

New South Wales Veteran Golfers Association Inc.

Policy No.2

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

Purpose

This policy has been developed to assist tournament directors to conduct a successful week of golf under the guidance of NSWVGA.

When tournament directors who oversee weeks of golf choose to conduct their event under the guidance of NSWVGA, then NSWVGA will support these Weeks of Golf by providing:

- Trophies and Gift cards
- A Representative
- Listing of their Week of Golf on the NSWVGA website annual program of events
- Publicity

Conversely when tournament directors choose not to follow NSWVGA Policy 2 then the above benefits will not be offered.

Tournament Directors still have a choice of

- Events to be played. i.e., stableford, ambrose, 4BBB etc. Stroke for championship events only
- Number of days
- Handicap limits.

Background

The policy is aimed at achieving consistency in delivering a high standard "Week of Golf" that Veteran golfers will enjoy and continue to support.

The most successful weeks of golf engage travelling golfers as well as local members. The economic benefits that travelling golfers bring to both clubs and local communities is well documented. This policy has been compiled from the results of many years' experience involved in weeks of golf by the authors, post event discussions with individual tournament directors and the feedback from travelling veteran golfers.

Experience has shown that regular annual return of travelling golfers to Weeks of Golf is most prevalent at events where prizes and trophies are widely shared across participants. This has guided the development of NSWVGA expectations in respect of awarding prizes and trophies.

Eligibility

NSWVGA Membership

All participants at a tournament held under the guidance of NSWVGA must be 55 years of age or over at the commencement of the tournament and must be a financial member of NSWVGA.

The NSWVGA Representative contacts the Tournament Director who is responsible for emailing an excel spreadsheet of all tournament entrants (names and golflink numbers) to the NSWVGA Representative. The Representative will enter a bulk query into the database of the member registry.

This will confirm current NSWVGA membership and will then be returned to the Tournament Director.

The Tournament Director then contacts the nominee, informing him/her that they are unfinancial and can join their Vets club or Group.

If this is not possible, they can then join at Registration.

After Registration and before the commencement of the tournament the NSWVGA Representative will update the member registry and forward membership monies to the NSWVGA Treasurer.

Nomination Forms.

Each document (entry form, conditions, brochure etc.) to be posted to the Program page should be 1Mb or less – this is quite sufficient resolution for display on screens or for printing at A4 size. Any original documents that are larger than this should be reduced in resolution before sending. All documents and links should be sent to webmaster@nswvga.com.au to ensure that they are dealt with correctly.

If an electronic booking system is being used a link and PDF should be provided for the NSWVGA website. This will allow all interested veteran golfers to view and enter if they so wish.

The Event nomination form should include the following:

- 1 Event conducted “**UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF NSWVGA**” and display the **NSWVGA Logo**.
- 2 Daily programmed events and start times.
- 3 Nominate which programmed events will be used for the NSWVGA Shields. A competitor must play a minimum of two days to be eligible to win the shield including the Shield Day.
- 4a Conditions of entry - NSWVGA member plus GA handicap
- 4b Handicap limits for both men and women for the event. TD can decide the limits for their event
- 4c DAILY HANDICAPPING.** All scores to be updated in Golfink at the completion of each day.
- 4d Only one **Major trophy** can be won by any competitor except for the **NSWVGA shields**.
- 5 “Wet Weather” and “Refund Policy of entry fees” shall be outlined.
- 6 Cart hire process and costs. Private cart policy for the course.
- 7 General housekeeping such as starting, card returns etc plus any other Club or course specific details should also be outlined. A list of sponsors and accommodation options.
- 8 The nomination payment details should be shown.
- 9 Host club bank details should be shown for funds transfer method for those who do not wish to disclose credit card details.

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 grades or divisions should be split into, as near as practical, equal numbers in each. The player then remains in that division for the remainder of the event no matter what handicap adjustments occur during the event.

Handicap Limits

The maximum handicap is now 54 for both men and ladies as directed by Golf Australia, but Tournament Directors have the final say on Handicap limits for their week of golf.

Handicapping during a Week of Golf

A player is entitled to play off his/her correct, adjusted handicap each day of a daily event. All scores should be forwarded to Golf Link after each round for the necessary adjustment, not only for downward adjustment. All players play off their adjusted handicap each day for 36 or 54 hole events as well as daily events.

Note: From 2024 the practice of freezing handicaps for 36/54-hole events is not a NSWVGA policy.

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

1. The NSWVGA Trophy is an individual Stableford event conducted at each "Week of Golf" in the NSWVGA tournament program.
2. All players must have played at least two days of the week, including the shield day to play for the NSWVGA Shield and Voucher.
3. Tournament Directors stipulate the day/s to be programmed for the NSWVGA Shield.
4. 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.
5. *The NSWVGA provides funds to purchase a gift card as prizes to be awarded to all winners of the above. Vouchers to pro Shops are not to be provided in this instance.*
6. *The values to be awarded for the NSWVGA event depend on the number of players and are reviewed annually and communicated to Tournament Directors. The NSWVGA Treasurer will contact the Tournament Director approximately two weeks prior to the event to discuss numbers and obtain bank details.*

It is the aim of NSWVGA to have the biggest spread of trophies possible. Major trophy winners are excluded from daily grade events. They win the trophy of the greater value which will normally be the 36 or 54 hole events. If the NSWVGA event is a stand-alone 18-hole event, then scenario 2 as outlined below applies.

Order of Presentation for 18, 36 and 54-Hole Events

This applies where the presentation is conducted at the conclusion of the event. There are variations to this presentation depending on if the NSWVGA Trophy is the main 36/54-hole event or if it is an 18-hole event that is a stand-alone event.

Scenario 1

If the event is a 36 hole/54-hole event, then follow the set up below.

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| 1. Determine 36/54 hole Nett/Gross trophy recipients, Runners Up and Second Runners Up. 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. | |

Scenario 2

If the NSWVGA trophy is an 18-hole event, held in conjunction with a 36/54 hole event, then this does not affect a player winning the 36/54 hole event overall and scenario 1 would apply to the distribution of trophies for the 36/54 hole event, however on the day of the NSWVGA event the overall winner receives the NSWVGA Shield and is not entitled to win any other grade trophies associated with the days play. This also applies for the runner up and third place getter after looking at the highest trophy value of each i.e. if the runner up were to win the grade and this is of higher value than the NSWVGA runner up then they receive the grade award and the NSWVGA runner up goes to the next person.

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.

NSWVGA Website

Tournaments conducted 'under the guidance of NSWVGA' will be promoted on the NSWVGA website. The nomination pack will be placed on the website after being scrutinized by the Program Coordinator or the relevant Group Secretary Liaison person to ensure all processes relevant to this policy are compliant. Should any shortcomings be identified then the Program Coordinator will contact the relevant tournament director to resolve prior to posting the nomination pack onto the website.

Events that do not qualify for being 'conducted under the guidance of NSWVGA' will not be promoted on the NSWVGA website without NSWVGA Executive Council approval.

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