

# Tournament Policies

During the tournament season all players in SBPLGC events will be responsible for abiding by the following tournament policies and eligibility requirements. Players who have questions pertaining to SBPLGC events should contact us at SBPLGC@earthlink.net.

## ELIGIBILITY

**SBPLGC events** – all players must be amateurs and members in good standing of the SBPLGC. Professionals may be admitted into the club with prior approval by the SBPLGC Board. Professionals will not be eligible for prizes. If a tournament is not filled, guest may be invited to play on a case by case basis, just prior to the sign-up deadline. A guest's winnings will first go towards the \$39 club dues to join, and only beyond that towards the advertised form of prizes

## ENTRIES

Entries for SBPLGC events must be received at the SBPLGC tournament mailing address as stated on the entry form and received by the deadline date indicated. Online entries are also accepted and are encouraged as the preferred and most efficient and expedient method. All properly completed entries will be accepted until the deadline date, or until the tournament has filled up. However, late entries may be accepted in some cases, and players beyond the stated cap will be placed on an alternates list to fill spots as they become available up until the tournament committee establishes final pairings. Please note: Alternates and / or standbys will be notified by the SBPLGC Board in advance if cancellations make possible their participation in SBPLGC tournaments and are **heartily discouraged** from standing by at tournament sites. However, if a duly constituted alternate or standby, i.e., someone whose paid application has already placed him / her on the standby list, does standby at a tournament site, he / she may, at the discretion of the SBPLGC Tournament Committee, be allowed into the event in the order of his / her appearance on the alternate / standby list. Entries for **SBPLGC events** will not be accepted unless complete and accompanied by the correct entry fee (valid check or money order; no cash please). Telephone or facsimile (FAX) entries will not be accepted. However, effective 1-08, online sign-ups will be available through Pay Pal (see Tournament Payment Policies document). Entry fee covers various costs detailed on each entry form, and each tournament is budgeted as a break-even event. Players are responsible for costs not covered by the entry fee. Frequently carts will not be included in the entry fee, but can be rented at the tournament site on an optional basis. The SBPLGC reserves the right to refuse entries at any time. Reasons for refusal include but are not limited to unbecoming behavior.

## REFUND POLICY

Cancellations after closing date are refundable only if a replacement can be found. If the course is closed due to bad weather before we start our tournament, a refund will be given. But if the course is open when we start, no refund will be given.

## RULES OF GOLF

The USGA Rules of Golf, as well as the tournament rules Sheet and the Local Rules Addendum distributed at each site, will govern play during all phases of any competition.

## **DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES**

Per USGA Decision 14-3/0.5 (effective January 1, 2006), the SBPLGC adopts the Local Rule necessary to permit the use of such devices until further notice. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If a player during a stipulated round uses a distance measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his / her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification, whether or not any such additional functions are actually used during the stipulated round.

Exchanging distance information: Information regarding the distance between two (2) objects is public information and the solicitation or receipt of such public information does not constitute the solicitation or receipt of advice; consequently, a player may ask anyone, including his / her opponent, fellow-competitor, or either caddie, the distance between his ball and the hole. However, the solicitation or receipt of such information must be performed without causing undue delay in the progress of play and within the constraints of the normal Pace of Play guidelines.

## **ATTIRE AND CONDUCT**

Proper attire and conduct is required at all times at all SBPLGC events. Most courses we play do not have published dress codes, and if and when this may exist, it will be published on the related tournament entry form.

## **CARTS**

Subject to limitations imposed as each specific site, golf carts are permitted in all phases of competition at all SBPLGC events. Subject to club policy, handcarts are also permitted. See Player Information Sheets for particular tournaments for more information. Players must adhere to site mandated policies such as "90 degree" rule or "cart path only" rule. Players who must withdraw due to their inability to abide by site mandated cart policies must do so before the start of the stipulated round.

## **CADDIES & SPECTATORS**

**NO** spectators or caddies allowed during any SBPLGC tournament. Any player with an unauthorized guest on the course will be subject to disqualification and will be asked to leave the course immediately. This is due to course requirements and liability. The only possible exceptions are for junior golfers and these need to be arranged in advance with the club and then approved by the applicable golf course.

## **AWARDS**

Most awards are in the form of Los Verdes Golf Course scrip, which will be automatically updated with the Pro Shop within a few days after each completed tournament. This special SBPLGC scrip can be used for anything sold by the Los Verdes golf shop: green fees, cart fees, range cards, lessons, merchandise, gift certificates. This scrip may not be used to enter future SBPLGC tournaments. Some tournaments will pay gift cards to Plaza Golf or other well known golf retailers. Trophies or other prizes may be given from time to time. All optional side-pots will be paid in cash and there are three ways to collect: 1. Available at check in at all tournaments; 2. May be applied to future tournament entry fees by sending a requesting email; or 3. A few annual windows where members may request that a check be mailed for their accumulated balance. The results of each tournament will be emailed out within one week after the tournament completion, and also published on sbplgc.com.

## **POSTING TOURNAMENT SCORES**

All players are required to POST their scores. The club will NEVER post scores for the members. All players will be required to post their scores on the course computer, or if unavailable for any reason, then shortly thereafter online at [scga.org](http://scga.org). Certain “team” tournaments or unusual formats like “scramble” may not be subject to posting. Instructions will be listed on the individual tournament rule sheet or email/entry for each event. The club’s policy is that unless notified otherwise, each event is to be posted as a TOURNAMENT round. Any member who does not post his or her score in a club tournament and places in the money will thereby forfeit the prize to instead be donated to a recognized junior golf cause – the instructions for each tournament will contain this very important reminder.

## **RETURNED CHECK POLICY**

If a member’s check is dishonored by the bank for any reason, the club will attempt one redeposit per member per year. If the check still does not clear, the member must pay with money order or cashiers check, plus a \$10 returned check fee. If member does not resolve a payment problem or if such problems persist, this shall constitute grounds for removal from the club.