

# SOUTHWEST DEAF GOLF ASSOCIATION

## Guidelines

### 1. Date of Tournament

Section 1. The annual Southwest Deaf Golf Association tournament shall be held during the weekdays of June except for the week immediately after Father's Day. The site of the future tournament must be determined two years in advance

2012 - Austin, TX (ADGL)

2016 – Oklahoma (WinStar Golf Club near Gainesville, TX)

2013 - Wichita Falls, TX

2014 - Austin, TX (SWDGA)

2015 - San Antonio, TX

### 2. Tournaments

Section 1. The Open Division tournament shall have three rounds (54 holes).

Section 2. The Senior Division tournament shall have three rounds (54 holes). Play for seniors must start at 8 a.m.

Section 3. The Super Senior Division tournament shall have two rounds (36 holes).

Section 4. Any golfer can participate in the Open Division tournament while any golfer fifty-five years of age or over may participate in the Senior Division tournament.

Section 5. Any golfer can participate in the Senior Division tournament while any golfer sixty-five years of age or over may participate in the Super Senior Division tournament.

Section 6. A scramble tournament is optional on the first day of the Southwest Deaf Golf Association tournament to be open to the public.

### 3. Contribution to Tournament Prizes from Affiliated Organizations

Section 1. The affiliated organizations of Austin (ADGL), Dallas, San Antonio (CTDGA), and Wichita Falls are to raise two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) and give this amount directly to the SWDGA Secretary/Treasurer at least sixty days prior to the coming tournament. In the case of delinquent funds from any of the affiliated organizations, the SWDGA Executive Committee shall be responsible to meet and solve the monetary situation as soon as possible after the deadline. Any club may join the SWDGA as an affiliated organization by contributing two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) to the SWDGA treasury and be counted as an addition to the present four said affiliated organizations stated above.

### 4. Golfer Dues/Fees

Section 1. A member golfer shall pay fifteen dollars for SWDGA membership dues and a non-member golfer shall pay two dollars for the non-member fee. All golfers shall pay five dollars for the SWDGA golf tournament registration fee. All dues and fees are to be paid prior to the start of the first round.

Section 2. The host tournament committee shall keep five dollars per golfer as a registration fee.

Section 3. The host tournament committee shall collect fifteen dollars per member golfer for membership dues and two dollars per non-member golfer for non-member fees, which shall be given to the SWDGA treasury.

Section 4. The host tournament committee shall keep twenty-five dollars per golfer as a late fee.

#### **5. Merchandise and/or Prizes**

Section 1. Merchandise and/or prizes shall be at least one thousand dollars paid annually by a host committee in addition to the total amount of entry/prize fees.

#### **6. Prizes**

Section 1. The host committee must purchase and/or solicit donations for prizes for all entrants of the tournament. All prizes must be distributed into categories, i.e. scratch for open golfers and senior golfers.

Section 2. The host committee may collect a prize fee up to \$30 from member golfers.

#### **7. Distribution of Prizes**

Section 1. All prizes coming from the entry/prize fees should be distributed to all the ranking golfers after the results of the tournament are produced.

Section 2. A prize amount should be given to the last-ranking golfer, and from the last to the top-ranking golfer - the prize amount will increase at each climb up the ranks.

Section 3. The host tournament committee must present the listing of prize giveaways to the Executive Committee of SWDGA for approval prior to the start of the first round of the tournament.

#### **8. Proper Attire for Golfers**

Section 1. All golfers are required to wear the proper attire; golf shirts and proper slacks or shorts (not cutoff slacks, cargo shorts, or jeans) during the tournament rounds.

#### **9. Total Yardage of Golf Course**

Section 1. The total yardage of the golf course for the Open Division must exceed 5,999 yards.

Section 2. The total yardage of the golf course for the Senior Division must exceed 5,499 yards.

Section 3. The total yardage of the golf course for the Super Senior Division must exceed 4,999 yards.

Section 4. The slope rating of the golf course must be 110 or better.

#### **10. Final Results of Tournament Rounds**

Section 1. The host committee's chairperson shall write up the final results of each day of the tournament (Open Division, Senior Division, and Super Senior Division) and he/she shall return the official golf cards (scores) to the Secretary/Treasurer of SWDGA on the day of the tournament.

#### **11. Posting Results of Each Round**

Section 1. The host is responsible for posting the results of each round on a suitable bulletin board or placard at the tournament site. The host shall return golf scorecards to the Secretary/Treasurer of SWDGA immediately after placing the results on the board.

#### **12. Condition of Golf Competition**

Section 1. The conditions of the golf competition and the rules governing tournaments given by this association shall be those prescribed by the United States Golf Association (USGA).

### **13. Flights of Tournament**

Section 1. Depending on the number of participating golfers, there shall be a championship flight and a minimum of two flights. Official gross scores shall make flights on the first round subject to approval of the Executive Committee.

### **14. Time and Place of Next Year's Golf Tournament**

Section 1. The site and date of next year's golf tournament shall be announced at least four months in advance by the host. The host shall also make a two-hundred-fifty-dollar (\$250) deposit to SWDGA. SWDGA shall fine the host two hundred fifty dollars (\$250) if the host drops the tournament.

### **15. Inspection of Golf Facilities**

Section 1. An official representative from SWDGA who happens to live near the site shall conduct an inspection of golf facilities, arrangements, and plans of the host tournament committee for the annual tournament and shall arrange a valid contract between SWDGA and the host tournament committee. The host tournament committee will reimburse the SWDGA representative's expenses.

### **16. Passing Out Golf Rules**

Section 1. The host committee of the SWDGA tournament shall pass out the local golf rules the evening before the first day of competition. The host shall be responsible for contacting the golf course manager to ensure agreement on the local rules, course conditions, etc.

### **17. Signing Score Pads**

Section 1. Each score must be signed by an opposing pair after the scores are added properly and are confirmed as correct. Failing to do so will lead to a penalty of two strokes.

### **18. Outside SWDGA Region**

Section 1. SWDGA tournaments are open to any deaf golfer wanting to participate.

### **19. Collection of Prize Fee**

Section 1. The host committee may collect a prize fee of \$30 per member golfer.

### **20. Sponsorship**

Section 1. A private corporation may be allowed to sponsor a tournament as a tax write-off with a minimum of \$1000.

### **21. Documentation**

Section 1. All SWDGA communication via email must be documented in alternative copy.

### **22. Etiquette for Golfers During Tournament**

Section 1. Do not write your score while you are on the green. Depart from the green as soon as your threesome or foursome is finished.

Section 2. Do not move or talk while a golfer is playing a shot.

Section 3. Do not stand too close when a golfer is playing a shot.

Section 4. Wait until the players ahead of you are far enough before playing.

Section 5. Prepare yourself discreetly while other golfers are playing in order to be ready when your turn comes.

Section 6. Do not look for your ball for more than three minutes and replace the lost ball as time expires. (Add an additional stroke for the lost ball.)

Section 7. Replace all divots. Erase (smooth out) all footprints in sand traps. Repair ball marks on the green.

Section 8. Do not walk on the line of the putt of other golfers.

Section 9. Do not disturb other golfers with your shadow.

Section 10. Do not drop clubs on the putting green.

Section 11. Replace the flagstick correctly when leaving the green to an upright position.

Section 12. Always stay at least thirty feet from the greens if in a cart. Keep cart on the cart path as much as possible.

Section 13. The player whose ball is the farthest from the cup always plays first.

Section 14. You must play within four and a half hours on the course or a penalty of two strokes will be assessed to the threesome or foursome for the slow play.

Section 15. Common courtesy and proper manners will ensure everyone has a good tournament.

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