2026 VSGA One-Day Event Rules and Policies

All participants in 2026 Virginia State Golf Association One-Day Events must abide by the following Rules, Policies, and Guidelines.

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

Entry Requirements
Open to men and women of all ages (juniors age 17 and under must have a disclaimer signed by a parent/guardian). In order to be eligible for prizes, the player must (i) hold an active GHIN number issued by a licensed VSGA Member Club in good standing and (ii) comply fully with USGA Rules of Amateur Status. Non-VSGA Members and Professionals are not eligible. As a condition of participating in this event, each player must sign a disclaimer and release of liability in favor of the VSGA.

Receipt of Entry/Deadline
All entries and entry fees must be received by the VSGA no later than the published event deadline. Late entries will only be accepted if spots are available. Entrants will be placed in the event by date of receipt. If the event sells out by February 12 at 11:59 pm, the field and waitlist will be determined by a lottery.

Rejection of Entry/Risks of the Game
Entries are subject to rejection at any time by the VSGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct. There are certain risks in the game of golf and participants accept personal and sole liability for such risks, including, but not limited to, any health-related risks.

Entry Fees
$70 per player
Impact Events - $95 per player
Fees include all administration, green fees, cart fees, and prizes.

Withdrawal/Credit/Refund Policy
Credits must be requested by calling or emailing the VSGA. No credits will be issued if the player processes their withdrawal through the website.
Credits must be used, or refunds for credits must be requested in accordance with the policy below, by the final 2026 One-Day Event.
If a refund is requested, the following will apply:
(1) If a participant withdraws at least seven days prior to the day of the event - *refund is subject to a $10 administrative fee*;
(2) If a participant withdraws less than seven days prior to the day of the event - *no refund will be given*.
To be eligible for a credit, it must be requested three or more days prior to the day of the event. Impact events are not eligible for credits. Refunds must be requested in accordance with the above policy.

Course Condition/Inclement Weather
The VSGA requests from each club that it provides a course in good condition. The VSGA has no control over the condition of a golf course or weather. If the event is played, there will be no refunds granted. If there is a question on the weather the morning of an event, please contact the club for additional information.

Handicapping
Handicaps will be determined by the revision one business day prior to the One-Day Event. The maximum playing handicap issued for all players is 54 strokes. The VSGA One-Day Committee reserves the right to modify a player's Course Handicap for the duration of a competition.

Posting Scores
The VSGA will post individual stroke play scores for all players to their handicap record immediately following the close of competition. Scores will be posted as C (competition) scores.

Event Information
Additional information pertaining to the event will be e-mailed to all persons listed on the entry with a valid e-mail address approximately five days prior to the event. Please arrive and register on-site, ready to play, at least 30 minutes prior to the scheduled shotgun starting time.

Caddies
Players may have a caddie and caddies may ride in carts only if there is an open seat. A single group will only be allotted two carts and only two people may ride in a cart, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee. No one may ride on the back of a cart at any time. Otherwise, caddies must walk and must not slow down pace of play.

Format
All events will be 18-hole individual stroke play. All players will receive 95% of their Course Handicap. Events will be flighted by handicap. Tees will be determined based on age.

The tee guidelines below apply to prizes only. If a player decides to play a shorter set of tees, the player will not be eligible for prizes. Those playing a longer set of tees must notify VSGA staff prior to the round starting in order to be eligible for prizes.
Ages 49 and Under (approximately 6,200 – 6,400 yards)
Ages 50-64 (approx. 6,000 – 6,200 yards)
Ages 65-74 (approx. 5,700 – 5,900 yards)
Ages 75-79 (approx. 5,400 – 5,900 yards)
Ages 80 and Over (approx. 4,800 – 5,300 yards)
Ladies (approx. 4,800-5,200 yards)

Host Club Requirements
Participants must adhere to host club requirements and its dress code. In addition, jeans, short-shorts, cut-offs, gym shorts, tank tops, t-shirts or swim wear are not permitted. Personal coolers are not permitted. Club rules on the use of carts and push/pull-carts apply.

Pace of Play
Competitors are reminded that Rule 5.6 carries a penalty for undue delay and/or slow play. The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish. Additional information may be given on-site, but the VSGA One-Day Committee reserves the right to disqualify a player/group if they return their scorecard more than 30 minutes after the group that started directly ahead of them.

Ties
All ties for gross and net prizes will be settled by matching scorecards, using holes 10-18, then holes 13-18, then holes 16-18, and then hole 18.

Close of Competition
Competition is deemed closed when prizes are given out, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the Committee.

Prizes
Prizes consist of gift certificates redeemable at host club golf shop only. Gift certificates have an expiration date printed on them; please abide by the printed expiration date. The VSGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise certificates after the date of the One-Day Event. The VSGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played. If you are unable to stay, prizes will be left in the club's golf shop.

Maximum Score
The maximum score per hole is net double bogey. Once a player has reached net double bogey, they should pick up and record the maximum score for that hole. Players that do not pick up may be asked to comply with pace of play suggestions or risk being disqualified.

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