



2012-15 One-Day

# CGA One-Day Tournament Notice to Players

**2012-15 USGA Rules of Golf, the local rules on both sides of this sheet and any additional local rules posted at the starter's table or announced prior to play governs at this CGA One-Day Tournament.**

**TIME OF STARTING** – A player is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. **Tee Times:** If a player arrives at their starting point, ready to play within five (5) minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes (Rule 6-3). **Shotgun Start:** If a player arrives late but within five minutes after the assigned starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole (Rule 6-3). The assigned starting time for shotgun events is when a) a horn or siren is sounded, b) if no horn or siren is used, when the group can play without interference or c) if the player is in the second group to start on an assigned hole, when that group can play without interference.

**HANDICAP INDEX AND ALLOWANCE** – Player receives 100% of current Course Handicap derived from a player's CGA handicap index. Players are divided into divisions according to gender, age and handicap index (Men A: 7.9 index max.; Men B; Senior Men (age 55+); Super Senior Men (age 65+); Women (all women). Minimum of four players needed to constitute a division. Otherwise divisions are combined and the appropriate course rating adjustment is made for net scores. CGA reserves the right to reduce any player's handicap if they have won a disproportionate share of prizes.

**SCORING** - The marker is required to record the gross score of the player. Each score card is required to have two signatures: marker and competitor (Rule 6-6b). A score card is deemed returned when score is posted on the scoreboard. **THE CGA WILL POST TOURNAMENT SCORES TO YOUR HOME CLUB HANDICAP.**

**PACE OF PLAY** - Each group is expected to keep pace with the group ahead. The CGA official-in-charge will decide any necessary pace of play penalties. Pace of play guidelines are listed on the player's score card.

**TEES TO PLAY** – Tees to play are listed on the individual's score card and posted at the scoreboard.

**PRIZE DISTRIBUTION** – See prize distribution poster posted at the scoring area. Tournament results will be posted online at [www.carolinagolf.org](http://www.carolinagolf.org). Merchandise must be redeemed at the host club. Winners may call the host club to redeem their certificate. If all players in a division finish 18-holes, then 18-hole scores will be used. Otherwise, nine-hole scores will be used except in a shotgun start event. Gross winners are ineligible to win net prizes and vice versa. The CGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise certificates after a tournament play date. It is the player's responsibility to claim or redeem a certificate or golf shop credit prior to leaving a tournament site. The CGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played.

**KNOCKOUT RULE** - A player is disqualified if his 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.

**TIES & PLAYOFFS** - Any playoff necessary to determine 1<sup>st</sup> gross, 2<sup>nd</sup> gross, 1<sup>st</sup> net or last place net in any flight will be resolved on the score card using the USGA recommended method on page 143 of the 2012-15 USGA Rules of Golf. If there is still a tie then score cards will be matched beginning with hole #1. Gross prizes use gross scores and net prizes use net scores.

**AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION** - Automotive transportation is mandatory.

**CADDIES** – A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round (Rule 6-4 Note, Appendix I).

**RULE 3-3 - DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE** - If a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. See page 40 of the 2012-15 USGA Rules of Golf for procedure.

**DROPPING ZONES (BALL DROP)** - Players are permitted to use any dropping zone stated on the club's score card or designated on the course.

**CELL PHONES** - Except for emergencies, cell phone use is prohibited during play at CGA events.

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** - In this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.

**EMBEDDED BALL** - Relief is "through the green" except in sand in an area that is not closely mown. See page 127 of the 2012-15 USGA Rules of Golf.

**STONES IN BUNKERS** - Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREEN** - Local rule under Appendix I, Part B, 6 is in effect. See page 130 of the 2012-15 USGA Rules of Golf.

**OUT OF BOUNDS** - Out of bounds is defined by the inside points of white stakes at ground level, by the inside points of fence posts at ground level and by the inside edge of paved roads and beyond.

**WATER HAZARDS** - Defined by yellow stakes and/or lines.

**LATERAL WATER HAZARDS** - Defined by red stakes and/or lines and includes unmarked drainage ditches and other open water courses. Treat all water hazards as lateral water hazards unless otherwise marked.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** - Defined by white lines. White-lined areas tying into cart paths are part of those obstructions. Fire ant hills and french drains are ground under repair.

**GREENSIDE FANS** - Greenside fans are temporary immovable obstructions. See page 131 of the 2012-15 Rules of Golf.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF COURSE:** Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise denoted.

**SODDED AREAS** - A ball coming to rest in a newly sodded seam or edge may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which is not in either condition. Relief is granted for the ball only and not the stance. The nearest point of relief may be on the sod itself.

**STIPULATED ROUND** - Except at shotgun start events, the stipulated round consists of two nine-hole stipulated rounds. Nine-hole scores may be used in the event of inclement weather.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY** – Signaled by three consecutive air horn blasts. Players in the process of playing a hole may complete the hole. Players in between the play of two holes must stop play immediately. Resumption of play is signaled by two short blasts.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION** - A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one long air horn blast. All players will be informed of the suspension verbally. All play must cease immediately. All practice areas will be closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again. Resumption of play is signaled by two short blasts.

**SPECTATORS** – Spectators are not permitted to ride in a player's cart at any time or rent a spectator cart at any CGA one-day tournament except as provided in the CGA Tournament Manual.

**RULES COMMITTEE** – CGA official-in-charge has final authority on any rulings.