

Basic Guide for the conduct of NSWVGA “Weeks of Golf”

Policy Guideline No 2

Responsibilities of Tournament Directors and Organizing Committees.

Introduction.

There are basic requirements that should be followed in the checking of competitors' credentials before participation in NSWVGA tournaments. Unfortunately some organizing committees in the past have overlooked these requirements compelling the NSWVGA Executive to issue this Policy Guideline which is binding on all Divisional Groups and Organizing Committees conducting tournaments under the auspices of the NSWVGA.

Player Eligibility.

To be eligible to participate in a NSWVGA tournament, a player must:

- (a) Have attained 55 years of age as at the first day of the tournament.
- (b) Hold current membership of a registered Golf Club.
- (c) Hold a current Golf Australia handicap.
- (d) Be an affiliated member of the NSWVGA or the VGA of another state.
- (e) Lady competitors must be 50 years or older at the time of competing.

The participating player, before he commences play at a tournament, must present his identification, proof of handicap to the decimal point and proof of his affiliation with NSWVGA or relevant interstate Veterans Group. If a player fails to meet registration requirements, Tournament organizers are advised to refuse entry and return any applicable fees. Should the player have proof of membership of a Golf Club and have a current Golf Australia handicap, organisers may offer membership of the local Veterans Group provided this action does not conflict with the policy of that Group' or they could allow play on the proviso that the player is only eligible to compete in the Ball and nearest the Pin competitions. Lady golfers must have a current WGA handicap. They must meet the age criteria of 50 years or older at the date of competing, and be a member of the VWGA of NSW or relevant interstate Veterans Ladies Group.

Handicapping during a Tournament

“When the ‘rolling sample’ method of handicapping is first in operation, the existing regulations will continue to apply (i.e. the Australian Handicap will be recalculated by Golf Link immediately upon the processing of a player’s score details).” Appendix1 Golf Australia “the new method for calculating an Australian men’s handicap or an Australian women’s handicap”. At the completion of each round of a tournament, all scores should be recorded immediately on Golf Link, where possible, so that the recalculated handicap is available for the next round.

Awarding of Trophies.

The following NSWVGA guideline should be adhered to by Tournament Directors and organising committees: “In all 36 and 54 hole tournaments conducted under the auspices of the NSWVGA a competitor may receive one Major trophy only for the week other than NSWVGA trophies, but excluding the following events: 4BBB events – Novelty events - Ball Competitions - Nearest Pins/Long drives - Stand-alone single events, e.g. single events that are played at a different Course each day of a week of Golf.

Order of Precedence for 54 and 36 Whole events.

1. Determine 54/36 Hole Gross winner : Eliminate winner from all events
2. Determine 54/36 Hole Net winner : Eliminate winner from all events
3. Determine day 1 winner each grade : Eliminate winner from all events
4. Determine day 2 winner each grade : Eliminate winner from all events
5. Determine day 3 winner each grade

It is crucial that scores are entered for handicapping at the end of each day’s play or that handicap reductions are passed on to the club conducting the next day’s competition.

Course Set Up

When negotiating with a club committee for the use of their course for a tournament, ensure that the club is aware of your expectations for the setup of the course for the tournament. Ensure that the course is set up according to the guide lines for handicapping and the appropriate course rating. When the new handicapping/course rating system commences it is imperative that all golfers play on a course which has been officially rated. In the meantime ensure that tee markers are within reasonable distance of the distance markers on tees and not in "social" tee positions. In setting up the Course, Pin positions should be varied with six easy positions, six medium positions and six hard positions,

Rules of Golf

The Rules of Golf booklet, supplied by the R and A has on its back cover:

Play the ball as it lies

Play the course as you find it

And if you can't do either, do what is fair

But to do what is fair, you need to

Know the Rules of Golf

Tournament Directors and Committees are instructed to conduct tournaments strictly according to the rules of golf and in particular the rules relating to score cards. Ensure that cards, once in the hands of recorders, remain there and are not handed back to players for changes, signatures, handicaps etc.

Tournament Directors and Committees are also instructed to refer to the Rules of Golf and if necessary, the Interpretations before introducing a local rule for a tournament and ensure that any decision does not contradict a rule of golf.

Slow Play.

Rounds of five hours or more are unfortunately becoming common place at today's tournaments leaving players discontented at day's end. Please make an effort, whether by a note attached to cards, announcements or some other method, to make players consider their speed of play for the benefit of all concerned. This is of particular importance for the early player, as time lost early is not recoverable later in the day.

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