

**Golfweek Amateur Tour
Tidewater, VA
2018**



2017 Flight Champions

Jeff Hawkins – Championship

Tony Cordova – A Flight

Sean Redmond – B Flight

Ron Pridgen – C Flight

Chuck Aardahl – D Flight

Tony Cordova – 2018 Player of the Year
Matthew Foreman – 2018 Most Improved
Tony Cordova – 2018 Rookie of the Year

Implementation of GWAT Optional Local Rules

The Golfweek Amateur Tour (GWAT) Manual sets national rules and policy governing play on the tour. Several rules in the GWAT manual provide options for rule implementation. Local Tour Directors (TDs) must determine how the local tour will implement the rule. Additionally, local tours must state any conditions of competition or local policies in effect. This addendum to the GWAT National Tour Manual applies to the Tidewater Amateur Golf Tour and describes Local Implementation of Tour Rules, Conditions of Competition, and Policies in effect on the Tidewater Golfweek Amateur Tour (TGAT).

TGAT plays under USGA rules except where the GWAT Tour Manual states otherwise. The Local Tour Rules contained in this document further refine GWAT guidance. When in conflict and unless stated otherwise in tournament rules sheet, local rules published by the host course take precedence over USGA, GWAT and Tidewater Tour Local rules.

Flight Placement: Veteran GWAT players with a validated GWAT player index will start their season in the previous flight where the GWAT player ended. The player must request a retreat down a flight once **validated** (5+ rounds) and have a handicap **within** the new flight range. Requests can be sent to the Tour Director or Committee. Non-validated players will be initially flighted per the GWAT manual and TGAT Committee. Per the Rules of Golf, players are responsible to ensure that they have been properly placed in the correct flight for their current GWAT.

Published Rain Dates for 2018: The TGAT will do everything possible to get a tournament round in. If weather becomes a factor then TGAT will move the event to another weekend.

Tournament Registration: TGAT Tournament Entry Deadlines are always the Sunday before the tourney. (www.amateurgolftour.net) and once the event has closed either by a Sell-Out or the Entry Deadline, a waiting list will begin. NO payments will be accepted at the course, to secure a tournament slot payment must be made.

Tournament Entry Spots Rule: All Tidewater Golfweek Amateur Tour events will be based on a 120 player field IF CARTS ALLOW, "Players Should View the Who's Playing on the Schedule Page for Updates". Once a tournament reaches 120 players it is full. No additional spots will be added. If the field does not fill at 120 players it will be cut off at the Tournament Entry Deadline the Sunday before the tournament. Only Payment will secure a tournament slot on the Tidewater Golfweek Amateur Tour. If we must split to have smaller shotgun starts in the AM & PM ; the Sudden Death Playoff will take place at a later tournament.

Starting Times: Tee times will be posted on the TGAT web site and emailed to participants at least three days prior to the event. The type of tee start will be stated on schedules, event notices, and tee time notices. TGAT primarily uses shotgun starts. For shotgun starts the published start time will be the time players must be on the first hole ; Usually 10 minutes before Carts will begin

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to the assigned starting hole. Players who are not in their carts when the order is given to depart for the assigned tee have missed their tee time and are disqualified. There are no refunds for missed tee times or no-shows.

Tiebreakers: All ties for first place will be by "sudden death playoff" conducted on the course played. Playoff holes will be determined by availability of the course. Normally TGAT will not break ties for places below first (2nd, 3rd, etc.). On unusual occasions where it is necessary to break a tie using a scorecard playoff, TGAT will use the USGA recommended tie-breaking method (the winner be determined on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes. If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes, last three holes and finally the 18th hole. In competitions with a multiple tee start, the "last nine holes, last six holes, etc." is considered to be holes 10-18, 13-18, etc.

Flight Yardage and Tee Markers: TGAT will play each flight within GWAT recommended yardages. See Pages 10 for the complete TGAT Yardage, Tee, Slope & Ratings per flight.

TAGT-Major-Rule: If any Major suffers cancellation of a round it will be turned into an 18 hole event and will be awarded Single Points, Single Payouts, and Tour Player Credits. The only exception will be for the final event of the year, which will remain a Major with points and prizes as scheduled.

Entry Credit(s)/Return: Any player who wishes to withdraw from a Tournament and receive a full refund must tell the Tour Director before Pairings are announced. Telling the Director once Pairings have been announced/posted will result in a 50% Entry Return; No Refunds on the Tournament Day will be allowed.

Local Rules

The following local rules apply to all TGAT events:

Distance Measuring Devices: For all TGAT play, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed 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 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used.

Stones in Bunkers: Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies).

TGAT Conditions of Competition

Conforming ball: The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the United States Golf Association.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION: Disqualification.

(For current list see http://www.usga.org/ConformingGolfBall/conforming_golf_ball.asp)

TAGT Competitions

Season Championship: The TGAT Season Championship is based on season-long points accumulation that begins with the first event of the season and concludes at Local Finals. Event points are described in the GWAT manual. Prizes and trophies will be awarded to Season Champions. The basis for participation in the National Championship will be season points standings. The top ten players in points standing in each of the five flights are eligible to participate in the National Championship (presuming they meet the requirement to have completed and returned valid scores for at least 5 tournament rounds).

TAGT Tournament of Champions

ToC (September 29-30 at Sleepy Hole Golf Club): The field for the ToC will be limited to the winners of each of the tour events and those who qualified for the National Championship. ToC is a non-points event and is not included in the regular season standings. From the players who qualify for the ToC teams will be made, and two different formats played.

More details as the event gets close.

2018 TOUR SIDE GAMES

Side Game Effect on Amateur Status

USGA rules about amateurs not receiving cash apply to tournament prizes, not side wagers. Since side games like "skins", "closest to the pin", and "challenge hole" are side wagers between players, they do not affect amateur status. The "wager" for side games is typically held by one party. For TGAT the Tour Director and his staff hold the wager. In this manner winners are determined using the tournament software, and winnings are divided and delivered at the next event. Players may only wager on themselves, they may not enter a wager on another player who has decided not to participate in a side game(s).

Tournament Skins Game (within each flight): Cost Per Player: **\$10 dollars per event**. In this game you are competing to make the best single score on a hole. All ties cancel. You are only wagering with players in your flight who enter the game.

Tournament SUPER SKINS Game (all flights contribute to a single purse): Cost Per Player: **\$10 dollars per event**. In this game you are competing to make the best single score on a hole. All ties cancel. You are wagering with players from any flight who enter the game.

For skins and super-skins games if any of these have a Roll-Over then we will move that Skins Purse to the next event. Any player can enter the Rollover Skins Game as long as they match the current Buy-In and the "New" Buy-In.

Tournament Closest to the Pin Game (Flight Only)

Cost Per Player: **\$5 dollars per event**. In this game you are trying to hit your tee shot "closest to the pin" of all the players who enter. Usually you are competing against players in your flight. Each flight will have two Closest to the Pin holes in each round. The breakdown of the \$5 dollars paid per player for the Closest to the Pin is as follows. If there is no winner for one of the holes (e.g. nobody hits the green), the other half will roll over to the next tournament round.

- Two Dollars goes to the First Closest to the Pin hole
- Two Dollars goes to the Second Closest to the Pin hole
- One Dollar goes to the Hole in One Purse (ALL FLIGHTS one PURSE)
- **Example:** 20 players in the B Flight enter the Closest to the Pin. That will total \$100 dollars.
 - B Flight Closest to the Pin #1 - \$40 dollars to the winner
 - B Flight Closest to the Pin #2 - \$40 dollars to the winner
 - Final \$20 dollars goes into the HOLE IN ONE PURSE (ALL FLIGHTS)

Hole-In-One-Purse

To participate in the Hole-In-One purse you must enter the Closest to the Pin Game. If a player makes a Hole-In-One during that round and he has entered the Closest to the Pin Game for that event he will win the current Hole-In-One Purse. This purse will continue to build until a player wins.

Tournament Par 3 Challenge (all flights)

Cost Per Player: **\$5 dollars per event**. In this game you are trying to hit your tee shot inside 10 feet, anyone inside 10 feet on the selected Par 3's for the day will win. The prize purse is split between all the players who hit/record 10 feet and in on the selected hole. *(See Page 10 for Change to this Side Game)*

Tournament Birdie Bash – A Select Few Tournaments (all flights)

Cost Per Player: **\$20 dollars per event.** In this game all BIRDIES will pay out based on a Set Amount Per Hole from those who have entered this Side Game.

(Note: The Flight Skins and Par 3 Challenge will not be played during a Birdie Bash Tournament.)

>> Cypress Creek GC, Elizabeth Manor CC, Riverfront GC, Bide A Wee GC

Scoring Challenge

»Entry Per Player: \$20 dollars **(One Time Payment)**

»At each event one hole will be the Scoring Challenge Hole those holes can be reviewed on page #9.

»If you move flights your money will move with you.

»You must play at least 10 Rounds to be eligible to win.

»Your Best 10 Scores will count as a Score in Relation to Par.

»The More rounds you play the more chances to improve your scoring.

»The Top-Three Per Flight will win money (1st: 50% ; 2nd: 30% ; 3rd: 20%).

PRIZE PAYOUTS are to Golf Headquarters in Chesapeake for the 2018 Tour Season

Single Day Tournaments –

Top-4 Players per flight including tie breakers ; Winner receives a Crystal Glass.

Two Day Majors – Top-8 Players per flight including tie breakers

Winner receives a Crystal Trophy presented the day of the major.

Tournament Payout Matrix is located on Pages 7-8 of this document.

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2018 TGAT Prize Matrix to Golf Headquarters

ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT				
	BY FLIGHT #'s IF PAID OUT			
PLAYERS	First	Second	Third	Fourth
70	\$116.00	\$85.00	\$60.00	\$35.00
71	\$118.00	\$86.30	\$60.80	\$35.50
72	\$120.00	\$87.60	\$61.60	\$36.00
73	\$122.00	\$88.90	\$62.40	\$36.50
74	\$124.00	\$90.20	\$63.20	\$37.00
75	\$126.00	\$91.50	\$64.00	\$37.50
76	\$128.00	\$92.80	\$64.80	\$38.00
77	\$130.00	\$94.10	\$65.60	\$38.50
78	\$132.00	\$95.40	\$66.40	\$39.00
79	\$134.00	\$96.70	\$67.20	\$39.50
80	\$136.00	\$98.00	\$68.00	\$40.00
81	\$138.00	\$99.30	\$68.80	\$40.50
82	\$140.00	\$100.60	\$69.60	\$41.00
83	\$142.00	\$101.90	\$70.40	\$41.50
84	\$144.00	\$103.20	\$71.20	\$42.00
85	\$146.00	\$104.50	\$72.00	\$42.50
86	\$148.00	\$105.80	\$72.80	\$43.00
87	\$150.00	\$107.10	\$73.60	\$43.50
88	\$152.00	\$108.40	\$74.40	\$44.00
89	\$154.00	\$109.70	\$75.20	\$44.50
90	\$156.00	\$111.00	\$76.00	\$45.00
91	\$158.00	\$112.30	\$76.80	\$45.50
92	\$160.00	\$113.60	\$77.60	\$46.00
93	\$162.00	\$114.90	\$78.40	\$46.50
94	\$164.00	\$116.20	\$79.20	\$47.00
95	\$166.00	\$117.50	\$80.00	\$47.50
96	\$168.00	\$118.80	\$80.80	\$48.00
97	\$170.00	\$120.10	\$81.60	\$48.50
98	\$172.00	\$121.40	\$82.40	\$49.00
99	\$174.00	\$122.70	\$83.20	\$49.50
100	\$176.00	\$124.00	\$84.00	\$50.00
101 (+)	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$100.00	\$60.00
120	\$250.00	\$175.00	\$120.00	\$75.00

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Incentive for 101+ Player Fields, receive a larger Payout when those Player Counts are reached. // 120 Player Sell Out is LARGER

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TWO DAY MAJOR TOURNAMENT – NON-REGIONAL (Regional Will Be Larger Prize Purse)								
BY FLIGHT #'s IF PAID OUT								
PLAYERS	First	Second	Third	Fourth	Fifth	Sixth	Seventh	Eighth
70	\$340.00	\$140.00	\$67.00	\$45.00	\$34.00	\$36.00	\$34.00	\$32.00
71	\$342.00	\$142.00	\$68.60	\$46.60	\$35.25	\$36.80	\$34.70	\$32.60
72	\$344.00	\$144.00	\$70.20	\$48.20	\$36.50	\$37.60	\$35.40	\$33.20
73	\$346.00	\$146.00	\$71.80	\$49.80	\$37.75	\$38.40	\$36.10	\$33.80
74	\$348.00	\$148.00	\$73.40	\$51.40	\$39.00	\$39.20	\$36.80	\$34.40
75	\$350.00	\$150.00	\$75.00	\$53.00	\$40.25	\$40.00	\$37.50	\$35.00
76	\$352.00	\$152.00	\$76.60	\$54.60	\$41.50	\$40.80	\$38.20	\$35.60
77	\$354.00	\$154.00	\$78.20	\$56.20	\$42.75	\$41.60	\$38.90	\$36.20
78	\$356.00	\$156.00	\$79.80	\$57.80	\$44.00	\$42.40	\$39.60	\$36.80
79	\$358.00	\$158.00	\$81.40	\$59.40	\$45.25	\$43.20	\$40.30	\$37.40
80	\$360.00	\$160.00	\$83.00	\$61.00	\$46.50	\$44.00	\$41.00	\$38.00
81	\$362.00	\$162.00	\$84.60	\$62.60	\$47.75	\$44.80	\$41.70	\$38.60
82	\$364.00	\$164.00	\$86.20	\$64.20	\$49.00	\$45.60	\$42.40	\$39.20
83	\$366.00	\$166.00	\$87.80	\$65.80	\$50.25	\$46.40	\$43.10	\$39.80
84	\$368.00	\$168.00	\$89.40	\$67.40	\$51.50	\$47.20	\$43.80	\$40.40
85	\$370.00	\$170.00	\$91.00	\$69.00	\$52.75	\$48.00	\$44.50	\$41.00
86	\$372.00	\$172.00	\$92.60	\$70.60	\$54.00	\$48.80	\$45.20	\$41.60
87	\$374.00	\$174.00	\$94.20	\$72.20	\$55.25	\$49.60	\$45.90	\$42.20
88	\$376.00	\$176.00	\$95.80	\$73.80	\$56.50	\$50.40	\$46.60	\$42.80
89	\$378.00	\$178.00	\$97.40	\$75.40	\$57.75	\$51.20	\$47.30	\$43.40
90	\$380.00	\$180.00	\$99.00	\$77.00	\$59.00	\$52.00	\$48.00	\$44.00
91	\$382.00	\$182.00	\$100.60	\$78.60	\$60.25	\$52.80	\$48.70	\$44.60
92	\$384.00	\$184.00	\$102.20	\$80.20	\$61.50	\$53.60	\$49.40	\$45.20
93	\$386.00	\$186.00	\$103.80	\$81.80	\$62.75	\$54.40	\$50.10	\$45.80
94	\$388.00	\$188.00	\$105.40	\$83.40	\$64.00	\$55.20	\$50.80	\$46.40
95	\$390.00	\$190.00	\$107.00	\$85.00	\$65.25	\$56.00	\$51.50	\$47.00
96	\$392.00	\$192.00	\$108.60	\$86.60	\$66.50	\$56.80	\$52.20	\$47.60
97	\$394.00	\$194.00	\$110.20	\$88.20	\$67.75	\$57.60	\$52.90	\$48.20
98	\$396.00	\$196.00	\$111.80	\$89.80	\$69.00	\$58.40	\$53.60	\$48.80
99	\$398.00	\$198.00	\$113.40	\$91.40	\$70.25	\$59.20	\$54.30	\$49.40
100	\$400.00	\$200.00	\$115.00	\$93.00	\$71.50	\$60.00	\$55.00	\$50.00
101 (+)	\$450.00	\$250.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$80.00	\$70.00
120	\$500.00	\$300.00	\$200.00	\$150.00	\$120.00	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$80.00

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DATE	2018 Scoring Challenge	SCORING CHALLENGE HOLE
March 24	Cahoon Plantation	#17
April 7	Cypress Creek Golfer's Club	#3
April 28	Elizabeth Manor CC	#2
April 29	Riverfront Golf Club	#7
May 5	Viniterra Golf Club	#9
May 6	Kiskiack Golf Club	#13
May 19	Bide A Wee GC	#8
June 2	Virginia Beach National	#15
June 3	Oceana Hornet	#14
June 23	Ford's Colony Blackheath	#18
June 24	Nansemond River GC	#17
July 7	Scotch Hall Preserve	#17
July 16	Greenbrier Country Club	#2
August 11	Bay Creek Nicklaus	#2
August 12	Bay Creek Palmer	#9
September 8	Kilmarlic Golf Club	#3
September 9	Kilmarlic Golf Club	#14

SCORING CHALLENGE HOLES ARE ALL PAR 4's

Committee Members

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 Jason Hall
 Charlie Triplett
 Nick Schapowal

Initials

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 (R.D.)
 (D.M.)
 (M.P.)
 (T.B.)
 (C.A.)
 (J.H.)
 (C.T.)
 (N.S.)

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TIDEWATER, VA – RULE CHANGES for the 2018 Tour Season

RULE: Playing a Longer Tee Box will Result in a Penalty of UP to 4 Strokes MAX; Earning Zero Points for that Tournament, but still eligible for Prizes if earned.

[Committee Approved November 29, 2017}

RULE: ALL PAR 3's - ALL Players's Inside 10 Feet Split the Par 3 Challenge Purse Monies (Giving all Players in this Side Game a possible 4 chances at the Purse for that event)

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