

SCPGA Senior Division Handbook

Rules, Regulations and Guidelines

Annual Dues / Players Fee:

Senior Division Players Fee will be \$150. Those that become a member of the division will receive a discounted entry fee for Senior Division tournaments.

Players that are 75 years of age or older are not required to pay the fee and may still participate in events under the Senior Division rates.

The funds collected in from the Players Fee are redistributed into purses through the season.

Age Groups:

Once the event deadline has passed, the Senior Division Committee will divide the players into three flights - Young, Middle and Super Senior.

The Young and Mid flights are divided equally from 50 years of age to 69 years of age. The Super Senior flight is all players over 70 years of age.

The player's age is broken down into decimals to determine the cutoff between Young and Middle flights, so as there is an equal number of participants per flight. If there are players of the same age on the cut line, then the player with the lowest handicap will be put into the younger flight.

Young and Middle flights are divided for purse payouts but will be combined for Senior Player of the Year points that are awarded.

Any player over the age of 70 may opt out of the Super Senior flight to "play down" to the Middle flight but must remain there for the entire year after doing so.

Any player that turns 70 years of age during the year may opt to move to the Super Senior flight, but will not continue to receive Senior Player of the Year points when moving to the Super Senior flight and instead will earn Super Senior Player of the Year points. Or the player may choose to remain in the Middle flight once turning 70 and continue to earn Senior Player of the Year points.

Formats:

Team – Played at Net

Individual – Played at Gross

Handicaps:

Each player will have a handicap in the Senior Division for the team portion of the events (tournament formats listed below).

All scores are entered from all Senior events from the previous season and the low five (5) scores determine that individuals handicap.

If the player doesn't have at least five (5) scores posted then scores will go back 18 months. If the player still doesn't have five (5) scores, then the last 30 months history will be used. If the player is new, with no history of scores posted, then the player's scores from previous Section events are used to determine their handicap.

If players have a plus-handicap, the highest plus-handicap player is converted to a zero handicap and all the other players handicaps are adjusted accordingly.

Handicaps are used for the team portion of the event.

Pairings:

The Division in general will play in groups of three except for the Kickoff Classic and Joe Robinson Memorial, when players will be paired in groups of four.

Each player has a number from the handicap spreadsheet beside their name. The numbers are divided into three categories: A, B, C players except when the event is just a team event, then the players are divided into A, B, C, D players.

Players are paired together based on a blind draw from each category (A, B, C) to determine a team. This same procedure is repeated for day two. If a player is only playing day one, they are eliminated from the draw for day two.

In the event there are not enough players to complete all the teams, then a blind draw will be used to complete the teams missing a player. The Senior Division Committee will use the same procedure to pick the blind draw by pulling a number from the category the team is missing.

Note: the individual that was chosen as the team “blind draw” to complete their team, will not be eligible for winnings. Players may only earn winnings from their “primary” team.

Pairings will be released via e-mail and posted on the respective tournament page.

Tees / Yardages:

The Young and the Middle Flights will play from the same set of tees which will be approximately 6,500 yards. Super Senior tees will be from approximately 6,000 yards. Female players and players that qualify for the 80+ Rule (explained below), will play the forward tees approximately 5,800 yards or less. Those that qualify for the 100+ Rule will play the shortest tees available.

Tees are generally moved up on par 5's for all flights.

Note: all above yardages are an approximate target and may vary based on golf course, conditions, overall par and tee decks that are available.

80+ and 100+ Rule:

The 80+ Rule is when any player's age and handicap equal or exceeds 80.

The 100+ Rule is when any players age and handicap equal or exceeds 100.

*Players playing the 80+ or 100+ tees are not eligible for POY points.

Scorecards:

A designated player in each group will be responsible for scorekeeping the individual and team scorecards and are asked to be totaled.

Scorecards should be turned in at the scoring area in a timely manner once the group has completed the round. Two signatures are required from the group for scores to be posted. Only one scorecard is required to be turned in at the scoring area.

Tournament Entry Fees:

One day event is the first day of the two-day event -- \$125

Two-day event -- \$195

Combo entry is both the one day and the two day event -- \$270

All entries include the team portion of the event.

Purses:

The entry fees received, after expenses are deducted, plus any additional sponsor dollars added, is divided into 65% individual and 35% team distribution.

Once the team and individual total purse amounts are determined, the payout in the individual portion is weighted based on number of participants.

Purse breakdowns are reviewed and approved by the Section Tournament Director. The final purse payout is determined before each event begins.

Players Championship Qualification:

To qualify for the year-end Players Championship, a player must compete in seven (7) events total for the season to qualify. This begins with the Joe Robinson Memorial and runs to the last event prior to the Championship.

Most two-day events have a one day and a two day competition (Combo entry) within the same event, which allows a player to receive credit for two events. The Senior - Junior Championship and Senior Section Championship also count towards the seven (7) events.

Player of the Year Points Structure:

The official Player of the Year points structure for the Division may viewed [HERE](#).

Entry Deadline:

The registration deadline will be Thursday the week prior to the event at 1:00PM. Late entries will only be accepted based on availability.

This deadline provides the Senior Committee with the proper time to create groupings and tee times and Section Staff to prepare materials.

Skins & Closest to the Hole Competitions (Optional):

Each event has an additional fee collected for Skins and KP's.

This is \$20 for a one-day event and \$40 for the two-day event. The money is collected the day of the event and normally paid out the same day.

Hole in One Pool (Optional):

The HIO pool is optional to all players for \$50 per year (one time fee). Players must pay the fee to the Senior Committee Chair and payments can be cash or thru the Venmo app.

The player must have entered the pool prior to their ace to be eligible.

The HIO pool is a yearlong competition and will be split among the players making a Hole-In-One throughout the calendar year in a Senior Division event.

Payouts will be made at the Joe Robinson Memorial & Senior Division Annual Meeting in November. If no player records a HIO in the Senior Division for the season, then the player has the option for a refund of the \$50 fee, or apply it to the next year.