



# DENVER GOLF

## Tournament Policies

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# City Amateur Policies and Procedures

## 1.0 DEFINITIONS

### 1.1 THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

1.1.1 The Tournament Committee for any City Amateur consists of the designated Tournament Director, the designated Chief Official, and any member of the Rules of Golf Committee at the competition.

### 1.2 RULES OFFICIAL

1.2.1 Rules officials are representatives of the Denver City Amateur, and any rules given will be held by the Tournament Committee.

### 1.3 PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES

1.3.1 All players are expected to play according to the USGA rules of golf, and comply with any local rules established by the committee. Any player in a Denver City Amateur event may request to view a copy of the Rules of Golf or the Denver Golf Local Rules Sheet.

## 2.0 CHAMPIONSHIP INFORMATION

### 2.1 MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

2.1.1 Amateur male players of any age with a verifiable handicap as of the most recent handicap revision prior to registration close.

2.1.2 Players with a 2.5 handicap or lower are automatically opted into the championship flight.

2.1.3 Players with a handicap higher than a 2.5 may elect to play in the Championship flight.

2.1.4 You don't have to be a Denver Resident to play.

2.1.5 Any player can be placed in the Championship flight after play on round 1.

### 2.2 SENIOR MEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

2.2.1 Amateur Players 50 years of age or older with a verifiable handicap as of the most recent handicap revision prior to registration close.

2.2.2 Players with a 5.4 handicap index or lower are automatically opted into the championship flight.

2.2.3 Players with a handicap index up to an 8.9 may elect to play in the Championship flight.

2.2.4 You don't have to be a Denver Resident to play.

2.2.5 Any player can be placed in the Championship flight after play on Day 1.

### 2.3 WOMEN'S AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

2.3.1 Amateur female players of any age with a verifiable handicap as of the most recent handicap revision prior to registration close.

2.3.2 Players with a 5.4 handicap or lower are automatically opted into the championship flight.

2.3.3 Players with a handicap higher than a 5.4 may elect to play in the Championship flight.

2.3.4 You don't have to be a Denver resident to play.

2.3.5 Any player can be placed in the Championship flight after play on Day 1.

## 3.0 REFUNDS AND WITHDRAWALS

### 3.1 WITHDRAWAL POLICY

3.1.1 Players MUST notify Denver Golf via email at [DenverCityAmateur@denvergov.org](mailto:DenverCityAmateur@denvergov.org), not the host course, to receive a refund and be taken out of the event.

3.1.2 All withdrawal requests are subject to the refund policy schedule.



## 3.2 REFUND POLICY

3.2.1 Players MUST notify Denver Golf via email at [DenverCityAmateur@denvergov.org](mailto:DenverCityAmateur@denvergov.org), not the host course, to receive a refund.

3.2.2 All refunds are subject to the following schedule:

- 3.2.2.1 Players that withdraw before the entry deadline will be refunded, less a \$10.00 service charge.
- 3.2.2.2 Players that withdraw after the entry deadline or two days prior to the first day of the tournament will be refunded 50% of the paid entry fee. (this gives us time to contact waitlist players).
- 3.2.2.3 After the two-day cut-off there is no refund up to the start of the tournament.
- 3.2.2.4 After the tournament has started, there is no refund for any reason.

3.2.3 All refunds will be sent to the credit card used to pay the entry fee. Processing refunds may take up to two weeks.

## 4.0 RULES OF GOLF AND CONDITIONS OF PLAY

### 4.1 GENERAL RULES OF COMPETITION

- 4.1.1 The Rules of Golf shall govern play.
- 4.1.2 The Local Rules and Conditions of Competitions for Denver City Amateur Tournaments are defined on the Notice to Players and will supplement The Rules of Golf.
- 4.1.3 Host course local rules are not applicable, unless they are on the Notice to Players.
- 4.1.4 The Committee, whose decision is final, shall settle questions.

### 4.2 [PACE OF PLAY](#)

- 4.2.1 The Rules of Golf require that a player shall, at all times, play without undue delay. The administering of pace of play will be handled by the Denver Golf Tournament Committee (heretofore referred to as DGTC).
- 4.2.2 The first group is in breach of the policy if the group finishes the hole at a checkpoint hole after the maximum allowable time based on the pace of play chart created by the DGTC.
- 4.2.3 Any subsequent group is in breach if the group completes the hole at a checkpoint after the maximum allowable time AND more than 14 minutes after the preceding group finished the hole.
- 4.2.4 When a group is in breach of the policy, each player in the group is liable to penalty.
  - 4.2.4.1 The application of any penalty occurs only in the scoring area, and is applied to the hole where the breach occurred.
- 4.2.5 A group that is liable to penalty may appeal the penalty in the scoring area.
- 4.2.6 After a group reaches a checkpoint out of position and incurs a warning, a player who makes no effort to reach the next checkpoint in the expected time or to catch up with the group ahead and misses the subsequent checkpoint, will incur the applicable penalty which will be imposed in the scoring area following the round.
- 4.2.7 A group in position at the previous checkpoint that has a long ruling or extensive search for a ball on the next checkpoint hole will be exempted from penalty if the group is unable to complete that checkpoint hole in the expected time.
- 4.2.8 A group must be over its time based on the pace of play chart and “out of position” relative to the group in front of it before monitoring and timing of a group is warranted.
- 4.2.9 If a group is to be monitored, a player must play a stroke within 40 seconds from the time he or she can make a stroke without interference or distraction.
- 4.2.10 If a group is considered out of position– they are given a warning at the next hole and put on the clock. Players are subject to the following penalties. Any group may be put on the clock at any point during the round if the group is deemed out of position.
  - 4.2.10.1 1st bad timing – 1 stroke penalty (Rule 5.6)
  - 4.2.10.2 2nd bad timing – Additional 2 stroke penalty
  - 4.2.10.3 3rd bad timing – Disqualification

### 4.3 DRESS CODE

4.3.1 All players must comply with the host course dress code requirements.

### 4.4 NO SHOWS

4.4.1 If a player does not show for their tee time they are not eligible for refund and are held to guidelines in the Rules of Golf (see Rule 5.3).

### 4.5 CELL PHONES

4.5.1 A player may only use devices that do not make an audible noise. If a cell phone makes an audible noise (including vibrations which can be heard) during the stipulated round the following penalty will apply:

4.5.1.1 First offense – Warning.

4.5.1.2 Subsequent offense – Disqualification.

4.5.2 Annoying cell phone use during a stipulated round is considered unbecoming conduct and the Committee may disqualify a player for a serious breach of etiquette and/or reject a player's entry in future events.

4.5.3 Spectators who misuse cell phones may be asked to leave the course.

### 4.6 DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

4.6.1 A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only.

4.6.2 If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his/her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 4.3.

4.6.3 For any subsequent offense, the penalty is disqualification.

### 4.7 GOLF CARTS

4.7.1 All players are permitted to use a cart and may elect to purchase day of or with their registration.

4.7.1.1 Carts not purchased with registration are not guaranteed

### 4.8 CADDIES

4.8.1 Players may bring their own caddie. Caddies are subject to the tournament dress code, liability, pace of play and conduct requirements. A player is responsible for his or her caddie's actions both during a round and while play is stopped under rule.

4.8.2 Caddies may ride in carts with the player, but must pay standard cart fees

### 4.9 SCORE POSTING

4.9.1 For handicap purposes, the Denver Golf Tournament Committee will post all applicable individual stroke play tournament scores to the GHIN Handicap service.

### 4.10 TIES & PLAYOFFS

4.10.1 Ties for the Winner in ALL flights will be decided by sudden death playoff, starting hole will be determined based on availability.

4.10.2 All other ties will be decided by score card play-off USGA (last 9, 6, 3, 1 holes).

4.10.3 There will be no ties, one winner for each gross place.

## 4.11 FAILURE TO COMPLETE

4.11.1 In stroke play, failure by a player to return his scorecard to the scoreboard official, or withdrawal during play without notifying an official and surrendering his scorecard to that official, is considered a serious breach of etiquette and unbecoming conduct.

## 5.0 MISCELLANEOUS

### 5.1 FLIGHT INFORMATION

5.1.1 Flights are determined by verified handicap index and the number of players registered.

### 5.2 GENERAL REGISTRATION INFORMATION

5.2.1 All players must register online prior to the registration deadline.

### 5.3 THE WAITLIST

5.3.1 Waitlist begins when registration is full.

5.3.2 Players from the waitlist will be notified if space becomes available prior to the event or can arrive at the course on the first day of play in case of no shows.

### 5.4 PRIZES

5.4.1 Prize money distribution is determined by registration and flight size.

### 5.5 SPECTATORS

5.5.1 Spectators are welcome to attend and follow groups.

5.5.2 All spectators should read the [Spectator Guidelines](#) prior to attending and follow golf etiquette at all times on the course.

5.5.3 The Tournament Officials have the right to forbid spectators entirely if deemed necessary. They also have the right to ask any spectator to leave the course at any time.

### 5.6 PRACTICE ROUNDS

5.6.1 Practice rounds are not guaranteed or included in the price of registration. If a player wants to play a practice round they must book normally through the course.

### 5.7 PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOS

5.7.1 Photographs and video are taken at this event. By taking part in this event you grant the event organizers full rights to use the images resulting from the photography/video filming, and any reproductions or adaptations of the images for fundraising, publicity or other purposes to help achieve the group's aims. This might include (but is not limited to), the right to use them in their printed and online publicity, social media, press releases and funding applications. If you do not wish to be photographed please inform an event organizer.

### 5.8 GENERAL LIABILITY

5.8.1 Injury to person or property as a result of playing on Denver Golf premises, is solely the responsibility of the golfer. The City and County of Denver expressly denies liability resulting from play.