

## 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 division?

- 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?

- No. 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.
- Exceptions: The DeBok Championship is open to both divisions and the Tuesday date at Cedar Chase is open to both divisions.

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

- No. For much the same reason for not allowing members to play in both divisions—limited space available each day.

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 a 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.

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.

What flight does a two-person team compete in?

- 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 a cancelation by the Sunday prior to the tournament. Failure to notify us by that deadline will result in a forfeiture of the entry fee.

Why do I forfeit my entry fee if I do not notify by Sunday?

- We receive a significant discount from our member courses for each tournament. On Monday morning we call a golf course to notify them of the number of golfers that will play in the upcoming tournament. Due to "no shows" or late cancelations 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 have wondered if they would be better with open play than with our group. As a result, this season we will pay the golf courses based on the number we gave them on Monday using the entry fee of those that did not notify us.

What is the cost of membership in the GLSGA?

- All costs are \$25.00. That includes \$25.00 for annual dues, \$25.00 for entry in most tournaments and \$25.00 for our annual banquet. Note that the DeBok Championship is a two-day event, thus costing \$50.00.

If I am a member of a tournament course do I pay \$25.00?

- No. Course members pay \$5.00 for the prize money pool.

When are my dues due?

- As soon as you are able to submit payment. When paying, please include a dues payment form. Forms are available at all tournaments and on the website under the SCHEDULES / FORMS drop down menu.

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.

What is the \$25.00 tournament fee used for?

- \$20.00 is paid to the golf course for a green fee with golf cart. \$5.00 is placed in the prize money pool.

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 \$25.00 for each golfer (\$50.00 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 \$25.00. 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.

Are there any other ways can I 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. A full payment 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.

What happens if a tournament is canceled?

- All members that entered the tournament will receive a 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. Most courses have senior tees and those are often used. Flights "A" and "B" usually play longer tees than flights "C" and "D". We do 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".

Is there a score limit on a hole?

- A golfer is limited to double par 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 am still concerned about the danger from COVID. Can I have my own golf cart?

- No. As stated earlier, we are limited to the number of golfers at a course by the number of carts. We must assume two golfers to a cart in order to set the limit.

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

- Yes-definitely! We refer 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".