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2009 Membership Manual

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Tour Policies

Membership Applications and Handicaps

Please provide complete and accurate membership applications. Each piece of data is not only required, but has proven useful to the AGT in the past in attaining all sorts of extra benefits for members.

It is vitally important that you report handicap indexes accurately. Not only for your personal interest concerning the AGT rules and points standings, but also so that the Tour Director can pair persons of equal golfing ability for the best competitive experience.

Member Benefits

Membership in the AGT allows all members to compete in any AGT event in any city. Accurate records must be kept for all AGT Tour Directors. Be prepared to be paired with AGT members from other cities both in your home Tour events and in other city Tour events.

Always let the course know you are with the AGT Tour every time you play. You may get a discount that day. If not, the course knows that we are giving them repeat business and it will help us to negotiate a good price in the future.

Guest Policy

Each member is allowed to invite (and be paired with) a single guest. This privilege is extended to all members and may be exercised once per season. We hope that you will choose to invite a potential new member, but if you have a visitor in town for the weekend and want to play golf in a Tour event, you may invite this guest providing you:

1. Pay the regular event entry fee for this person plus \$10.
2. Identify this person on an AGT membership application as your guest.

Your guest will be paired with you for the day and may be included in the proper handicapped flight for prizes even if you are playing in a different flight. Please note that if your guest wishes to participate in tournament prizes, then said guest will be required to

produce a current (or verifiable) handicap index at time of registration.

It is even more crucial that you meet our timetables for advance event registration when you have a guest. Appearing at a tournament with a guest not only makes the AGT look less than organized, but may also result in our not being able to get your guest on the course.

Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability

By signing or electronically submitting a member application and entering and playing in a Amateur Golf Tour Event, the participant understands and agrees that there are certain dangers involved with the participation in a golf event, including but not limited to being struck by lightning, getting hit by a golf club, suffering from heat exhaustion, heart attack or injury from uneven terrain, all of which risks participant assumes and solely accepts, and waives all claims of injury to body or property against Mac Golf, the Amateur Golf Tour and/or the local Tour Director. Further, the participant agrees that while on the premises of a Amateur Golf Tour Event ("Event"), as well as all other presenting sponsors, co-sponsors and representatives affiliated with the tournament, the participant, and any guest, relative or anyone else affiliated with participant, shall be present at their own risk and that Mac Golf, the Amateur Golf Tour and/or the local Tour Director shall not be liable for any claims for injuries or damages whatsoever to person or property of the participant or related person arising out of or in connection with the participation in the Event or presence at the Event. Participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless Mac Golf, the Amateur Golf Tour and/or the local Tour Director from all claims by or liability to participant or affiliated person.

Tournament Registrations and Tee Times

One method of keeping event fees as low as possible is for the Tour Director to be able to pay in advance for reserved tee times. Therefore it is important to get entry fees into the system ASAP. Most of the courses accept one week as an acceptable window for the Tour Director to guarantee tee times.

We welcome your registration for all events as soon as possible. Many members register for all of the events that they plan to play in for the season on their membership application. When we receive multiple event registrations, you are marked to play in those events whether you have paid or not. If you notify us within the appropriate time frame that you can't make one of the events, you will not be charged for the event or your money will be applied to your next event.

Tee times will be e-mailed or posted on the AGT web page two days prior to the event. If you do not receive your tee time information, please call the course or us. The course will also have the pairing sheet.

Cancellations

- ☞ All events will be held regardless of weather unless the course closes.
- ☞ In the event a course is forced to close, the Tour Director will determine if a stipulated round can be declared. Normally if the entire field has played at least the front nine a stipulated round will be declared. Rain checks may be available based on policies of the host course. The Tour Director or host course professional will provide details based on conditions.
- ☞ If you are registered for an event that is canceled, your entry fee will automatically roll forward and be applied to the next event for which you have registered.
- ☞ If you must cancel participation in an event, please advise us as soon as possible. If we have prepared the pairing sheets, we will not be able to roll your entry fee forward.

At The Tournament

Please sign in by either locating the Tour Director or the sign-in table. Your timely appearance to the event will be recorded.

Locate your cart with your name on the cart card. Check the official score card to verify that your handicap is right. Since flights are assigned via handicaps, it is important that we have your handicap on file correctly.

Proceed to the driving range or what ever your normal routine is. The Tour Director will call on deck the tee times as well as the players who should be on the tee. Be at the first tee ten minutes before your assigned time.

The AGT Director will provide the official score card and offer entrance to the skins pool.

The Director or the course starter will provide local course rules.

On the first tee, be sure to check cart cards for first tee honor, count your clubs, and mark your playing ball. The captain of the group will be the first name on the scorecard. Please hit in the order of the names on the card.

On the course, enjoy your round and please stay in position. Slow play penalties as indicated in the AGT rules will be assessed.

At the turn, please have your card ready for the Director to quickly review. The Director will take your front nine score and will be checking for birdies, eagles etc. for the skins pool. Front nine scores will be posted to let other players know where they stand.

After 18 holes, please check, sign and turn in scorecards as quickly as possible. In the event of any on course rules issue on the course, please locate and obtaining ruling from the host course professional before completing your scorecard.

Skins Pool

What is a skins pool?

This is an optional \$5.00 side bet between players. Each player will receive an invitation to enter skins pool on the first tee of each event. 2 pots (Champ & A flights) (B & C Flights)

What is a skin?

The single best score on any of the 18 holes is a skin. The player making the single best score on any hole earns one skin. A player with the only birdie, eagle or double eagle on a given hole wins a skin. More than one player making birdie, eagle, or double eagle cancels the skin.

Why is the Tour Director involved?

With four flights teeing off over several hours time, players find it difficult to manage a side bet that is event-wide. The Tour Director holds the bets and calculates prizes as a convenience to the players. It is the player's pool.

How much is in the skins pool?

With 50 players participating in the skins pool, the pool would be worth 250 dollars. At the end of the tournament the pool is divided by the number of skins and that amount is paid in cash to the player earning each skin.

Normally how many skins are made?

Typically, there are less than five skins per event.

What happens if no skins are made?

The pool is carried over to the next event if no skins are made.

A tip on how to win skins...

Seldom will more than one player birdie the first hole.

Will receiving cash hurt my amateur status?

USGA rules about amateurs not receiving cash apply to tournament prizes, not side bets. Since the skins pool is a side bet between players, your status will not change.

The Points System Formula

Points are awarded within each flight as follows:

1 st place	50 points plus the amount of players
2 nd place	40 points plus the amount of players
3 rd place	35 points plus the amount of players
4 th place	30 points plus the amount of players
5 th place	25 points plus the amount of players
6 th place	20 points plus the amount of players
7 th place	15 points plus the amount of players
8 th place	10 points plus the amount of players
9 th place	5 points plus the amount of players
10 th place	the amount of players minus five points
11 th place	on down to last place

Breakdown of points if you had 15 players in a flight:

1 st place	50 + 15 =	65 points
2 nd place	40 + 15 =	55 points
3 rd place	35 + 15 =	50 points
4 th place	30 + 15 =	45 points
5 th place	25 + 15 =	40 points
6 th place	20 + 15 =	35 points
7 th place	15 + 15 =	30 points
8 th place	10 + 15 =	25 points
9 th place	5 + 15 =	20 points
10 th place	15 - 5 =	10 points
11 th place	15 - 6 =	9 points
12 th place	15 - 7 =	8 points
13 th place	15 - 8 =	7 points
14 th place	15 - 9 =	6 points
15 th place	15 - 10 =	5 points

Tour Rules

The rules of golf as governed by the USGA will apply with the following exceptions:

- ☞ A player can only card a **triple bogey** on any one hole.
- ☞ The local rules of a host course supersede if in conflict.

The player's field will be divided into four handicapped flights.

Flight	Index
Championship	0-5
A Flight	6-10
B Flight	11-15
C Flight	16-21+

Handicap

Each member's handicap must comply with the USGA requirements. The Tour Director reserves the right to move any player up a flight based on their AGT tour scores and index.

Tees

- ☞ Championship & "A" Flights will play from the back tees set at 6600-6800 yards on average.
- ☞ "B & C" flights play the next set at 6300-6500 yards on average.

Dress Code and Player Conduct

- ☞ The AGT will strictly enforce a tournament dress code with no exceptions. Collared shirts and soft spikes are required. (Short Sleeve Mocks are considered Collared Shirts). No jeans, denims, jogging outfits, or sweat pants are permitted. Shorts may be worn.
- ☞ The AGT will not tolerate swearing, vulgar language, club throwing, alcohol abuse, lack of golfing etiquette, or other such behavior. Such conduct may result in tournament disqualification and suspension or expulsion from the Tour.

Tee Times and Check In

- ☞ Players **must** check in 20 minutes before their assigned tee time or be assessed a 2 stroke penalty.
- ☞ Each player must identify his ball with a distinctive marking.

⌘ Players must count the number of clubs in their bag (14 max)

If there is a disagreement or uncertainty of the Rules of Golf

Player must announce that he is playing a second ball. First ball played will be the ball as it lies; second ball will be according to the alternate rule. At the conclusion of the round or first 9 holes, the Tour Director will make the final ruling. In any discrepancy of the rules, the AGT Tour Director will make all final decisions.

Scoring

- ⌘ All ties will be broken by a scorecard playoff. (Playoff is decided by score on # 1 handicap hole # 2, 3 etc.).
- ⌘ All 1st place ties will go to sudden death playoff on the course.
- ⌘ The final scorecard must be checked by all players & signed by at least two players before turning it in.

Speed of play.

- ⌘ Players can card a triple bogey on only one hole. After that the player must pick up for the hole.
- ⌘ Rangers will act as Tour officials and will warn slow groups and then report to the director. Times of each group will be noted after the first nine holes. If a 12-minute gap exists, the group is out of position and warned only one time.
- ⌘ The penalty for slow play is 2 strokes for the offender.
- ⌘ Repeat offenders being asked to leave the Tour for the sake of all other players.
- ⌘ Players must always hit a provisional ball when a ball goes into an area where it may be lost or out-of-bounds.

Qualification for the Tour Championship at Palmetto Dunes Plantation and Port Royal Plantation in Hilton Head, SC.

- ⌘ Top ten point winners from each of the four flights qualify for the Egolf Tour Championship.
- ⌘ Points can be accumulated in other cities; you can make up only 2 tournaments that you may have missed on the Charlotte Tour. **No majors will be transferred!**
- ⌘ The top point winners in each flight receive a crystal trophy with their name/flight/year engraved. Additional awards are up to each local director to decide.

The AGT Tour Director will always be the final decision on all Tour matters.