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CGA ONE-DAY TOURNAMENT SERIES FAQ'S

One-Day Individual, One-Day Four-Ball, Ladies Four-Ball Play Days, Senior Four-Ball One-Days

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1. Why should I play in a One-Day Tournament?

A One-Day Tournament gives CGA members the chance to compete at new courses and meet new players in the Carolinas they would not otherwise have an opportunity to. All One-Day tournaments participants play in divisions based on either handicap index/age/gender to encourage both new tournament players and seasoned players. A One-Day Tournament can either be individual, four-ball (two-person best-ball per hole) or a senior four-ball (age 55+; two-person best-ball per hole) format.

2. Who is eligible for a One-Day Tournament?

The Carolinas Golf Association One-Day Tournaments are open to all CGA members, age 13 or older (men and women) for One-Days; age 13 or older for Ladies Four-Ball Play Days (women only), and age 55 or older for Senior Four-Ball One-Days (men only), of all skill levels with a current Handicap Index issued by a CGA Member Club.

3. What tournament formats available at a One-Day Tournament?

-*Individual*: 18 holes of individual stroke play. Gross scores and Net scores.

-*Four-Ball*: 18 holes of four-ball stroke play. Two-person teams that play and count the best score between the two players for the team score per hole. Gross scores and Net scores.

4. How many handicap strokes will I get?

-*Individual*: All players receive 100% of their Course Handicap

-*Four-Ball*: Course handicaps are limited to 30 strokes. If the difference between the partners' course handicaps exceeds eight strokes, then an additional 10% reduction is applied to both team members. Per the USGA, men will play to 90% of their Course Handicap; women will play to 95% of their Course Handicap.

Course Handicaps are calculated by applying players' Handicap Index at the close of entries to the Course Handicap Table based on the Slope Rating of the set of tees they are playing.

5. How do I signup to play?

Entries are accepted online at cga.golfgenius.com. All entries open at 8:00pm on the opening night.

Entry Information for Each Event:

CGA One-Day Individual Entry Information

CGA One-Day Four-Ball Entry Information

CGA Ladies Four-Ball Play Day Entry Information

CGA One-Day Senior Four-Ball Entry Information

6. Can I make pairing requests?

Individual: Yes, pairing requests must be made during the registration process. We do our best to honor requests, but they are not guaranteed.

Four-Ball: No, pairing requests are not accepted or granted.

7. How many divisions are in a One-Day Tournament?

-Individual One-Day Tournaments will consist of six divisions based upon handicap index, gender and age. Players may sign up in any division in which they are eligible.

Men A: 7.9 index or less; age 13+

Men B: 8.0 index or higher; age 13+

Senior Men A: 7.9 index or less; age 55+

Senior Men B: 8.0 index or higher; age 55+

Super Senior Men: No index restriction; age 65+

Women: No index restriction; age 13+

-Four-Ball One-Day Tournaments will consist of five divisions based upon yardage and gender. Pick the division based upon the tee you wish to play. Players may sign up in any division in which they are eligible. Both team members play the same tees.

Men Long: age 13+

Men Medium: age 13+

Men Short: age 13+

Mixed: age 13+ (team consists of one man and one woman)

Women: age 13+

Some divisions will be flighted based upon total team handicap index to balance sizes.

-Senior Four-Ball One-Day Tournaments will consist of three divisions based upon age. Players may sign up in any division in which they are eligible. Both team members play the same tees.

Tournament: both partners age 55+

Super Senior 65+: both partners age 65+

Super Senior 70+: both partners age 70+

Some divisions will be flighted based upon total team handicap index to balance sizes.

-Ladies Four-Ball Play Days will consist of one division broken down into flights based upon total team handicap index. Players may sign up in any division in which they are eligible. Both team members play the same tees.

8. What tees will I play at a One-Day Tournament?

Tees will be identified on the player information sheet for each tournament. These information sheets are available at each tournaments website. General yardage guides are

below. Note that actual yardage may be outside of range based upon tees available at tournament site.

-Individual:

Men A: 7.9 index or less: 6400-6900 yards

Men B: 8.0 index or higher: 5800-6400 yards

Senior Men A: age 55+, 7.9 index or less: 5800-6400 yards

Senior Men B: age 55+, 8.0 index or higher: 5800-6300 yards

Super Senior Men: age 65+, no index restriction: 5400-6000 yards

Women: no index restriction: 4800-5400 yards

-Four-Ball (both team members play the same tee except for Mixed) Pick the division based upon the tee you wish to play:

Men A: 6400-6900 yards

Men B: 5900-6400 yards

Men C: 5500-6000 yards

Mixed: male 5500-6400 yards/female 5000-5400 yards

Women: 5000-5400 yards

-Senior Four-Ball (both team members play the same tee) Pick the division in which you are eligible:

Tournament 55+: 6000-6400 yards

Super Senior 65+: 5600-6000 yards

Super Senior 70+: 5200-5600 yards

-Ladies Four-Ball Play Days (both team members play the same tee):

LFBPD: 4800-5300 yards

9. What happens when there is a tie for any prize position at a tournament?

Ties will be broken by a method of matching scorecards, which is determined by using Holes 10-18, then Holes 13-18, the Holes 16-18, then Hole 18. If a tie still exists, we will match scorecards beginning with Hole 18, going backwards.

10. What are the awards for a One-Day Tournament?

Awards will be given to the first Gross and first Net finishers in each division. The total number of awards in each division are determined by size of division. Club Merchandise gift cards are awarded. The first Gross and first Net winner from each division is eligible for the One-Day Tournament of Champions.

11. What is the One-Day Tournament of Champions?

The first Gross and first Net winner from each division/flight in each One-Day Tournament is eligible for the respective One-Day Tournament of Champions. The One-Day Tournament of Champions are played in November/December each year. The Tournament of Champions includes golf and a special gift for all competitors. There are separate Tournaments of Champions for each one-day tournament. You may only play in the TOC in which you are eligible.

-*One-Day Tournament of Champions*: for winners of One-Day Individual Tournaments

-*One-Day Four-Ball Tournament of Champions*: for winners of One-Day Four-Ball Tournaments

-*One-Day Senior Four-Ball Tournament of Champions*: for winners of One-Day Senior Four-Ball Tournaments in the Tournament 55+ division only

-*One-Day Super Senior Four-Ball Tournament of Champions*: for winners of One-Day Senior Four-Ball Tournaments in the Tournament 65+ and 75+ divisions only

-*Carolinas Cup*: for winners of Ladies Four-Ball Play Days

12. How do I cancel or withdraw from a tournament? What is the refund policy?

To withdraw for any reason prior to the start of a CGA competition, [click here](#).

If a player needs to withdraw on the morning of the event, notify the CGA staff person through the golf shop staff at the host venue. Failure to notify the CGA (No Show) will subject the player to suspension from the next four CGA One-Day Tournaments.

Refund Policy

-*Withdraw after Entry Received up to day prior to Tournament Date*: Player receives full refund minus \$30.00 administrative fee, refunded regardless of reason if entry accepted into tournament.

-*Withdraw on Tournament Date*: No refund for any reason.

-*Alternates/wait list teams not gaining entry into the tournament* receive a full refund. Refunds will be processed the next business day following the tournament play date.

13. What is the CGA adverse weather policy?

All efforts are made to conduct tournaments as scheduled. This means playing in conditions from beautiful sunny days to cold, wet, and windy days. Tournaments/Rounds are generally only cancelled when the course is closed due to standing water or unsafe conditions exist, or are expected to exist, for a significant period of time. Tournament/Round cancellations are usually not made more than 24 hours in advance of play. All players are notified via email if/when changes are made to a tournament's schedule.

14. What if I am late to a tournament I am signed up for?

Rule 5.3 states, if the player arrives at his/her starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole in match play or two strokes at the first hole in stroke play. Otherwise, the penalty for breach of this Rule is disqualification.

If player is late, they may still join group and play, but will not be eligible for any prizes.

15. What is the CGA Pace of Play Policy?

Rule 5.6 states, in part: "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the Committee may establish," and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play. In order to prevent any such penalty, we suggest that you carefully review the following guidelines.

1. Make sure to keep pace with the group in FRONT of you. The group behind should keep pace with your group and so forth.
2. Go directly to your ball. If sharing a golf cart, drop-off the player farthest from the hole then proceed to the other ball.
3. Be ready to play when it is your turn, and keep practice strokes and time taken to read putts to a minimum.
4. Play a provisional ball if your original ball may be lost or out of bounds.
5. Keep time taken at the snack bar or between nines to a minimum. If everyone does their part, then 4 ½ hours should be the maximum time taken to play a round of golf at a CGA tournament. Your CGA issued score card will have the acceptable pace of play per hole printed on it.

16. Does the CGA monitor handicaps?

As part of an ongoing effort to make CGA net competitions (including the One-Day Tournaments) as enjoyable as possible for all participants, the CGA Rules Committee reviews all scores posted during CGA net competitions. The purpose of the USGA Handicap System is to make the game more enjoyable by enabling players of differing abilities to compete on an equitable basis. A player's Handicap Index (H.I.) is a mark used to measure potential scoring ability.

In One-Day Four-Ball and Senior Four-Ball One-Day Tournaments, the CGA implements the Multiple Low Net Course Handicap Reduction Policy for each calendar season. Individuals or teams who are the lowest net score within a division in two or more events in a calendar season will be subject to reduced course handicaps through the remainder of the calendar year. This rule is in effect for CGA One-Day Four-Ball tournaments, CGA Senior Four-Ball One-Day tournaments or in a combination of these tournament programs. Competitors who

qualify for this reduction will be subject to the following course handicap reduction for the remainder of the tournament season, including any Tournament of Champions events. After 2nd Win=Additional 10%; 3rd Win=Additional 20% reduction; After 4th Win=Additional 30% reduction; After 5th Win=Additional 40% reduction, and so forth. If a player wins in two or more events with different partners, only the multi-event net winner will incur the appropriate course handicap reduction.

The CGA monitors handicap score posting and reserves the right to adjust course handicaps and/or withhold prizes for competitors whose handicaps are considered unrealistic or who have participated in a disproportionate share of CGA prize distributions.

17. What is the CGA Net Knockout Rule?

-Individual: A player is not eligible to win net prizes if their net score beats the course rating by eight or more strokes and beats the next best net score in their division by four or more strokes. Example: Course Rating is 71.2. A player posts a net score of 63, and the next best net score in their division is 67. The net 63 is not allowed to win net prizes ($71.3-62=8.2$), but is still eligible for gross prizes. Note: No rounding will be used in these calculations. (70.9-63 will equal 7.9, not 8.)

-Four-Ball: A team is not eligible to win net prizes if they beat the course rating by 12 strokes or more AND beat the next best net score in their division by four strokes or more. For mixed tee divisions (i.e. partners are playing two different sets of tees), the average of the two course ratings are used to determine the team course rating for the purpose of this rule. Example: a) Course rating is 70.2. A team posts a net 54, and then the next best net score in their division is net 59. The net 54 team is not eligible to win net prizes, but it still eligible for gross prizes. Example: b) In a mixed tee division, the course rating is 70.2 for one player and 69.4 for the partner. We will average the two course ratings to determine the team course rating as 69.8. Note: No rounding will be used in these calculations. (70.9-59 will equal 11.9, not 12.)

18. Where can I find more information about CGA's tournament policies?

Please click [here](#) for a list of all CGA tournament policies in the CGA Tournament Manual.

19. Where can I find the CGA's One-Day Tournament Rules of Play?

[One-Day Individual Rules of Play](#)

[One-Day Four-Ball Rules of Play](#)

[Senior Four-Ball One-Day Rules of Play](#)

[Ladies Four-Ball Play Day Rules of Play](#)