

Policy No.2

Requirements for the conduct of NSWVGA Weeks of Golf and Responsibilities of Tournament Directors

Introduction

These are some basic requirements, aimed at achieving consistency in Weeks of Golf, that Tournament Directors and organising committees conducting tournaments under the auspices of the NSWVGA are encouraged to follow.

Eligibility

To be eligible to compete in a NSWVGA event a player must:

- (a) Have attained the age of 55 years as of the first day of the tournament.
- (b) Hold current membership of a registered Golf Club. (as per the Constitution.)
- (c) Hold a current Golf Australia handicap.
- (d) Be an affiliated member of the NSWVGA or the Veterans Golf Association of another state, territory or country.
- (e) A female player must:
 - (i) Be an affiliated member of the NSWVGA
 - (ii) OR be an affiliated member of the NSW Women's VGA or the women's VGA of another state, territory or country
 - (iii) Have attained the age of 50 years as at the first day of the tournament
 - (iv) hold current membership of a registered Golf Club. (as per the Constitution)
 - (v) hold a current Golf Australia handicap

The participating player, before commencing play at an event, must present identification and proof of affiliation with an appropriate body. Any player failing to meet these requirements will be refused entry.

However, if such a player satisfies (a), (b) and (c) above or (e) (iii), (iv) and (v) above, organisers may offer membership of the local veterans Group provided this action does not conflict with the policy of that Group.

Grading during a Week of Golf

Grades or divisions for an event must be decided before play commences, using players' Golf Australia handicaps or the Daily Handicap that applies on that course. The player then remains in that division for the remainder of the event no matter what handicap adjustments occur during the event.

Handicapping during a Week of Golf

A player is entitled to play off his/her correct, adjusted handicap each day of an event thus all scores should be forwarded to Golf Link after each round for the necessary adjustment, not only for downward adjustment. The practice of "freezing" handicaps for the duration of an event is not desirable. If this practice does occur TD MUST indicate on their entry forms the procedures that will apply. Should the event be 36/54 holes, consider it as an "aggregate" event.

Awarding of Trophies

The aim of this policy is to encourage Tournament Directors not to award multiple trophies to any one player, with some exceptions. It was introduced at the request of members who regularly attend many of the Weeks of Golf. In our experience, many of the Weeks of Golf, where TDs award multiple trophies, struggle to maintain the number of visitors in ensuing years. It is the expectation of this organisation that Tournament Directors adhere as closely as possible to this policy in any event conducted under the auspices of the NSWVGA. Where this is not possible TD's must indicate on their entry forms trophy procedures that will apply.

In all individual stableford events conducted under the auspices of the NSWVGA, 18,36 or 54 holes, a player may receive one trophy only, of the highest value, with the exception being that the same player may also win the NSWVGA shield and voucher.

Order of Precedence for 36 and 54 Hole Events

This applies where the presentation is conducted at the conclusion of the event.

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| 1. Determine 36/54 hole Nett/Gross trophy recipients. | Eliminate from all other events. |
| 2. Determine Day 1 winner each grade | Eliminate from all other events |
| 3. Determine Day 2 winner each grade | Eliminate from all other events |
| 4. Determine Day 3 winner each grade | Eliminate from all other events |
| 5. Determine days 1,2 and 3 runners up | Eliminate from all other events |
| 6. Determine days 1,2 and 3 second runners up. | |

Note: If Tournament Directors choose to hold a presentation before the event is finalised this system does not work. The TD should then consider restructuring the week to accommodate this section of the policy. Where this is not possible TD's must indicate on their entry forms trophy procedures that will apply

Where daily 18 hole events are played follow steps 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 above but hold the presentation at the end of the week.

Refunds

Tournament Directors are advised to have a policy on refunds clearly stated in the Conditions of Play and that policy should be generous in terms of the amount refunded and considerate of those seeking refunds.

Cancelled Days (bad weather)

Tournament Directors are advised to declare their intentions in the event of day/days lost to bad weather. Best practice suggests that any form of compensatory refund will work in your favour for future tournaments.

Management Procedure to be used for the awarding of NSWVGA Trophies.

1. The NSWVGA Trophy event is conducted at each "Week of Golf" in the NSWVGA tournament programme with the exception of the NSWVGA Stroke play, Match play, Sand green Stroke play, Sand green 4BBB, and Sand green Mixed 4BBB Championships.
2. The Trophy is a Perpetual Shield for both Men and Ladies which is retained by the Golf Club conducting the event. Winners are presented with a mini Shield provided by NSWVGA.

3. The trophy is for competition in an eighteen Hole event on a single day selected by the Tournament Director. This day should be indicated on the tournament entry form.

4. Commencing in 2020 the value of prizes associated with the NSWVGA Shield [Men and Women] will be Winners \$100 and second \$85. For Week of Golf with large fields the NSWVGA may provide a third prize of \$70. The name that goes onto the Shield will be the Man and Lady who wins first place net irrespective of Grade. To be eligible for the NSWVGA Shield a player MUST play, as a minimum, TWO Single events during the week, including the Shield event.

5. The NSWVGA Shield and Vouchers for Men and Women are a separate trophy to the Week of Golf Trophies. This means all players are eligible (subject to Point 4), irrespective whether they have won any other trophy during the week.

6. NSWVGA prizes will take the form of vouchers for both men and women which generally have a time limit of one year from the date of issue by the provider for redemption. Men and Women vouchers will be of equal value.

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