

TOURNAMENT RULES & REGULATIONS

OVERVIEW

The tournament regulations of the PGA of America, the South Florida Section, the SW Chapter of the South Florida Section and the SW Chapter PGA Assistants' Group guide and govern the conduct of all members. These regulations are recognized as part of the mandatory provisions of the government of the Association in the conduct of tournament activity. United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules of Golf shall govern all play except as modified by Local rules.

RESPONSIBILITY

1. All Professionals are responsible for knowing the USGA Rules of Golf. It is advisable for each Professional to carry a current Rule Book in their bag.
2. All Professionals are held responsible for knowing their starting time in SW Chapter PGA Assistants' Group sponsored events. Tee times are made available by calling the host club, contacting the current Assistants' Group Chairperson or accessing the Chapter web site through www.sfggagolf.com. Please click on the Chapter link on the right side of the page, and then select Southwest and finally, select SW Chapter Assistants' Corner link.
3. All entries fees must be paid in full prior to teeing off in a particular event. It is strongly suggested/requested that payment be paid in full prior to the day. If all participants pay prior to the event, then the SW Chapter Treasurer has the ability to administer prize money in a more efficient manner.
4. Refund Policy – No refunds will be given if pairings have been made, usually 24 to 48 hours after the deadline date. Requests for a refund may be made in writing to the current Assistants' Group Chairperson. Refunds may be given in the form as a credit towards the next event scheduled to play.
5. A player is responsible for all personal charges incurred at the host club.
6. Failure to notify the Assistants' Group Chairperson or the host club prior to tee time will result in forfeiture of entry fee money and any request for a full refund.
7. Female Tee Policy – Female tees will be set up specifically for Female Professionals in all Assistants' Group events where Female Professionals have entered. The length of the course shall be a maximum of 85% of the course length for Male competitors.
8. Failure to return a scorecard will result in a disqualification.
9. Player's Card Policy – All participants of Assistants' Group events shall be required to purchase a current Assistants' Group Player's Card. It is NOT required to purchase a current SW Chapter Player's Card if the participant is participating in Assistants' Group events exclusively.
10. Purse Breakdown – As a standard rule, the Assistants' Group should payout between 30-40% of the field per the standard purse breakdown formula (see Appendix).

ELIGIBILITY

Please refer to the SW Chapter PGA Assistants' Group Constitution.



South Florida Section
Southwest Chapter
Assistants' Group

CONDUCT

Rules of Golf – Any participant in a Assistants' Group event who breaches the Rules of Golf of the United States Golf Association or Local Rules in effect for the conduct of such event shall be subject to the penalties provided in such Rules as well as any other penalties imposed by the Chapter or Assistants' Group consistent with this policy. The decision of the Chapter/Assistants' Group Officials and/or Chapter/Assistants' Group Committee with respect to such Rules breach shall be final and conclusive.

Conduct Unbecoming a Professional – Any Participant deemed guilty of conduct unbecoming a professional while participating in a Assistants' Group event or in activities related thereto (e.g. practice rounds, hospitality event, etc.) shall be subject to fine suspension and/or permanent disbarment from Assistants' Group tournament play as provided in this policy.

DRESS CODE

1. Non-metal Spike Policy – It is a requirement for Professionals to wear non-metal spikes at all Assistants' Group events regardless of the host site policies.

Dress Code (Tournaments/Sponsored Events) – The following dress code will be enforced at all Assistants' Group tournaments and sponsored events. PGA affiliates shall present a neat appearance in both clothing and personal grooming. Clothing worn by a player preceding, during and post round shall be consistent with currently accepted facility attire. Pants must be worn by males at all Assistants' Group events except those events between June 1st and August 31st when shorts may be worn with the following stipulations:

1. The host facility/professional must approve the wearing of shorts.
2. Shorts will be a Bermuda style with solid traditional colors (no cargo, board, tennis or denim) at a length no shorter than slightly above the knee.

Preceding and post round; tee shirts and jeans are not acceptable. Dress code is subject to change as per host facility restrictions. Each player shall be aware of any special dress code regulations at the host facility (e.g. no cargo pants/shorts, specific length of short for ladies). It shall be the interpretation of the Assistants' Group Chairperson and/or Assistants' Group Committee and the host facility professional.