

2017 GOLF ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA TOURNAMENT POLICIES

ADMINISTRATION FEE

A \$20 administration fee will be charged for withdrawal prior to entry deadline.

CANCELLATIONS AND POSTPONEMENTS

Tournaments will not be cancelled or postponed unless a course is deemed unplayable by the Member Club, a GAP Tournament Committee Member or an authorized official.

CELLULAR PHONES AND BEEPERS

All players/caddies are advised that the use of cellular/Smart phones for phone calls/emails/texts/messaging on the course is permitted as long as it is done so within the confines of Rule 14-3 and if the host facility allows those devices to be used. All players are expected to keep their phones in silent mode while on the course. If a player consistently disregards his fellow competitors or opponent to their detriment, the Committee will take appropriate disciplinary action. Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a limited time or in a certain number of competitions. In the case of a serious breach, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 33-7. There could be a penalty for undue delay (Rule 6-7) or disqualification (33-7) based on a player's actions. Golf is considered a gentleman's game and each player is expected to adhere to the highest standards of conduct on the course.

DRESS CODE

Players are required to observe good taste and dress appropriately for the golf course. Items of clothing such as cargo pants and shorts (baggy clothing with large pockets in the knee area), blue jeans, short-shorts (bottom of shorts may be not higher than two inches from the top of the knee), tank tops, etc. are considered inappropriate. Anyone attired in such a manner will not be allowed to participate in an Association event.

ETIQUETTE

The Committee may take disciplinary action against player(s) who disregard etiquette to the detriment of other players. Such action may, for example, include prohibiting play for a certain number of competitions. This is considered to be justifiable in terms of protecting the interest of the majority of golfers who wish to play in accordance with the guidelines of the Rules of Golf.

In the case of a serious breach of Etiquette, the Committee may disqualify a player under Rule 33-7.

FAILURE TO RETURN A SCORECARD

Any player who fails to return a scorecard to the scoreboard official or who withdraws during play without notifying an official and personally surrendering his scorecard to that official will be suspended from play in all GAP tournaments for one year.

KNUTH TOURNAMENT HANDICAP SYSTEM

The GAP will utilize the Knuth Tournament Handicap System for the following events when the field size is 50 players or more: Chapman Cup - Net; "Tee it Forward" - Fall/Spring Net Championships; Father-Son (Middle); Father-Son (Older); Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship, Four-Man Team; Pro.-Pres., Golf & Green; Senior Four-Man Team; Senior Four-Ball Stroke Play Championship; Volunteers Day; Warner Cup - Net and all Winter Series events.

NO SHOW

If unable to meet the assigned time you must notify the Golf Office by phone at 610-687-2340, ext. 14. If withdrawal is on the day of the event, call Kirby Martin, Director of Competitions, at 267-421-9432, or contact via email at kmartin@gapgolf.org. Those players who fail to appear for their assigned time without notifying GAP will be suspended from playing in all GAP tournaments for one year.

CART FEE REFUNDS

Refunds for the cart fee portion of the entry fee will be issued **only** for a withdrawal occurring 14 days prior to the event.

SPECTATOR CARTS

In order to protect the players and the courses on which the Association host and its events, the use of spectator golf carts in any event is prohibited.

TEE TIMES

Assignment of starting times will be made according to preference. In the event this can't be equitably arranged, priority will be determined on a first-come, first-serve basis. In the event that the number of entries can't facilitate an afternoon wave of starting times, all players will receive a morning starting time.