

2012 VSGA & VSGA-WD Championship & Tournament Rules and Policies

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

All participants in 2012 Virginia State Golf Association and Virginia State Golf Association-Women's Division tournaments and/or Championships must abide by the following Rules, Policies, and Guidelines.

Exceptions: SunTrust State Open and the Senior Open of Virginia (see respective entry forms)

Rules

Play will be governed by the USGA *Rules of Golf*, as modified by local rules.

Receipt of Entry

Entries will be accepted online (www.vsga.org), by mail, or hand delivered to the VSGA Office at:

**600 Founders Bridge Blvd
Midlothian, VA 23113**

No phone or faxed entries will be accepted. Online entries must be paid for by credit card. Mailed or hand delivered entries must be accompanied by either cash or check in the amount indicated on the entry form. Please make checks payable to the VSGA. All players, including exempt players, must submit a properly executed entry form and include the proper entry fee by the deadline date. Late entries will only be accepted if spots are available.

See State Open and Senior Open entry forms for Professional entry procedure.

Rejection of Entry

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the VSGA or VSGA-WD. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct or actions which are detrimental to other players. In addition, at any time prior to, during, or after an event, if it is found that the player was not in compliance with the eligibility guidelines, he/she will be disqualified.

Refunds

Any refunds issued for VSGA and/or VSGA-WD Championships and/or Tournaments will be given on the following basis: (1) If a participant withdraws five days prior to the first day of the tournament or before - *refund is subject to a \$20.00 administrative fee*, (2) If a participant withdraws less than five days prior to the first day of the tournament - *no refund will be given*.

Tournament Eligibility Guidelines

VSGA and VSGA-WD Tournament Eligibility Guidelines (i.e. Residency Requirements) can be found on the VSGA's website at www.vsga.org. Tournament Eligibility Guidelines can also be found in the March/April issue of *Virginia Golfer Magazine*.

Cell Phone Policy

Use of cell phones, pagers, beepers and the like will not be allowed. Violation of this prohibition will result in a warning - continued violation shall result in a disqualification in accordance with the Rejection of Entry statement above.

Course Condition

The VSGA has no control over the condition of a golf course. The VSGA requests from each club that it provide a course in good condition. However, if the event is played, there will be no refund granted, other than refunds made according to the refund policy.

VSGA Inclement Weather Policy

In the event that one or more rounds are not completed due to inclement weather, the VSGA and/or VSGA-WD Tournament Committee(s) reserve the right to reduce the number of rounds and size of the field. The Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of rounds of qualifying and may reschedule the site, date, and time of any or all match play rounds if conditions warrant such action.

Dress Code

Participants must adhere to the host club's dress code. In addition, jeans, short-shorts, cut-offs, gym-shorts, tank tops, T-shirts or swim wear are not permitted.

Caddies

Players may have caddies, but caddies may not ride in a golf cart at any time, unless otherwise noted. Please see the four junior championship entry forms for specific caddie information for those events.

Spectators

Spectators are not allowed to ride in carts with the exception of the four junior championships, which will be at the club's discretion.

Distance-Measuring Devices

In all VSGA & VSGA-WD competitions 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 functions are actually used.

Close of Competition

Competition is deemed closed when prizes are awarded, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the committee.

Tournament Information

Players will be notified of their acceptance approximately one week prior to the event. If an email address has been provided, information will be emailed, if not, paper copies of all information will be mailed.

Tournament Committee

The Tournament Committee reserves the right to reduce the field size based on number of entries received.

VSGA Web Site

Additional championship and tournament information is available at www.vsga.org.