

GLSGA Frequently Asked Questions

This list of questions will be updated as we receive additional questions from our members. General GLSGA rules are available on the website. Find a link to the rules under the INFORMATION drop down menu.

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The GLSGA membership is divided into two divisions, the regular and reserve (or auxiliary) division. What is the difference between the two divisions?

- The only difference is the schedule they play. For the most part both divisions play the same number of tournaments and the same golf courses but on different weeks.

Can I play in both divisions?

- We are limited to the number of golfers that can play in a tournament by the number of carts a course has available. We divided our 700+ members into two divisions to reduce the competition for available openings at a tournament. Even with approximately 360 members in a division many of our tournaments fill to capacity. Therefore, we request that members initially sign up for tournaments only in their own division. Once we have established that a tournament has remaining openings, we will open that tournament to members of BOTH divisions.
- The DeBok Championship and the Tuesday date at Cedar Chase are always open to both divisions.

I notice we play a course twice a week. Can I play both days?

- Again, we request that members initially sign up for either Wednesday or Thursday, not both days. If later, either day has additional openings, any member may submit an entry.
- At Cedar Chase you may play on Tuesday in addition to either Wednesday or Thursday.

What happens if I enter a tournament that is filled to capacity?

- The member submitting the entry must include contact information (phone number and, if available, email address). If the tournament on the entry form is full, we will contact the submitting member. It is that individual's responsibility to inform other members listed on the form. Members entering a tournament filled to capacity will be placed on a waiting list and may later be notified if an opening occurs.

How can I find a list of tournaments that are closed due to capacity limits?

- A list of closed tournaments can be found in the right-hand columns on both the home page and the UPCOMING events page of the website.

Is each day a separate tournament?

- Yes. Standings and prize money payout are calculated on each day's results.

Am I competing against all golfers in a tournament?

- No. We divide our membership into four flights based on handicap. Members are only competing within their flight (see flight assignments for two-person teams below). A complete explanation of our handicap system can be found on our website. Look for “Handicap Method” under the MEMBER RECORDS drop down menu.

Do we always play the same type of tournament?

- No. We play four different tournament types: individual medal play, two-person scramble, two-person best-ball and two-person team aggregate.

With the two-person tournaments will I need a partner?

- Yes. Most of our members have a regular partner. However, if you do not have a partner be sure to write “Need A Partner” on your tournament entry form. On our website we will enter the name, and contact information, of any golfer needing a partner. That is one option to find a partner. On tournament day we will assign a partner for anyone still in need.

In which flight does a two-person team compete?

- In all two-person tournaments a team plays in the flight of the lower handicap golfer. Note that each golfer on the team still plays the tees assigned to his/her flight (see tee location question below).

What if I entered a tournament and then I am unable to play?

- You must let us know of any cancellation. Many of our tournaments are closed due to entries exceeding the available openings. For those tournaments we maintain a waiting list to fill cancellations. Any tournament listed as **CLOSED** on our website requires cancellation **one week prior to the tournament date** giving us time to contact individuals on the waiting list. All other tournaments require cancellation by the Sunday prior to the tournament date. Failure to notify by the above time limits will result in forfeiture of the entry fee.

Why do I forfeit my entry fee if I do not notify by the above time limit?

- We receive a significant discount from our member courses for each tournament. We notify each course of the number of golfers that will play in the upcoming tournament. Due to “no shows” or late cancellations the number that plays is often lower than the number they were told. In recent years many courses have asked why there are fewer golfers than they were told. Some question if they would be better with open play than with our group. As a result, we pay golf courses based on the number we provided, including any golfer that fails to show up, fails to play, or cancels late.

What is the starting time of the tournaments?

- All tournaments are 9:30 AM “shotgun” starts.

When are golfers expected to arrive at the course?

- We expect golfers to be at the course by 8:45 AM and sign in immediately when arriving.

Is there an annual membership fee in the GLSGA?

- Yes, the cost for annual membership is \$30.00. In addition, we have an annual award banquet each year in September. The cost of the banquet is \$25.00 which includes a meal, an open bar and short presentation program.

When is the membership fee due?

- As soon as possible, preferably by December 31 for the upcoming season. When paying, please include a dues payment form. Forms are available on the website under the SCHEDULES / FORMS drop down menu.

What is the tournament entry fee? **(Note the new tournament fee for 2025)**

- Each tournament costs \$35.00. Of the amount, \$28.00 is the green fee paid to the course and the remaining amount is placed into the prize fund.

If I am a member of a tournament course do I pay \$35.00?

- No. Course members pay \$7.00 for the prize money pool.

I received a membership card in my spring letter. Does that mean my dues have been paid?

- No. We include a membership card in the letter as a convenience.

How is the prize money paid out?

- The prize money pool is divided into the four flights based on the number of golfers in the flight. The maximum prize in each flight is \$30.00 for each golfer (\$60.00 for a team) for the first-place score. Note that depending on the number of golfers in a flight, the first place prize money may be lower than \$30.00. We attempt to pay prize money to approximately one third of the golfers in each flight with a diminishing amount paid for the lower placed scores.

How do I know if I won money in a tournament?

- Results, including prize money, are posted on our website by Sunday following the tournament.

Are there any other ways I can win money?

- We pay \$10.00 for closest-to-pin on all par 3s. Money is removed from each flight's prize fund to cover the cost of these prizes.
- We pay \$300.00 for all Holes-in-One. A check will be issued at the course. The president drinks Miller Lite.

When do I receive my prize money?

- We keep track of prize money. Weekly, we post the total prize money of each member on the website. At season's end, each golfer is mailed a check for their total winnings. The check will include any refund the golfer is owed.

Why do you need payment from everyone on an entry form?

- At the beginning of each season we have an Excel spreadsheet for every tournament. These sheets are later used to produce lineup lists and scorecards for a tournament. As the entries are received we type the names of everyone found on the entry into every selected tournament's Excel sheet. If payment for one, or more, golfers on the entry is not included with the entry we must note that fact and later go back to the Excel sheet when, and if, payment is made. **Full payment for all tournaments selected and all golfers on an entry saves us a lot of work.**

What if I have a winter address?

- Let us know of the winter address and the dates you are usually at that location. While our database only holds a single address, we do have a separate list of alternate addresses. Don't forget to inform us anytime there is a change of address.

What happens if it's raining? When is a tournament canceled?

- Begin with the rule—ALWAYS ASSUME WE WILL PLAY! If a course notifies us prior to tournament day that the course is unplayable we will post that information on the website. If it's tournament day and you believe that there may be a cancelation call the course. We have workers at a course by 8:00 AM so no decision will be made until after that time.
- Play will be suspended or canceled only when the event site does not allow carts on the course due to inclement or hazardous weather conditions. Should such conditions be present prior to an event, a decision whether to play or cancel will be made by 9:30 a.m. Should inclement or hazardous weather develop during play a decision will be made after consultation with the event site. Per league rules, if 9 holes or more have been played and the event is canceled it shall count as an event and no refund will be given. If less than 9 holes are completed, no payment will be made to the course and a refund will be given. Golfers should be prepared to wait out delays due to inclement or hazardous weather.

What happens if a tournament is canceled?

- All members that entered the tournament will receive credit.

What happens to any credit I have?

- Credits can be applied to a future tournament or, at the request of the member, as payment for the following year's dues. Note that a request for use as dues requires a dues payment form for our records. Any unused credit will be returned at season's end along with prize money.

What tees are used for tournaments?

- Tee choices will depend on the course we are playing. Tee locations will be announced before play begins. Whenever possible we strive for the following distances. Flight "A" usually play tees measuring approximately 5,600-5,800 yards, flight "B" usually play tees measuring approximately 5,400-5,600 yards. Achieving these distances may require the use of a combination of tee choices. Flights "C" and "D" play forward tees. We have a rule allowing golfers in flight "B", that are age 75 or older, the option of playing the tees being used by flights "C" and "D". Note that this option does not apply in 2-person scrambles. It only applies in tournaments where golfers are playing their own ball.

Is there a score limit on a hole?

- Golfers are limited to triple bogey on a hole. Once that score is reached, the golfer is to pick up the ball and record the score. This rule is implemented to speed play.

I always play with the same group of golfers. Can I enter my group for all tournaments on the same entry?

- **Yes definitely, with full payment!** We prefer a single entry. In that case, it makes our job easier.

What If I play some tournaments with a different partner / group?

- Submit an entry for each different partner / group. Example: If you play six tournaments with golfer "A" and two tournaments with golfer "B" we would expect two entries, one with golfer "A" and one with golfer "B".