

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CHANGES IN 2010

- **NEW! ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATION**

We're very excited to finally be offering online entry for all SeniorTour events. (See pages 3-4)

- **NEW! CHANGES TO EVENT PAYMENT PROCESSING**

With the arrival of our new online event registration our processing of event payments has changed.

All checks received with paper applications and online credit card transactions will be processed immediately. Just one check (made out to MGA) covering total payment for all events indicated, is required per application.

If a player withdraws from an event (within the event entry deadline) or is wait listed for an event (not getting in) then a refund check will be mailed out at the end of the season (between September 15-October 1) for reimbursement of all events withdrawn or wait listed from during the 2010 season.

For those players who signed up online there will be an immediate charge back to the original credit card used for the event entry. (See page 3)

- **NEW! SENIOR TOUR DIVISION DETERMINED BY AGE AS OF MAY 1, 2010**

Your age as of May 1, 2010 determines your division for the 2010 season. Senior: 55-64, Master: 65+ (See page 2)

- **NEW! DIFFERENT FORMATS IN SOME OF OUR TEAM EVENTS**

A surprise lineup of formats will be used in our 3-day, 2-man events at Deacon's Lodge, Crosswoods & Golden Eagle. We've also added single and four-ball net match play to the SeniorTour schedule in our first ever Section Cup Challenge at Dacotah Ridge.

- **NEW! Strategies for Pace of Play Improvement**

Issues with pace of play are common in all varieties of golf play from a daily round at a course to an MGA tournament or SeniorTour event. We have some different ideas we plan to try at some SeniorTour events. We'll evaluate their effectiveness and ask your opinions after a round where a new pace of play guideline has been used. We're looking at incentives and different pairing methods to try to see if we can help take out some the frustration slow pace of play can bring to an event. We'll be analyzing these pace of play methods for possible permanent implementation with the SeniorTour.

- **REMINDER - EVENT REGISTRATION BEGINS - MONDAY, MARCH 15**

PRIORITY FOR ALL MULTI-DAY, TWO-MAN TEAM EVENTS.

Entries will be taken on a first come basis for the four Multi-Day, Two-Man events *beginning, Monday, March 15.*

- 1) Cragun's Legacy Course - Bobby's & The Dutch
- 2) Detroit C.C. & Perham Lakeside G.C.
- 3) New 3-Day Event! Deacon's Lodge, Crosswoods G.C. & Golden Eagle G.C.
- 4) New Match Play Format! Section Cup Challenge at Dacotah Ridge (*limit of 15 teams per section*)

REFER TO YOUR SECTION SCHEDULE REGARDING INDIVIDUAL EVENT DEADLINES

There is no priority for the receiving of Individual Event entries. To be considered for an individual event your entry must be received by each individual event entry deadline.

(See page 2)

- **THANK YOU**

Thank you for taking the time to familiarize yourself with all aspects of the SeniorTour in this handbook. Please don't hesitate to contact Joel or Karen with any questions or comments.

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2010 MGA SENIOR TOUR HANDBOOK

TOUR FORMAT

The MGA Senior Tour is made up of four sections - Northern, Southern, Eastern and Western. Each section has a series of ten 18-hole events and nine all sections multi-day team events. A player may play in any section, but cannot play in more than one. One 18-hole round is played at each of the host facilities. Each 18-hole round is a separate competition. The form is various individual and better-ball team events in two age divisions, Senior Division (55-64) and Master Division (65 and over), with net and gross awards.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

The Senior Tour is open to amateur golfers who:

1. are current Associate Members of the Minnesota Golf Association and whose club is a member of the MGA. *Please contact your club in SPRING to ensure that your membership is active for the 2010 season.*
2. have reached their 55th birthday by May 1, 2010.
3. have a Handicap Index limit of 24.4.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION PROCESS

Registration for the 2010 Senior Tour begins **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2010.**

You may register two different ways:

1. Apply online with a credit card at www.mngolf.org
2. Fill out application and mail it or drop it off in our office with a check. Applications are available for download on our website at www.mngolf.org, also at the MGA office or will be mailed to players who request it. Applications are mailed to all of the previous year's participants who do not have an email address or online access.

Any applications RECEIVED PRIOR to Monday, February 1, 2010 will be returned to sender.

Each section of the MGA Senior Tour is limited to 225 members. Tour membership is limited to ensure that each tour member has the opportunity to compete in an average of 7 to 9 events. Please do not sign up for the MGA Senior Tour if you are only available to play in less than 4 events.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP ENTRY PROCEDURE

Applicants for the Senior Tour must complete an official Senior Tour membership application which must be signed and accompanied with the membership fee of \$55.00. Applications by telephone, fax or e-mail **will not** be accepted. MGA Senior Tour membership application forms will be accepted until the membership limit is reached. Senior Tour membership must be made prior to the deadline for the first event the individual wishes to enter. Incomplete applications are not acceptable and will be returned. A check with insufficient funds will void the application, and it

will be withdrawn. The applicant is responsible for any fees incurred by the MGA for checks returned for insufficient funds. The applicant must pay such fees before entry in any future MGA events is allowed.

SENIOR TOUR DIVISIONS (SENIOR/MASTER)

A player's division is determined by his age (Senior 55-64, Master 65+). A player's age for the season is **his age as of May 1, 2010.** Even if a player's age changes during the season that will not change his division assignment. You can't switch half way through the season.

For a Team event, if a Master player is paired with a Senior player you will compete in the Senior Division for that Team event. Any performance points made in a team event will be applied to each player's correct division in his section.

TOUR MEMBERSHIP WITHDRAWAL & REFUNDS

Senior Tour Membership Fee will be refunded if the MGA office is notified in writing and the following provisions are met:

1. Written notice of Tour membership resignation must be submitted before a player is accepted into his first Senior Tour Event or before the sixth event of the season.

*A \$5.00 service charge will be deducted from all refunds.

If the above provisions are not met, no refund will be given for the Senior Tour Membership Fee.

ENTRY DEADLINES & PRIORITY FOR TOUR EVENTS

Registration for each event begins Monday, March 15, 2010.

INDIVIDUAL EVENT REGISTRATION - There is no priority with individual event entries. As long as an entry is received by an entry deadline there will be an opportunity to play.

In the case of an oversubscribed field, there will be a blind draw after the closing entry date to bring the field down to 120 players (or the maximum number of players for the event) - those players not making it into the field will be put on a waiting list. Wait-listed players will be contacted if openings become available. ***After the event, those still on the waiting list who did not play will receive a designation that prevents them from being wait listed again. This will help ensure that each member only has to sit out one oversubscribed event.***

MULTI-DAY, TWO-MAN TEAM EVENT REGISTRATION -

There is priority for all of the Multi-Day, Two-Man Events. When a team event fills then a wait list will be created as entries come in. Wait-listed players will be contacted if openings become available. ***After the event, those still on the waiting list who did not play will NOT receive a wait list designation as in the Individual Event registration process.***

All entrants who do not get in an oversubscribed individual or team event will receive notice from the MGA with their entry status for the event.

ENTRY PROCEDURE FOR TOUR EVENTS

Registration for each event begins Monday, March 15, 2010.

You may register two different ways:

1. NEW! ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATION -

Apply online with a credit card at www.mngolf.org. Go to the Senior Tour Home Page (under Tournaments) and click on the Event Online Entry link on the righthand side. Please see boxed out area to the right regarding detailed Online Entry details and information.

2. DROP OFF OR MAIL A PRINTED EVENT FORM -

Entry forms for each section are available for download on our website at www.mngolf.org also at the MGA office or will be mailed to players who request it or do not have an email address or online access.

One entry form may be used to enter one event or as many as you like at one time. ***Printed entries must be accompanied with ONE PAYMENT CHECK (made to the MGA.) whether it be for just one event or multiple events. The one check should include a total payment for multiple events selected.***

Entries by telephone, fax or e-mail will not be accepted. Entries close at 4:30 p.m. on the deadline date for each individual event. Time limit for entries means time of receipt at MGA, not postmark. Late or incomplete entries are not acceptable and will be returned. A check with insufficient funds will void the entry and will be withdrawn. The entrant is responsible for any fees incurred by the MGA for checks returned with insufficient funds. Entrants must pay such fees before entry in any future MGA event is allowed.

PAYMENT PROCESSING FOR TOUR EVENTS

NEW! ALL CHECKS WILL BE CASHED UPON RECEIVING OF PRINTED ENTRIES OR CREDIT CARDS WILL BE CHARGED UPON ENTRY ONLINE.

In the past we have held onto checks for events until each event occurred. We will no longer be doing this. ***ALL CHECKS will be processed immediately as we receive them in our office.***

ENTRY WITHDRAWAL AND REFUNDS FOR A PARTICULAR SENIOR TOUR EVENT

Entry fee will be refunded for a specific Senior Tour Event, if the MGA office is notified ***by 3:00 pm on the Wednesday prior to the date of play.*** No refunds will be given for any reason after the Wednesday prior to the start of the event has occurred.

Online withdrawals will receive a charge back immediately to the credit card used for entry. For those entries with payment made by check, reimbursement checks will be mailed out after the end of the 2010 season between September 15-October 1, 2010.

NEW! ONLINE EVENT REGISTRATION

We are pleased to be streamlining our event registration process with the addition of online entry this year. Registration will go directly into our tournament pairing program where we create our pairings, scorecards and record results. You'll be able to enter yourself and withdraw yourself from all of our Senior Tour events online. Results on our website also be vastly improved with the ability to see complete results and your own hole-by-hole round for each Senior Tour event played. Here is how the online event entry process works:

1. REGISTER WITH THE ONLINE ENTRY HOME PAGE. -

You will need to register your information and create a username and password with the event entry home page. This area of the website is different from our mngolf.org website registration. So you'll need to set up a new username and password for this area. You can still use the same username and password that you use for the mngolf.org website or you can create a new a new one, but you will need to register with this area before starting with online event entry. Please use the same information you did when applying for your Senior Tour Membership (whether it be online or by paper application). You will receive a confirmation email once registered with the online event entry home page.

2. LOGIN TO THE ONLINE ENTRY HOME PAGE. -

Once you have registered, log into the Online Entry Home Page. From here a window will open up to the Tournament Schedule page listing all of the Senior Tour events. There will be a drop down box at the top with different choices, select one of the following to narrow your choices:

"All Championships" - shows all 2010 Senior Tour events.

"All Section Team Events" - shows just the multi-day, two-man team events.

"Section Individual Events" - shows individual events for (i.e. Northern) each section.

Once your list has been narrowed you can scroll down the list to see events you are interested in. When you click on the underlined name of the event (i.e. N1 - Northland CC) you will open up a page giving more details such as the shotgun time, format, cart information and host site contact information including a link to the host site website.

3. SELECT THE EVENTS YOU WOULD LIKE TO ENTER. -

Simply check the boxes to the left of the events you are interested in registering for and follow instructions taking you through the entry process.

You will receive confirmation emails for each event entered.

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Please note when selecting "cart" (for events where carts are extra), you will see "\$0" for the cart fee. Host sites determine the cost for cart at time of event with payment due in the pro shop on the day of the event.

4. TOURNAMENTS REGISTERED FOR

On the lefthand side click here to see what you have signed up for and to withdraw from an event.

5. TRANSACTION HISTORY

On the lefthand side click here to see your credit card transactions including entries and withdrawals.

6. EDIT PROFILE

If you have changes to your profile please make them, but also send an email off to Karen so we're aware of the changes and can make sure we the same changes in our MGA and GHIN databases.

opportunity to play with different golfers throughout the summer. For the other half of the events, pairings will be created in handicap index order.

If an event is extremely undersubscribed, modification may be made by the MGA Senior Tour Committee and changes will be communicated to each player prior to the event. Once entries are accepted, only substitutions by entered players may be made. Any changes or substitutions after the close of the entries will be handled by the MGA.

Results will be posted to each section's Parings and Results page within four days following each event. Results are not mailed out to those players without email, but a copies of results will be available to look at, at all events.

PACE OF PLAY

Each participant is expected to complete their round and return their completed scorecard within 4 hours and 45 minutes of starting the round otherwise the scorecard will not be accepted for that event meaning no performance points or prizes awarded - ESC score will still be posted to GHIN.

CARTS

For events noted as "with cart", everyone will be riding and the cart fee is included in the entry fee.

For events noted as "cart extra", players have the choice to walk or ride. Walkers can carry their own bags or pull carts are acceptable.

Host sites determine the cost for cart with payment due at the course on the day of the event. Players must use the host club's carts.

MGA CONDUCT POLICY

By submitting an entry, or by participating in any MGA competition, the player understands that his/her participation is at the sole discretion of the MGA. The player's entry may be rejected for any event, at the discretion of the Official in Charge, at any time before the close of the competition (as defined in the USGA Rules of Golf Book-Rule 34-1b). Likewise, the player's entry may be rejected, at the discretion of the Committee for reasons deemed necessary, at any time after the close of the competition. Unbecoming conduct or actions at any MGA event, or state, national, or international event, or conduct or action deemed detrimental to the MGA, the spirit of the game, or to the host facilities are grounds for such rejection. These include, but are not limited to:

1. Cheating
 2. Willful destruction of golf course or MGA property
 3. Abusive language or conduct towards MGA and/or host facility, staff, volunteers, or other players
 4. Abusive or derogatory criticism of the MGA and/or host facility staff, volunteers, or other players
 5. Club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others
 6. Offensive or excessively loud behavior
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LOOKING FOR A PARTNER FOR TEAM EVENTS?

If you are looking for a partner for any of the Multi-Day, Two-Man events (except the Section Cup Challenge), contact Karen as quickly as possible to be added to a list of those players looking for partners. We'll do our best to pair people up, but can't guarantee a match. Karen will call or send an email to connect players and it will be up to the players to talk and decide whether to team up and enter an event together.

SHOWING UP ON TIME & NO SHOWS

Please be respectful of the host site, Senior Tour staff and other competitors by showing up in a timely manner and honoring your commitment to participate. Arriving within 15 minutes of your shotgun time is considered late. Arriving late means you will not be guaranteed the ability to play due to the juggling of carts, tee boxes and foursomes prior to your arrival. No refund will be available in the event of withdrawal due to lateness. We will be keeping track of all late arrivals and No Shows. Any player who has two or more No Shows or late arrivals will be automatically wait listed for any oversubscribed event they enter.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

No provisions have been made for practice rounds at any Senior Tour sites, but clubs may be open to public play at prescribed times.

PAIRINGS AND RESULTS

Players will be notified of pairings within a week and a half after each event entry deadline. Pairings and notice to competitors will be posted to each section's Pairings and Results page and players without email will get a mailing.

For half of the Senior Tour events, pairings are created in an ABCD format. We found this allowed more players the

7. Alcohol and/or substance impaired behavior
8. Repeated withdrawals or no cards during or after completion of a round
9. Inappropriate golf attire
10. Other conduct deemed to be unbecoming

Should such an incident occur, the Official in Charge shall submit a report to the Senior Tour Committee. Future sanctions may range from suspension from future MGA events to not being eligible for MGA team competitions and/or player awards. This may include losing exempt status for future year(s). The decision to reject an entry during an event by the Official in Charge is final.

AWARDS

The formats are various individual events in two age divisions, Senior Division (55-64) and Master Division (65 & over), with net and gross awards. Merchandise certificates will be awarded as determined by the MGA Senior Tour Committee. No contestant can win more than one award per event.

SENIOR TOUR SCORING REQUIREMENTS

In order to tabulate the winners of shotgun Tour events as quickly as possible, each score card must be filled out completely including gross and net scores. During stableford competitions, stableford points on each hole as well as total stableford points must be filled out on each score card. If a player fails to complete a hole, he must enter the score he most likely would have had. All scores shot during the MGA Senior Tour are tournament scores and will be posted by the MGA into each player's handicap record. Each score card must be totalled and have two signatures before it is turned into the scoreboard. Score cards that are not totalled or incomplete in any way will be returned to the players to complete before they will be accepted.

Be sure to start your score card on the hole on which you are starting and mark the card after each hole. Please keep a neat, legible score card. No individual or team may keep their own score.

Stableford Points

- 1 Point - Net Bogey
- 2 Points - Net Par
- 3 Points - Net Birdie
- 4 Points - Net Eagle
- 5 Points - Net Double Eagle

Upon completion of play, players must check their hole-by-hole scores carefully. Both the player and the marker must sign the card and return it to the Senior Tour site captain in a prompt manner.

SENIOR TOUR PERFORMANCE POINTS

The top eight in the net and gross competition in each division in each event will receive Senior Tour Performance Points. Each player's performance points accumulate for a performance point total that is taken from their top four finishes. Performance points will be awarded as follows:

The top 8 in the net and gross competition

	<u>Individual Event</u>	<u>Team Event</u> (Points per player)
1st	50 points	30 points
2nd	40 points	24 points
3rd	35 points	21 points
4th	30 points	18 points
5th	25 points	15 points
6th	20 points	12 points
7th	15 points	9 points
8th	10 points	6 points

There is a link to the performance points standings on the Senior Tour homepage and at the top of each section's Pairings and Results page. If you do not have internet access and would like Karen to send you a copy of the standings just give her a call.

The top four players in Net and Gross, in each age division from each section will be invited to the Senior Tour Finals. A total of 64 players will be in the finals. The Senior Tour Finals will be an individual stableford net and gross competition.

The MGA Senior Tour Finals will be played Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at Windsong Farm.

FOOTWEAR POLICY

ALL Senior Tour Events require soft spikes.

MGA DRESS CODE

For all MGA competitions, players must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. All males are required to wear shirts with collars or mock turtlenecks and sleeves, and either golf slacks or Bermuda shorts which measure no higher than two (2) inches above their knees. All females are required to wear either slacks, shorts, or golf skirts that are of appropriate length, and golf tops (sleeveless tops are permitted).

Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE include the following:

Short shorts, athletic shorts, tennis shorts, cutoffs, jeans, jean shorts, tank tops, t-shirts, and sweats pants. The committee in charge shall decide whether this requirement has been met and will withdraw the entry of any player who does not comply with this policy.

MISCELLANEOUS

- The USGA Rules of Amateur Status will be the standard for the MGA Senior Tour. Each participant must conform to those Rules in every respect. **See Rules and Regulations on page 8** or better yet, sign up for an MGA Rules Workshop in spring. Go to the Rules area on mngolf.org or call Karen to see what is being offered.
- Each participant in the MGA Senior Tour acknowledges that neither the Minnesota Golf Association nor the host facilities are responsible for any injury during the playing of any Senior Tour event.

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- Each participant in the MGA Senior Tour acknowledges that his membership is subject to rejection at any time by the MGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct (see MGA Conduct Policy to the left).
- The MGA reserves the right to use any photographic or video image of any competitor taken during a Senior Tour event for its own media-related use(s).

MGA SENIOR TOUR CAPS

Each registered Senior Tour participant is eligible to receive an official 2010 MGA Senior Tour Cap. Caps are available for pick up at events and in the MGA office.

MGA SENIOR TOUR ROSTER

The Senior Tour Roster is available to all 2010 Senior Tour Members. The roster lists each 2010 member including: full name, member club, section, division and the contact information that each member wants displayed as specified on his application. Printed rosters will be available for pick up at all Senior Tour events. Please note after the season begins that we do get some contact changes. If you are having trouble reaching someone, check with Karen to see if there has been a change to the person's contact information. We will also send out an updated roster periodically if many changes have been made.

Please be respectful of this Senior Tour information. It is meant to be informative for Senior Tour players and not for sales or blast email uses.

JUST A FEW FINAL REMARKS...

Let us know what you think...

Please don't hesitate to talk to your MGA site captain or MGA staff regarding your thoughts about the Senior Tour. We're constantly striving to create the optimal golfing experience for you and appreciate your feedback of all kinds.

We're very appreciative of our host sites and we can't forget to let them know...

To host an MGA Senior Tour event is a common request from golf clubs, courses and country clubs all over the state. Each year we try to tap into the wonderful choices we have to offer variety, challenge and discovery for all Senior Tour participants. Each host site's staff and pro work very hard to put on a quality event. Please don't hesitate to thank them and let them know you enjoyed your round of golf with them at an event!

Thank you... for your participation in the MGA Senior Tour. It has a tremendous history and has become a program that has been emulated in other golf associations across the nation. Here at the MGA we are very proud of the program and of the players, host sites and staff who have come to make it such a successful and valuable part of golf in Minnesota.

Have a great season this year!



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2010 SELECTED STATE & NATIONAL SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

Date	Event	Site
June 14-16	11th MGA Senior Players' Championship	Interlachen Country Club
June 30	2010 US Senior Open Sectional Qualifying	Mendakota Country Club
July 17-18	59th MPGA Senior Publinks Championship	Highland National Golf Course
August 4	2010 Twin Cities Senior Championship	Bunker Hills Golf Club
August 30-September 1	89th MGA Senior Championship	The Minikahda Club
September 7	2010 US Senior Amateur Sectional Qualifying	Woodhill Country Club
September 27-28	37th MGA Senior Four-Ball Championship	Island View Golf Club

MGA SENIOR TOUR CHAMPIONS

Year	Sr. Tour Finals Site	Champion(s)
1996	Bearpath Golf & Country Club	Mike Sewall, <i>Fox Hollow Golf Club</i>
1997	Woodhill Country Club	Net: Bob Ziegler, <i>New Prague Golf Club</i> Gross: Bob Leaf, <i>Stillwater Country Club</i>
1998	The Wilds Golf Club	Net: Duane Baglien, <i>New Prague Golf Club</i> Gross: Bud Tompkins, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
1999	The Minikahda Club	Net: Paul Plager, <i>Northern Hills Golf Course</i> Gross: Jim Blanchard, <i>Deer Run Golf Club</i>
2000	Hazeltine National Golf Club	Net: Ron Seagren, <i>Hiawatha Golf Club</i> Gross: Dean Fjelstul, <i>Hazeltine National Golf Club</i>
2001	Oak Ridge Country Club	Net: Tom Wos, <i>University Golf Club</i> Gross: Pat Vincelli, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2002	North Oaks Golf Club	Net: Gilbert Schmitz, <i>Redwood Falls Golf Club</i> Gross: Pat Vincelli, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2003	Somerset Country Club	Net: Roy Bogen, <i>Dwan Golf Club</i> Gross: Pat Vincelli, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2004	Interlachen Country Club	Net: Bob Berg, <i>Brookview Golf Club</i> Gross: Pat Vincelli, <i>Brackett's Crossing Country Club</i>
2005	Windsong Farm	Net: Marv Kaiser, <i>University Golf Club</i> Gross: Ron Clayton, <i>Waseca Lakeside Club</i>
2006	White Bear Yacht Club	Net: Gary Swenson, <i>Pebble Creek Golf Club</i> Gross: Mike Cleland, <i>St. Cloud Country Club</i>
2007	Golden Valley Golf & Country Club	Net: Karl Olson, <i>Headwaters Country Club</i> Gross: R.J. Smiley, <i>Hardwood's Golf Club</i>
2008	North Oaks Golf Club	Net: Les Ernster, <i>Northern Hills Golf Course</i> Gross: R.J. Smiley, <i>Hardwood's Golf Club</i>
2009	Wayzata Golf & Country Club	Net: Jack Hughes, <i>Braemar Golf Course</i> Gross: John Fox, <i>Braemar Golf Course</i>



John Fox, 2009 Overall Gross Champion



Jack Hughes, 2009 Overall Net Champion

SENIOR TOUR - MGA RULES OF PLAY AND INFORMATION

Minnesota Golf Association Senior Tour Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf and by the following Local Rules and Definitions. Additional Local Rules for each club will be distributed at each event.

Unless otherwise noted, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Stroke Play-Two Strokes.

TIME OF STARTING - In an Individual event, the player shall start at the time and hole laid down by the Committee. If the player arrives at the starting point, ready to play before his group has completed their first hole, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. If the player arrives after the first hole is completed, he is Disqualified. He may continue to play but cannot turn in a score.

LIMITATION ON GOLF BALLS - The One Ball Rule is not in effect.

OUT OF BOUNDS - Defined by nearest inside points of stakes, flags, fence posts, masonry walls at ground level. When OB is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. Rule 27-1.

WATER AND LATERAL WATER HAZARDS - Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes, flags or yellow lines. Lateral water hazards are defined by red stakes, flags or red lines. Rule 26-1.

- When stakes, flags and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes and flags identify hazards and lines define margins.
- When a lateral water hazard is defined on only one side, it is deemed to extend to infinity.
- When water hazards and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds, the hazard margin extends to and coincides with the out of bounds line.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR - Defined by white lines. French drains are deemed to be ground under repair. Flower beds on the course are also deemed to be ground under repair. Rule 25-1.

DISCONTINUANCE OF PLAY - When play is suspended for a potentially dangerous situation, play must discontinue immediately and shall not resume until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. All practice areas shall be closed during suspension for a potentially dangerous situation until the Committee has declared them open. Penalty for breach of suspended play rule is disqualification.

Discontinuance of Play Signals:

- Potentially Dangerous situation - One prolonged airhorn note.
- Other types of suspension - Three consecutive airhorn notes, repeated.
- Resumption of play - Two short airhorn notes, repeated.

YARDAGE DISTANCE RANGE FINDERS are permissible. You may tell others the yardage or let them use the equipment. You may not talk about club selection. Information about distance is not advice.

PACE OF PLAY - Each participant is expected to complete their round and return their completed scorecard within 4 hours and 45 minutes of starting the round otherwise the scorecard will not be accepted for that event meaning no performance points or prizes awarded - ESC score will still be posted to GHIN.

The Local Rule for stones in bunkers is NOT in effect!!!

OBSTRUCTIONS - An obstruction is anything artificial, including the artificial surfaces of roads & paths and white lined areas tying into them, except:

- A. Objects defining out of bounds, such as a wall, fences, stakes & railings;
- B. Any part of an immovable artificial object which is out of bounds;
- C. Any construction declared by the Committee to be an integral part of the course. See Rule 24.

NO PRACTICE PUTTING RULE - Between the play of two holes, a player shall not play any practice stroke on or near the putting green of the hole last played. This does not preclude a player from finishing out a hole in a stableford event where his score may not be used in a team competition. Penalty - Two Strokes at next hole.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE - Applies to stroke play. A competitor may play a second ball if the competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure. Before taking further action, the competitor must announce to his marker or fellow-competitor his decision to proceed under this rule and which ball he wishes to count if the rules permit. The player shall report the facts to the Committee before returning his score card even if he scores the same with both balls; if he fails to do so, he shall be Disqualified.

OVERHEAD POWER LINES - If a ball strikes an overhead power line or cable, the player must disregard that stroke, abandon the ball and play another ball as nearly as possible at the spot from which the original ball was played in accordance with Rule 20-5.

EMBEDDED BALL - Anywhere "through the green," a ball embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, except in loose sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. Appendix I - Local Rules.

REPORTING RESULTS - *Upon completion of play, players should check their hole-by-hole scores carefully. Both the player and the marker must sign the card and return it to the Committee in a prompt manner.* All scores must be totalled.

2010 SENIOR TOUR RULES WORKSHOP

Tuesday, April 27 at Midland Hills Country Club

Two sessions to choose from:

8:00-11:00 a.m. (lunch follows)

1:00-4:00 p.m. (lunch precedes)

Cost: \$25 (includes 2010-11 USGA Rules of Golf book, handouts, and lunch)

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