multi-day USGA Qualifying event) to the low 30 percent and ties. Only those making the cut will play the second day.

SANCTIONED EVENTS

The AGA 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 the AGA are the responsibility of the organizing tournament Committee or host

club. If an event wishes AGA 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 AGA members.
3. Names and scores of top 10 places plus ties must be forwarded to the AGA by email to Le Ann Finger at leann@azgolf.org within 14 days of the event. Age Division events must include players' age designations to be included. No retroactive postings will be made. It is the obligation of players earning these awards to notify the AGA as noted if the Event does not do so on its own.
4. Points are only awarded to the gross score championship category. (Only in the Championship Flight, not age divisional flights since some events flights do not match up with AGA Divisional age flights. i.e. Phoenix City Senior age flights do not match AGA ages.)
5. 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 AGA Tournament Committee for final approval. The AGA will review sanctioned events from year to year to ensure that AGA tournament players are participating in the events and the integrity of the Players of the Year points are being maintained.

Type I Sanctioned Events:

Southwestern Amateur (when hosted in Arizona)

Pacific Coast Amateur

Arizona Open

Peru

Ladies National Golf Association Mid-Amateur/Senior Amateur Championship (when hosted in Arizona)

Type II Sanctioned Events (Individual):

Arizona Senior Open

Mesa Senior

Phoenix Women's

Chandler City

Phoenix Senior

Tucson Women's

Gilbert City

Tucson Senior

Mesa City

Phoenix City

Tucson City

Type II Sanctioned Events (Team):

Rich Stokes Divisional (Divisional Team Classic)

General Jack Blair Four-Ball

Mesa Best Ball

Phoenix City Team

Roy Tatum Best Ball

Phoenix City Women's Team

Note: Other Arizona events not listed may be assigned Type II points if the scratch portion of the field is 20 or more players. Points will be allocated on a percentage of field against 40 players.

2022 TOURNAMENT PLAYERS ASSOCIATION (TPA)

The Tournament Players Association (TPA) is a USGA Member Club, providing value and benefits to the most committed amateur players in the state of Arizona.



Membership to the TPA is \$175 and includes the following: (a \$300 value)
\$25 discount on entry fees to ALL AGA Men’s and Women’s Tournaments in 2022
Official AGA Membership and USGA Handicap Index through the TPA Club
Eligibility for special Invitations to National or Regional Amateur events
First eligibility for Goldwater Cup Matches, Arizona vs. Utah Shootout, Heather Farr Trophy Cup Matches Team selection
Ability to request placement in a time segment during first round of AGA events (<i>will be accommodated if no negative impact on event pairing criteria</i>)
Green Reading Materials – one course of your choice plus green diagrams for all AGA events
Pairing and Wait List Priority status
Exclusive TPA Member Gifts and discounts on orders placed with AGA partners
Option to enter AGA Players Cup/Tournament of Champions and Mayan Palace events ahead of non-TPA members
Ability to withdraw from an event after registration deadline and get a refund (minus \$30 administrative fee)

TPA BENEFITS EXPLAINED:

Discounts on Entry Fees

TPA Members receive \$25 discounts on the entry fee for all AGA Tournaments.

AGA Team Eligibility

Only TPA Members are eligible for automatic selection to Arizona vs. Utah Shootout and Goldwater Cup Matches or the Heather Farr Cup Matches for Women. An individual must join the TPA 30 days prior to the scheduled event qualification deadline to be eligible for that year's team selection, with the exception of the Captain’s picks.

Starting Time Consideration

TPA member may request preferential consideration for starting times Day 1 (early, late) by contacting the AGA Tournament Department **prior to the tournament entry deadline (one week prior to the event)**. TPA members making requesting a preferential starting time should be aware that such a request may result in playing with players of different skill levels and not all requests will be accommodated.

PLAYER OF THE YEAR – INFORMATION AND POINTS

1. Players of the Year Points are accumulated during the calendar year.
2. A player's Division for the given year is determined by his/her age as of the first day of January.
3. If a player's birthdate creates eligibility for another Division, the player may compete for a trophy in any event for which his/her age makes them eligible but may gain points only through the Division in effect as of January 1 for the year. Points accumulated cannot be transferred from one Division to another within the same year.
4. Any player competing in an Open Event will earn points in the Open Division. In Divisional events, players will be asked to select the playing division and will earn points only in that division.
 - Majors – you may earn both Open and age division points.
 - Tour Events – are Divisional so you earn age division points in the Division you compete in.
5. Open Division play does not displace Age Division points assignments.
6. Points are available for players in USGA Championships and International events with AGA Invitations (i.e. Peru, Mexican Amateur)
7. Players Qualifying for USGA events receive points according to the published criteria. AGA is responsible for charting points gained in Arizona qualifiers. Those players qualifying in other locations are responsible to notify the AGA within 30 days of qualifying to receive points. Points are awarded in the year of play.
8. In the Arizona State Open, points are determined by the order of finish of the amateurs entered. (All who make the cut in the Arizona Open earn points.)

PLAYERS OF THE YEAR AND POINTS CHARTS

With the conclusion of the AGA Year End Players Cup/Tournament of Champions, the Points leaders in each Division will earn Player of the Year title.

Points for AGA Stroke Play Events

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

Rank	AZ Stroke Play, Women's Stroke Play, AZ Mid- Amateur and AGA Championship	Women's Four-Ball Championship	Players Cup, Divisional Stroke Play and Women's Senior Stroke Play	AGA Open Events and Women's Two-Day Partner Events	One Day Events
Place	Points	Points	Points	Points	Points
1	750	600	500	400	150
2	650	500	390	312	118
3	600	450	344	275	105
4	550	400	304	243	92
5	500	350	268	215	82
6	475	325	237	189	72
7	450	300	209	167	63
8	425	275	184	148	56
9	400	255	163	130	49
10	375	235	144	115	44
11	350	215	127	102	39
12	325	200	112	90	34
13	300	185	99	79	30
14	280	170	87	70	27
15	260	160	77	62	24
16	240	150	68	55	21
17	220	140	60	48	18
18	200	135	53	43	16
19	180	130	47	38	14
20	170	125	42	33	13
21	160	120	37	29	11
22	150	115	32	26	10
23	145	110	29	23	9
24	140	105	25	20	8

25	135	100	22	18	7
26	130	95	20	16	6
27	125	90	18	14	5
28	120	85	16	13	5
29	115	80	14	11	5
30	110	75	12	10	5
31	105	72	11	9	5
32	100	69	10	8	5
33	95	66	10	7	5
34	90	63	10	6	5
35	85	60	10	6	5
36	80	57	10	5	5
37	75	54	10	5	5
38	70	51	10	5	5
39	65	48	10	5	5
40	60	45	10	5	5
41	55	42	10	5	5
42	50	39	10	5	5
43	45	36	10	5	5
44	40	33	10	5	5
45	35	30	10	5	5
46	30	27	10	5	5
47	30	25	10	5	5
48	30	25	10	5	5
49	30	25	10	5	5
50	30	25	10	5	5
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56	30	25	--	--	--
57	30	25	--	--	--
58	30	25	--	--	--
59	30	25	--	--	--
60/Cut Made	30	25	--	--	--

Points for AGA Match Play Events

	AZ Amateur	Divisional Match Play and Women's Match Play
Place	Points	Points
Champion	750	500
Runner-Up	600	400
Semi-Finalist	450	300
Quarter-Finalist	350	200
Round of 16	250	100
Round of 32	150	50
Round of 64	75	--
Medalist	200	100

Points for USGA Qualifying Rounds and International Invitationals with AGA Participation

USGA Qualifying Rounds and International Invitational with AGA Participation <i>(highest point value, not cumulative)</i>	
	Points
Qualifiers (for local or regional qualifying)	300
Exempt from Qualifying	300
US Open Sectional qualifying	450
Making Cut/Match Play in USGA Championships	600
Top Ten Finish Stroke Play/Quarter Finalist Match Play (total)	850
Champion	1000
Participation in International / Pacific Coast	100

Points for Sanctioned Events

(Points for team events are split between the players.)

Sanctioned Events		
Place	Type I	Type II
1	400	200
2	350	175
3	300	150
4	275	125
5	250	115
6	225	105
7	200	100
8	175	95
9	150	90
10	125	85
11	100	X
12	75	X
All Others	50	X

PLAYER OF THE YEAR AWARDS CRITERIA

Player of the Year

The AGA Player of the Year Awards were established in 1986 to recognize the player who, during a current AGA Tournament season, has the most consistent and outstanding record. Awards are given in each Division.

Minimum participation to qualify for consideration for Men's Player of the Year: Five total events or three AGA Championships to be eligible.

1. Men's Player of the Year: The top three (3) positions on the Player of the Year Points List will qualify as candidates. The winner will be determined by the following criteria in order:

- 1) Year-end points system
 - First Place = 20 points
 - Second Place = 17 points
 - Third Place = 15 points
- 2) Major Tournament Ranking
 - Arizona Amateur (16 spots) = 20-16-12-12-10-10-10-10-8-8-8-8-8-8-8
 - Arizona Stroke Play (10 spots) = 16-13-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4
 - Arizona Mid-Amateur (10 spots) = 16-13-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4
 - AGA Championship (10 spots) = 16-13-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4
 - AGA Four-Ball Championship (10 spots) = 14-12-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3
 - Players Cup Championship (5 spots) = 10-8-7-6-5
 - Arizona Women's Stroke Play (10 spots) = 16-13-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4
 - Arizona Senior Women's Stroke Play (10 spots) = 16-13-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4
- 3) AGA Tournaments / Tour Events
 - First Place = 8 points
 - Second through Fifth Place = 4 points
- 4) Sanctioned events
 - First Place = 4 points
- 5) Mayfair award winner = 10 points
- 6) USGA Qualifier / Events
 - Qualify for USGA National Event = 5 points
 - Make the Match Play Field = 7 points
 - Reach Round of 16 or better = 10 points
- 7) In the event of a tie, total year-end points will break the tie.

2. Divisional Players of the Year: The Player of the Year within each Division will be determined by the year-long points list in each Division, to include Masters, Seniors and Legends. Points for

year-end total for each Division will be an aggregate of ALL points earned from ANY event played, including OPEN events. To be eligible, a player must compete in his division in a minimum of two divisional events.

- 3. Women's Player of the Year:** The Women's Player of the Year will be determined by the year-long points list. To be eligible, a player must compete in a minimum of three AGA women's events, including one AGA Women's Championship.

- 4. Women's Senior Player of the Year:** The Senior Player of the Year for women age 50 and older will be determined by the year-long points list. To be eligible, a player must compete in a minimum of three AGA events, including one AGA Women's Championship.

Mayfair Award

The Mayfair Award was created in 1988 to honor the Member with the lowest weighted scoring average at the end of each year. To be eligible, a player must complete in at least:

- 1) One USGA Qualifying round in Arizona and at least two AGA Major Championships; or
- 2) Compete in at least one USGA Qualifying round in Arizona, at least one AGA Major Championship and a collegiate championship in Arizona.

*Withdrawal for any reason after beginning play in a qualifying event voids eligibility.

Events for inclusion: AGA TOUR Events (Open Division only), USGA Qualifiers hosted in Arizona, USGA Championships (if applicable, stroke play rounds only), Collegiate Championships of Arizona Schools: ASU, U of A, and GCU; Southwestern Amateur (when hosted in Arizona); Pacific Coast Amateur; Arizona Open.

2022 TEAM EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL TEAM INVITATIONAL

Lima Golf Club
Lima, Peru

Two players will represent the Arizona Golf Association with 23 other countries/associations. The 72-hole competition is a team event counting all four rounds for each player, the total being the Team score. European teams include England, Ireland, St. Andrews, and the R&A. Players are generally among the best of each country/association.

The AGA is one of four to six North American teams invited. The cost per player is airfare only. AGA covers the entry fee, uniforms, room, local transfers, meals and caddie fees. If a player desires to take a guest, the room cost will be that of a single room for all six nights, determined at the time of the request when a deposit must be made. Hotel Information: hotelcountry.com. Team members are determined by invitation of the Trustees. Bonus Players Cup Points are available.

Contact the AGA for consideration.

HEATHER FARR TROPHY MATCHES (Women)

Date to be determined
Course to be determined

One teams of twelve players, six Open and six Senior, will be filled according to the following criteria:
Eligibility: TPA membership and placement on the respective Points Lists as of June 1, 2022.

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

Team Captains: The Player with the highest total on the respective Player of the Year points lists will be the captain for that team. Team uniforms and meals during the event are included in the invitation.

PACIFIC COAST AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

July 19-22, 2022
Course TBD

The AGA will host three players selected by the Pacific Coast Trustees from Arizona Association members. 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 AGA. In addition, each player may receive a travel stipend determined by the Trustees.

61st BOB GOLDWATER CUP

Monday, September 26, 2022
Phoenix Country Club

Two Teams of twelve players each, Open and Senior, will be filled according to the following criteria:
Eligibility: TPA membership and placement on the respective Points Lists as of August 15, 2022.

Open Team Automatic Selection – the top-11 TPA players based on point total from the Open Points Lists will receive automatic team berths. (The final player comes from the Captains pick.)

Senior Team Automatic Selection – the top-9 TPA players, age 50 and over, from the combined Masters and Senior Points Lists, and the top two TPA players from the Legends Points List. (The final player comes from the Captains pick.)

If any automatic selection declines the invitation to play, that position will be returned to the Tournament Committee to complete the team(s). The Tournament Committee will do so at its discretion from the AGA 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 AGA member at his sole discretion to the team. Eligible captain's picks must be an AGA member in good standing who has played in a minimum of one AGA 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).

Team uniforms and meals during the event are included in the invitation. A coat and tie dinner honoring Bob Goldwater is mandatory on Sunday evening prior to the event.

ARIZONA VS. UTAH SHOOTOUT

October 9 – 11, 2022

Hosted by the Utah Golf Association

The Arizona team is comprised of eight at-large TPA members, two senior TPA members (50 years and older) and two women. The following selection criteria will be used: Automatic Selection - The top eight TPA members based on Open Points and top two on Senior Points. Any remaining places will be filled choosing the best players interested from the respective Player of the Year Points List by the AGA Tournament staff. Two women will be selected by AGA Tournament staff based on past performance in individual competitions. (Players on an active college golf team roster are not eligible.)

SOUTHWEST TEAM CHALLENGE / DUAL IN THE DESERT

December 2022

Las Vegas or Phoenix

Teams are comprised of two Mid-Amateur players (age 25 and older) or two Senior players (age 50 and older). The Dual in the Desert is open to any players with an official USGA handicap in good standing with the AGA. Interested teams may contact the AGA Tournament Staff for more information.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY PROCEDURES

ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAY

Eligible Players

1. Members in good standing of the Arizona Golf Association. If the field is not full, non-member golfers may enter a tournament for an additional \$50 entry fee.
2. USGA Handicaps are required for any Net competition.
3. Members of the Junior Golf Association, The First Tee, or by invitation by the AGA Tournament Staff.
4. Members of Arizona collegiate teams if enrolled in the Arizona Collegiate Club.
5. Otherwise as may be specified for an individual event (AGA Championship, AGA Father-Son, AGA Parent-Child, Member-Guest events).

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 AGA 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 AGA.

Handicap Adjustments

When handicaps are being used for events, there will always be the chance for exceptional performances by certain members that can affect the integrity of the competition. An occasional exceptional round is not out of the ordinary; however, a series of exceptional rounds defies the odds of handicapping statistics.

The AGA reserves the right to adjust a contestant's handicap prior to, during, or after the event at its sole discretion. Should a contestant return a score that falls outside the USGA's estimate of "less than 250-1 odds," that contestant may be assigned a revised handicap in multiple-day events; in single-day events, such will be grounds for modification, and/or re-flighting, or in extreme cases disqualification at the sole discretion of the Committee. Any score "less than 1,500-1 odds" will be reviewed by the Committee to determine if further action should be considered.

If there are specific handicap requirements for entry into an AGA event, they will be posted on the event page on the website at azgolf.org.

Posting Tournament/Competition Scores

The AGA posts scores for all AGA Members for individual events, including USGA Qualifying Rounds and AGA and USGA Four-Ball events. For all team events, the AGA provides the rating and slope information and requests that all contestants post their own scores as Competition Scores (C-scores). If during random checking it is determined that AGA Members are not posting their C-scores from team events as requested, penalty scores may be posted and/or a suspension from playing events may be imposed by the AGA in accordance with the USGA Handicap System guidelines.

EXEMPTIONS

1. Exemptions for AGA Tour events – Any such exemptions will be at the discretion of the AGA Tournament Staff upon receipt of a request in writing detailing the reason(s) for the request. Exemptions will be granted only in special circumstances to individuals of great merit.
2. Additional exemption provisions for specific events will be posted on the AGA website at azgolf.org.

Special Exemptions for Arizona Amateur

1. The AGA may grant up to six (6) exemptions. To be eligible for an exemption, a player must submit an Exemption Request form (available on the Tournament Information website) 30 days prior to the entry deadline and have a legitimate conflict that prevents a player from participating in a qualifier. To be eligible, a player must have:
 - a. made the cut in their last participation in the event or
 - b. a proven skill level that would indicate a strong likelihood of making the cut and
 - c. has not already played in one of the qualifying rounds.

The Tournament Committee will review applications received and in their sole determination, issue up to six (6) exemptions.

2. Two (2) places are reserved at the sole discretion of the AGA Tournament Staff for players identified prior to the publication of pairings who by their proven playing ability or community visibility would likely compete for the championship and/or add to the quality of the event.
3. See entry provisions for Championship-specific additional exemptions given. [LINK]

Host Site Invitations

AGA Championships – Four (4) places reserved

AGA Tour Events - Two (2) places reserved at discretion of the AGA Tournament staff. Host site invitations are available to members/affiliates of the site who meet any handicap or other event requirements. Standard TPA entry fees must be paid in advance of the issuance of pairings to secure a place.

For all AGA Events, a Host Site must notify the AGA of its invitations prior to the entry deadline.

ENTRY AND WITHDRAWAL PROCEDURES

Entering a Tournament

Players wishing to enter an AGA Tournament must either enter on-line via the Golf Genius registration portal prior to 4:00 p.m. on the deadline date specified.

Divisional Events

The total field size will be published. The order of the waitlist will complete the final field.

Withdrawing from a Tournament

Members may withdraw from Tournaments by:

1. Calling the AGA office during normal business hours; or,
2. Calling the Withdraw Line (602) 944-3035 x210.

Refunds for Withdrawing after the Entry Deadline

1. Withdrawals made after the entry deadline will be considered late withdrawals.

2. Fees will be returned for a late withdrawal only if the player's position in the field is filled by a player from the wait list. An administrative fee of \$30 will be deducted from the refund, regardless of the reason for the withdrawal.
3. A withdrawal made less than three days prior to the first day of the event is not eligible for a refund (except when another player can be substituted).
4. TPA Members may withdraw after the entry deadline and receive a refund, minus the \$30 fee.
5. No refunds will be made once pairings have been sent, (but may be reviewed by Tournament staff on a case-by-case basis).
6. Once a player's starting time has passed prior to the withdrawal, no refund of fees will be made.
7. A player may withdraw after the beginning play by speaking directly with an AzRC Rules Official or AGA tournament staff member. Withdrawals without notice may result in suspension from one or more future events. See Failure to Return a Scorecard/No Card below.
8. Repeated late withdrawals will subject a player to disciplinary action under the AGA Code of Conduct policy.

FAILURE TO RETURN A SCORECARD/NO CARD

If a player fails to start when paired in an event without first notifying the AGA Staff, he/she will be suspended for one event for which he/she is eligible unless there are unusual circumstances at the judgment of the Staff.

If a player leaves the course during a round without first notifying Staff and signing the scorecard assigned, he/she will be suspended for the next eligible event.

Multiple occurrences will result in a 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. The AGA will attempt to contact alternates for the field, but it remains the alternate's responsibility to be available or check with the AGA in order to remain in consideration. If an attempt to contact an alternate is unsuccessful, AGA at its sole discretion may move to the next player on the Waitlist. **Note that TPA members receive priority on the Waitlist.**

It is the Players' responsibility to be aware of their waitlist status. There is no penalty for removing a name from the Waitlist at any time, provided the player has not already gained access into the tournament field.

In some cases, there may be playing opportunities created by players who no-show the day of the tournament. The AGA 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 AGA tournament staff on arrival and to be added to the same day wait list 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.

Order of Waitlist

The order of the Waitlist will govern access according to the following:

1. Major Championships: a) Exempt player withdrawals will be first replaced by exempt players in the order of the Waitlist; if none, the general Wait List will determine access; b) Non-exempt player withdrawals will be replaced by the first available player.

2. Tour events: After the entry deadline, vacancies will be filled first by TPA members in the order of the wait list; after deadline, the next player on the wait list.
3. Divisional events: Each Division shall have a wait list. Withdrawals from any Division shall first be replaced by alternates from that Division, with TPA members receiving first consideration.

TOURNAMENT ADMINISTRATION AND CONDUCT

PAIRINGS, STARTING TIMES AND TIES

Pairings

Pairings are done at the discretion of Staff based on the event being played and quality of field. Pairings by TPA membership, handicap Index and/or past performance may be used to separate the field into pairings groups. Assignments of players within groups are done randomly to offer each player an opportunity to play with a variety of other players of similar ability. **No specific pairing preference requests will be honored to protect the integrity of the competition.**

Match Play Brackets

The number of players in match-play brackets is determined by the size of the field attempting to qualify for a given event or Division. When match play is preceded by stroke-play qualifying, the bracket size will never be larger than the number of players attempting to qualify and will be the largest of 4, 8, 16, 32, 64 the qualifying field allows. When players are seeded in advance of play or in lieu of qualifying, the lowest seeds will receive byes in the first match play round if the size of the field is less than the bracket size. Specific events may provide an alternate means of qualifying players or determining byes and will be stated in the event information.

Starting Times

Starting times for AGA-administered events will be available approximately three to four days prior to the first round. Players may visit the Golf Genius website. Expected starting time ranges that are known in advance are listed on entry forms (but are subject to change). TPA members may request placement in a time segment and will be accommodated if it can be done without a negative impact on event pairing criteria.

Official Time

The official time is determined by the National Institute of Standards and Technology's WWVB Radio Signal from the USA Atomic Clock. The official time is the time on the clock at your starting tee. Clocks located on the driving range, clubhouse, or elsewhere are unofficial. Official time is also available from the Bureau of Standards (303) 499-7111.

Play-Off or Ties

In the event of a tie for first place in a Tournament, the winner shall be determined by a hole-by-hole play-off if possible. The play-off will begin as soon as practicable once the participants are officially determined. Should darkness, weather or other conditions prevent completion of a playoff on the final day of the tournament, one of the following options will be employed at the sole discretion of AGA staff:

1. Conduct a playoff on the following morning, or at a time agreeable to all participants;
2. USGA Rules of Golf method of settling ties, Appendix I;
3. Conduct a chip-off or similar method if acceptable to all participants;
4. Declare Co-Champions.

RULES APPLICATION, LOCAL RULES, AGA HARD CARD

Rules of Play and Enforcement

The Rules of Golf as established by the USGA and R&A, except as modified herein together with any supplementary Rules published at the event site as drafted by the AGA/AzRC Rules Committee, shall be applicable. All interpretations of such Rules shall be made and the penalties for violation imposed by the AGA Rules Committee. The AGA Rules Committee will be responsible for determining hole locations, placement of tee markers and all course markings. Course Rules, whether printed on scorecards or posted, are not in force unless contained on the AGA's published documents.

Rules Applications

The AGA and the AzRC strive to provide correct application of the Rules of Golf in all situations, from course markings (Appendix B) to on-course rulings. Local Rules employed will be provided on the first tee or at registration for all events. The "AzRC Hard Card" with year-long local Rules and Conditions is published in this document's Index and is available at the starting tee for all events.

Appeals of any ruling may be made to the Rules Committee prior to signing a scorecard in stroke play events. Rules of Golf 3.2 (Match Play) shall determine whether an appeal may be heard.

Under the Rules of Golf, no review of rules infractions can be addressed after the results have been announced unless an incorrect scorecard was returned in stroke play or the player had prior knowledge of a violation that was not included in his/her score.

CODE OF CONDUCT (Note – Violations are now 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 AGA is able 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 AGA event, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the AGA. The AGA conducts events at the highest level. As such, the AGA requires players to conduct themselves professionally at all times at events. The Code of Conduct also applies if a player has a Caddie. The Caddie conduct must follow AGA Code of Conduct policy.

The following is the Conduct Code for 2022:

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.
 - 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 AGA
 - 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 Director of Golf Operations.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

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

1. Additional fees may be charged and should be expected. Fees may be subject to change by Host Site.
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, no more than one ball per player may be played onto each green during the round exclusive of chipping. No excessive practice from bunkers or putting is permitted. Penalty for a violation is withdrawal from the event without reimbursement of fees.
5. Players are required to keep pace with the group in front. Delaying play of following groups may subject a player to withdrawal.

ON-COURSE REQUIREMENTS

Apparel

The AGA complies with the apparel policy at each host facility. The AGA policy may be more restrictive than the apparel policy of the Host Site. The clothing items are considered inappropriate at AGA events:

Men

1. Denim/chambray pants or shorts of any color or style;
2. Sweatpants or workout clothes;
3. Non-collared shirts except turtlenecks and mock turtlenecks with a collar at least 1 inch;
4. Shorts of less than mid-thigh length;
5. Cargo pants/shorts must be neat in appearance.

Women

1. Denim/chambray pants or shorts of any color or style;
2. Sweatpants or workout/yoga clothes;
3. Tank tops, halter tops or yoga tops;
4. Shorts or skorts that do not completely cover undergarments

This apparel policy is in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions adopted or accepted at each host facility. The apparel policy is effective at all times while by players, while on the property of the host course. Players not complying with this policy may be asked to change into appropriate attire or may be withdrawn from the event.

Caddie Assignments

The AGA 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 AGA 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 AGA tournament staff.

Caddies must adhere to all host facility dress codes and shall wear smooth, rubber-soled, preferably tennis or basketball shoes. Golf spikes, flip-flops, sandals or open-toed shoes are not permitted. Caddies shall not walk on greens when checking hole positions on the day of a tournament round; such activity will make a caddie ineligible to participate without penalty to the player. Use of a cell phone is not permitted while caddying. The player is responsible for his/her Caddie behavior. (See Code of Conduct).

Drinking Water on Course

The AGA generally does not provide the 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 AGA staff will attempt to notify the course to have the water coolers re-filled.

Electronic Devices Policy

Usage of electronic devices that disrupt play is not permitted by players or caddies. If a player or caddie uses such a device, the player may be asked to end use. Failure to comply may result in the player being withdrawn from the event. Note that use of headphones during play except for occasional short intervals has been judged to be a violation of the Rules by the USGA.

Spectator Policy

While spectators are welcome at AGA 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 maintain a distance from the players and their caddies at all times. **Spectator carts are NOT allowed.**

Spectators should stay out of the playing areas and avoid interfering with the play of the group(s) they are following, adjacent to, or behind the spectator. Spectators that are interfering with play or are judged to be having too much contact with players will be asked to discontinue or leave the course. Usage of electronic devices by spectators that disrupt play are not permitted.

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

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 AGA and will be determined by the person's qualification under ADA Regulations. The AGA 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

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 AGA will evaluate a request to use a cart in tournament competition due to a disability condition on a case-by-case basis. For the AGA 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 AGA 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 AGA does not grant spectators rights at any tournaments. As the events are for AGA 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 AGA 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 fully-seated 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 AGA 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 AGA 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 AGA in advance of an event if they are aware of a spectator (usually a family member) intending to watch the player, and contact the AGA 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 AGA 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 AGA, 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 AGA 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 AGA 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 AGA 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 AGA. Once an event has begun, if cancelled, any refund will be based on costs absorbed by the AGA in attempting to play the event.

Suspension of Play

Play may be suspended by AGA staff or Rules personnel at their discretion. In cases where completion of the event is not possible, a 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.

Suspension of Play due to Dangerous Situations

Note: Suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one air horn blast; and for a non-dangerous situation, three air horn blasts.

When Play is suspended for a dangerous situation, players must discontinue play immediately and not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, he is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in the Rules.

All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open for use. Penalty for violation is disqualification from the event.

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 AGA 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 AGA 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 AGA to the extent not conflicting with the rights of the Host Site.

All such rights granted and assigned to the AGA are thereafter the property of and reserved by the AGA. 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 AGA ownership of its authorized use of the specified rights.

2022 PACE OF PLAY POLICY

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The purpose of the AGA Pace of Play Policy is to provide timely play for the entire field. This policy and its guidelines have been established in accordance with Rules of Golf which state, "The player must not unreasonably delay in play of a stroke or play of the group, either when playing a hole or between two holes" and "**It is recommended that the player make the stroke in no more than 40 seconds...and should usually be able to play more quickly than that...**" These philosophical statements govern pace of play enforcement.

Time Par

In AGA Championship, Tour Events and USGA Qualifiers, the Committee will establish and make available to all players an allotted time (Time Par) for each hole of the round. This Time Par system will be used as a baseline for the Pace of Play Policy but will not limit any player's responsibility to play in accordance with the Rules of Golf.

Time Par is set for the first three groups. After the third group, proper pace is based on remaining "in position" which means within 14 minutes of the group in front. If a group falls behind, they have one timing increment (# holes between checkpoints) to recover before becoming liable to a penalty. Individuals immediately become liable for a penalty for any action outside Rules compliance which prevents a group from regaining position (see specific actions covered below). For following groups, no penalty would be applied IF it maintains Time Par from the time notified or the first checkpoint is missed.

Checkpoint Policy/On-Course Scoring

There may be two to six checkpoints on the course, determined by the scope of the event and volunteer support. Scoring/Pace monitors will be responsible for notifying players (by flags, not verbally) of their relative positions on the course and collecting scores for the Live Scoring services. Scores will be available to all players at azgolf.org. Green flag indicates on time and in position; yellow flag, the group is either over Time Par or out of position, but not both; red flag, players are liable to a penalty. If a group receives a red flag, a penalty will not be applied IF group maintains Time Par or regains position for subsequent checkpoints.

Monitors are not Pace Officials. A separate Rules or Pace Official will speak to players and hear appeals. As players complete a checkpoint hole, the Monitor will indicate their pace by displaying a flag.

Pace Rules Application: General

First Missed Checkpoint: Red Card; Penalty situation IF one or more players are making no clear effort to improve position. This would include failing to call a group through when in search, walking slowly, stopping between nines or holes without a legitimate reason.

Second Missed Checkpoint: Penalty must be applied to all players, unless one or more can be exonerated by a pace official.

Third Missed Checkpoint: Penalty is mandatory. One or more players may be exempted from penalty by virtue of a visible effort to regain position by that individual. This determination may be made by a Pace Official or the Committee.

Pace Rules Application: 2 Checkpoints

If a group misses Time Par for either nine and finishes more than 14 minutes behind the group in front, the group will receive one stroke penalties unless the second nine is completed under scheduled Time Par. If a group fails both checkpoints and is over Time Par on both nines, two stroke penalties will be imposed. Monitors may or may not be present. The Committee may exempt a player from penalty based upon evidence of an official appointed by the Committee.

Exceptions where penalties may be avoided

1. The group is delayed by a ruling, interference from an outside agency, or otherwise by a situation unrelated to the playing of the game;
2. Sudden illness or injury (up to ten minutes of delay);
3. After falling out of position because of the actions of a group in front (running to regain position), a group meets Time Par until it regains position for the remainder of the round.

Events without checkpoints

Time Par will still govern play when there are no checkpoints. Officials will issue a warning to groups behind Time Par and out of position with the group in front of them. Groups will have three holes to either: a) regain position; or, b) play under Time Par for those and subsequent holes. If they fail to meet either criteria, individuals become liable for a one-stroke penalty. If the group does not improve as stated within the following three holes, players become liable for a second one-stroke penalty. Repeated failures to improve position may result in a disqualification of one or more players. Any individual timed at over one minute for a stroke while out of position will receive a warning; a second bad time will result in an immediate one stroke penalty.

Timing of Individuals When Group is Out of Position

Under any of the above Rules, when a group is out of position, any player observed taking more than 60 seconds to play a stroke will receive a warning. Any second occurrence or two more stroke times over 40 seconds will subject the player to a one-stroke penalty. Appeals to this Rule will normally not be available.

Shotgun Events

A Pace Chart may be published. If any group fails to meet Time Par and return a scorecard within 15 minutes of the group in front of them, they are subject to a one stroke penalty; within 20 minutes, a minimum of a one stroke penalty will be applied; more than 25 minutes, a two-stroke penalty will be imposed.

If the group fails to regain its position on the course after being notified that it is out of position, each player in the group taking more than one minute for a stroke will be liable to a one-stroke penalty, and the group will be expected to regain its position within a few holes. Additional penalties may be applied by the Committee for excessive delays.

Senior Series, Member Days, Club Team

In AGA Senior Series, Club Team and Member Day events, groups are expected to be within one hole of the group in front. Groups not maintaining this position will be asked to move forward taking net par or 0 Stableford points, whichever is applicable.

Penalties

There are two types of delay violations: those for group delays under the policies stated above and those immediately applicable to individuals on the course. In any case, efforts will be made to determine individual culpability to avoid indiscriminate applications against an entire group.

Penalties unrelated to group position:

1. *Returning to some prior place to retrieve forgotten items if so doing delays play for more than five minutes.* In such case, the player has an obligation to play more quickly to aid the group in maintaining position.
2. *Going forward to gather information while out of position (more than to identify the location of a target); or, while in position, if such an action delays either the player's own play or that of a fellow competitor more than an additional one minute.*
3. *Taking in excess of two minutes to play any stroke at any time.*
4. *Searching for a ball after the three minutes permitted.*
5. *Delaying a fellow competitor's or opponent's play by interfering with them unnecessarily.*
6. *Any actions which cause a group to lose position that are unrelated to the playing of the game.*

Timing Strokes

Timing of a stroke begins when the player has had a reasonable time to reach the teeing area or position of the ball, and there is no physical interference with the stroke to be made, plus a few seconds. When out of position, times in excess of 60 seconds may result in a warning to the individual. A second excess timing will result in a penalty.

Appeals

A player or group may appeal a penalty to the Committee prior to signing the scorecard. No appeal will be heard unless circumstances responsible for delay existed which were previously unknown to the Committee and unrelated to the playing of the game.

Avoiding Penalties

If a player or group is in jeopardy of being assessed a penalty, there are several ways to improve pace. They include, but are not limited to, making a stroke in 30 seconds or less, playing "ready golf," letting groups through while in search and moving promptly between holes. If a Rules Official or the Committee witness an effort by one or more players, this information may become a basis for exemption from a penalty.

2022 TOURNAMENT REGULATIONS APPENDIX

APPENDIX A – DEFINITIONS

1. AGA EVENTS – The season-long schedule of AGA tournaments.
2. AGA Headquarters – 7600 E. Redfield Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85260
Web address: AzGolf.org (602) 944-3035 or (800) 458-8484
3. Member – A member of the AGA in good standing for the current year.
4. Alternate – A Player who is not yet in the tournament field and is listed on the Wait List.
5. Wait List – The list of alternate players not currently in the tournament field. List is populated on a first serve basis. Members move off wait list in order registered – except TPA members receive priority status.
6. Co-Hosted Tournament – A Co-Hosted Tournament is a tournament which is conducted by the AGA or contracted for by the AGA, in conjunction with a tournament host site.
7. Sanctioned Tournament – A Sanctioned Tournament is a tournament which is endorsed or supported by the AGA, but for which there may be no contract between the AGA and/or the tournament site. Points may be given for performance in Sanctioned Tournaments which meet the appropriate criteria.
8. Players of the Year Points List – The ordering of Members based on performance points allocated for tournament play for the calendar year.
9. Team Points List – The annual ordering of TPA members for the Players Cup awards and eligible to qualify for the Goldwater Cup and Arizona vs. Utah Shootout teams.
10. United States Golf Association – USGA is the United States Golf Association, which represents in the State of Arizona on matters of Qualifying for National Championships, Amateur Status, Handicapping, Course Rating, and other amateur association issues.

APPENDIX B: AGA SITE SELECTION, BUDGET AND COURSE PRESENTATION PHILOSOPHY

AGA events are designed to stand alone financially event to event. In the case of new events, a subsidy may be provided in accordance with the Rules for Amateur Status. Teams representing the AGA or Arizona are covered by the AGA's General Fund separate from tournament activities, as they serve the vision and purposes of the Association. Tournament budget Entry fees are established with the Host Site for events and are negotiated individually.

Site Selection

Sites for AGA events are selected by the following process:

1. Solicitations for interest in hosting events are sent each summer to a wide variety of courses with the event particulars: dates, fees, and negotiable items;
2. When negotiating with potential sites, the directive is to consider the following: First - Date availability; Second - Course quality; Third - Cost; Fourth - Variety in location and type of course; Fifth - Conditioning.

Sample Tournament Budget

40-50%	Course Fees (may include food, beverage and carts)
15-25%	Awards, Merchandise
20%	Administration (Staffing, credit card fees, supplies, travel, equipment, etc.)
7%	Volunteer Expenses
5%	End of year Players Cup/Tournament of Champions

DETERMINING YARDAGES, HOLE PLACEMENTS, COURSE MARKINGS

MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Arizona Amateur - Qualifying Rounds

Course yardages and hole placements will be chosen to facilitate the selection of the best 64 players for match play. Difficulty will be at the highest reasonable level, with the goal to have each player use every club in the bag.

- Par 5's may be converted to Par 4's for the sake of pace and to demand long iron play.
- Par 3's will be set to offer variety and challenge. The target difficulty is the middle range of skill of those who qualify for match play.

Holes will generally be cut in the middle to rear portions of greens near edges (4-6 paces). Front locations will be employed on occasion when a penalty area or other feature adds significant challenge. The goal is to reward great shots with makeable putts. Difficult putting areas are avoided if possible in the stroke play qualifying. This is best achieved with a selection of 6 difficult placements and 12 moderate placements.

Arizona Amateur - Match Play Rounds

Yardages and hole placements will vary to maximize risk-reward choices, to maximize the benefit for positioning shots, and to reward excellent play. The goal is to identify the best player, which may prove

overly difficult for some. This is best achieved with a selection of 12 difficult and 6 moderate hole placements.

Arizona Stroke Play

Full field rounds: The longest reasonable course will be chosen that reflects good shot-making with generally moderate hole placements. The goal is to set the playability of the course for the middle of those who will make the cut to 60 and ties, which may prove very difficult for the weaker players in the field. This is best achieved with a selection of 9 easy and 9 moderate placements.

Final rounds: The goal is to set a stern test at near maximum length, given the option of shortening a par 5 to a par 4, and varying the lengths of par 3's depending on the difficulty of the daily hole placement. This is best achieved with the selection of 9 moderate and 9 difficult placements.

Arizona Mid-Amateur/AGA Championship

Course presentation will mirror Arizona Amateur qualifying rounds and the full field rounds of the Stroke Play depending on the flight assigned.

Women's Championships

The course set up will be designed to be a fair test of golf for women and to help determine the best player in the State for the State Championship and the best Senior Women's Player for the State Senior Championship. Some events will have multiple tees, with lower handicap players playing from the longer yardage and the field flights playing from a shorter yardage. Hole placement sheets will be provided for all women's championships.

Non-Major Tour Events

The goal is to set yardages and hole placements to match the abilities of the average player in the field, which generally will more reflect the largest landing areas for the greatest number of players, and moderate hole placements. Most front placements will be avoided as that generally favors players who have left the ball short of the green.

APPENDIX C - COURSE MARKING PHILOSOPHIES AND PROCEDURES

Out of Bounds

1. Out of Bounds is the area beyond the boundaries of the course on which play is prohibited. It is best for all involved when out of bounds markings are as far from playing areas as possible. The boundaries of the course must be completely defined if there are any contiguous areas where play should not be permitted.
2. Acceptable markings include: white stakes, white lines, fence-posts, walls and masonry bases for walls, or any continuous physical structure. Since out of bounds is determined at ground level, in the absence of a continuous border, there must be clear visual lines of sight between the bases of marking elements, such as stakes.

Penalty Areas

1. As in boundaries, it is best if penalty areas are completely marked when within the boundaries of a course. They also can act as a boundary when considered to go to infinity such that play on the other side of the penalty area is impractical or impossible.
2. Penalty areas may be marked by stakes or lines or other designations such as “edge of turfed areas.” Stakes merely identify the location of lines, and do not define the margin of the penalty area unless other designations are not employed.
3. The default color for penalty areas is red. Yellow markings are used only when the negotiation of the area is significant in the character of playing the hole.
4. When a penalty area is adjacent to a green and it is difficult for the player to see from a distance where a ball might cross into the penalty area because of angles or curves in the line, it may be reasonable to make the penalty area in yellow and place a dropping zone along the line of sight point to the edge of the penalty area.
5. The Local Rule for additional relief for a red penalty area using the “opposite margin” will be employed only when the other available options may create undue difficulties such as forcing a drop behind trees or in high grass.

Markings

Stakes:

If stakes alone are used, sighting base to base is the definition, so they are placed so that in all circumstances the margin is easily identifiable. In most cases with clean turf, the stakes will be no more than five yards apart, less when there are severe curves or topography. When the margin of the penalty area is not visible from the primary playing areas, then larger (4') stakes may be employed to identify the location for players.

Lines:

Yellow – marked as near the fall line into the penalty area as possible, making sure the line is visible from behind the penalty area, using stakes where necessary to identify the location of the line.

Red – marked near the fall line into the penalty area, but far enough from it that both right-handed and left-handed players will have an equitable stance and ball position after dropping. This is easily accomplished by walking a line along the break point of the slope into the penalty area with the paint gun on the outside. Consideration is given to providing a reasonable next shot, avoiding a “double” penalty by creating a very difficult lie after a drop.

Changes of color - Often a penalty area will affect shots from different directions or provide different challenges requiring a yellow marking in one area, transiting to a red marking in another. This is completely reasonable. When deciding where to change colors, all possible hole locations are considered for the play of the hole. Where this provides an inconsistent or difficult to determine result, then expanding the yellow marking and employing a dropping zone is appropriate.

When the play of two holes is affected and the primary effect on one hole leads to a yellow marking, but red is more equitable on the second hole, use of the yellow marking is appropriate with a note on the Rules of play that in the play of that other hole, the penalty area may be treated as a lateral.

Dropping Zones

Dropping Zones solve issues when the design of a penalty area does not fit play of the hole.

See the Player Notice for locations of Dropping Zones and any applicable qualifications to employ them. The reference point is a blue stake. The Zone is a two club-length area not nearer the hole than the Reference Point. The stakes are movable obstructions.

Ground Under Repair

Ground markings are to be employed only when necessary. They are not used to replace poor conditioning but rather to ensure “similar playing conditions” in landing areas and green surrounds. The purpose is not to create good lies for players throughout the course. On a course where conditioning is excellent, a bare area in a fairway landing area may be marked. That same condition would not be marked on a course where such areas were prevalent. Remember the adage of “Play the course as you find it!” from Richard Tufts’ book on the philosophy of the Game.

APPENDIX D – AzRC HARD CARD

Local Rules and Conditions

Out of Bounds

Defined by the course-side edges at ground level of boundary walls, perimeter fence posts, paved roads, white stakes and white connecting lines. A ball that comes to rest beyond the boundary of the hole being played is out of bounds, even though it may lie on another part of the course.

Abnormal Course Conditions

Aeration Holes on the Putting Green - Relief without penalty. The player must place the ball at the nearest point not nearer the hole than its original position avoiding interference from only that aeration hole.

Burrowing Animal Holes - In desert areas (non-turfed areas) relief is for lie of ball and area of intended swing only. There is no relief available for stance in non-turfed areas from burrowing animal holes.

Ground Under Repair includes areas enclosed by white lines.

Sod Seams - Except in a penalty area, if a seam of cut turf (not the turf itself) interferes with the lie of the ball or the area of intended swing, the player may take relief without penalty by dropping the ball within one club-length of the nearest point of relief, no nearer the hole. All seams within the cut turf area are considered the same seam.

Integral Parts of the Course

Includes stakes, rods, wires, cables or wrappings in close contact with a tree, as opposed to other supports, which are obstructions.

Obstructions

Status of Paths - All paths other than those artificially surfaced, such as with concrete, asphalt or gravel are integral parts of the course unless otherwise indicated in the local Rules.

Prepared Rock - All areas of rock closely arranged for a functional purpose such as for drainage or erosion control are obstructions. All other rock, stones, and boulders are integral parts of the course.

Adjacent Obstructions - Obstructions adjacent to another obstruction are part of that same obstruction.

White-lined areas tied into obstructions share the same status as the obstruction.

* The Notice to Players at any event may supersede these Local Rules.

Conditions of the Competition

List of Conforming Driver Heads

Only driver heads approved by the USGA may be used. Penalty for breach - Disqualification.

Conduct Policy

See AGA Conduct Policy at AzGolf.org

List of Conforming Golf Balls

Only golf balls conforming with the Rules of Golf and on the list of approved balls may be used. Penalty for breach - Disqualification.

Pace of Play

See the AGA Pace of Play Policy at AzGolf.org.

Close of Competition

The competition is closed when all scores have been posted on the official scoreboard and the results have been announced.