



## ***Tournament Policies and Procedures***

### ***Cancellation Policy***

Withdrawals can be made by a player prior to the "registration closing date". Withdrawals made prior to the "registration closing date" are subject to a \$5 cancellation fee. Withdrawals after the closing date will result in forfeiture of ALL entry fees. When withdrawing, the player must contact the Tournament Director as soon as possible.

### ***Code of Conduct***

1. Each member is expected to conduct herself in a manner that fosters good sportsmanship, good fellowship, and respect for individual dignity. Each member is likewise responsible for the integrity of the venues at which this competition is held, and pledges to promote the best interests and traditions of the game of golf.
2. Any conduct on the part of a player which is considered detrimental to the best interests of the game or is in contradiction to the objectives, by-laws, rules, or other policies of the host club may be subject to disciplinary action. Players are expected to:
  - Wear proper golf attire at all events. No denim of any color, leggings, tank tops, warm-up suits, short shorts, or sweat pants are permitted. If the regulations of the host club are more restrictive, the player shall conform to the additional regulations. Non-compliance will result in mandatory withdrawal from the event.
  - Tip the bag attendants where allowed.
  - Maintain the integrity of the venue by wearing spikeless shoes, replacing divots, raking bunkers, repairing ball marks, and obeying cart rules.
  - The use of a multi-functional device (e.g. cell phone) for distance measuring purposes is permitted. However, players and/or their caddies are advised that the use of such devices (other than for emergency purposes) in their traditional manner (talking, texting, etc.) is discourteous and may be distracting to others. The use of such devices, in their traditional manner, is strongly discouraged and may be considered a serious breach of etiquette and therefore may result in disciplinary action by the Tournament Committee.

### ***Hold Harmless Agreement***

Tournament participants agree to hold the Tournament of Champions Committee and its members, harmless and free from all claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of any loss, damage, or injury suffered by said participant in connection with this tournament.

## ***Pace of Play***

A player must play without undue delay and in accordance with reasonable Pace of Play guidelines. Between completion of a hole and the playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play.

Players are responsible for knowing their position on the golf course relative to their allotted time as well as the groups around them.

## ***Tournament Rules***

- All play shall be governed by USGA Rules, any Local Rules posted, and any established Conditions of Competition.
- Distance Measuring Devices — A player may obtain distance information by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3a for which the penalty is the general penalty for the first offense and disqualification for a subsequent offense. Information from the device is not deemed to be advice and therefore can and should be shared with other players.
- A player who has been assigned a starting time must be present at that time and fully intend to complete the round. A player should report to the Tournament Official at least 15 minutes prior to her starting time or time of shotgun start. A player must start at the tee time (RULE 5.3) or hole assigned by the committee. Penalty for breach of RULE 5-3 is DISQUALIFICATION. However, it is a condition of ALL events that if a player arrives at her starting point ready to play within 5 minutes of her starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty for disqualification as provided in RULE 5-3, the failure to start on time is two strokes instead of disqualification.
- All penalties, including penalties for pace of play, will be assessed in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf.
- During a round, between the play of two holes, a player may practice as provided in USGA Rule 5.5b provided the player does not unduly delay play and unless prohibited by the Conditions of Competition.
- Tournament results are unofficial until the tournament is closed by the Tournament Committee and prizes are awarded.