



# CGA One-Day Four-Ball Tournament Notice to Players

**2008-09 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 a shotgun start governs play at this CGA One-Day Four-Ball Tournament.**

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**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 instead of disqualification (Rule 6-3, Note). **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 instead of disqualification (Rule 6-3b, Note). 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.

**SCORING** - The marker is required to record the gross score of the player whose net score is to count. The score to count must be individually identifiable for each hole. To expedite the scoring process, team gross scores should be totaled and team net scores recorded and totaled on the lines provided. A score card is deemed returned when posted on the scoreboard. **EACH INDIVIDUAL IS RESPONSIBLE FOR POSTING HIS SCORE for handicap purposes. For unfinished holes, enter the score you MOST LIKELY WOULD HAVE MADE.**

**HANDICAP ALLOWANCE** - 90% of Course Handicap derived from a player's CGA handicap index. Maximum of 30 strokes. If a team has a Course Handicap difference of eight strokes or more, each team member will receive an additional 10% Course Handicap reduction. Teams are divided into flights according to team gender composition (Men, Women, Mixed).

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – Local rule allowing the use of devices that measure or gauge distance only is in effect. Rule 14-3, Note and Appendix I on page 116 of the 2008-09 USGA Rules of Golf.

**ONE-BALL RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT.** The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the United States Golf Association.

**CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD** - The driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads issued by the United States Golf Association.

**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 22 of the 2008-09 USGA Rules of Golf for procedure.

**TEES TO PLAY** – The tees to play are listed on the official tournament score card. All men play from same set of tees and all women play from same set of tees.

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

**EMBEDDED BALL** - Relief is "through the green" except in sand. Procedure is on page 107 of the 2008-09 USGA Rules of Golf.

**PACE OF PLAY** - Each group is expected to keep pace with the group ahead.

**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.

**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.

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

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

**GREENSIDE FANS** - Greenside fans are temporary immovable obstructions. See page 112 of the 2008-09 Rules of Golf for interference and relief procedure.

**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. All seams and edges are considered the same condition.

**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.

**CADDIES** – Caddies are not permitted in CGA one-day tournaments.

**TIES, PLAYOFFS & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION** - See prize distribution posted at the scoring area. Any playoff necessary to determine 1<sup>st</sup> gross, 2<sup>nd</sup> gross, or 1<sup>st</sup> net in a flight or for a prize less than \$25 will be resolved on the score card using the USGA recommended method on page 123 of the 2008-09 USGA Rules of Golf. If there is still a tie then score cards will be matched beginning with hole #1. All other ties are split equally. Upon completion of play, host club will have a payout sheet listing all winnings. Merchandise must be redeemed at the host club.

**KNOCKOUT RULE** - A team is disqualified from a tournament if they beat the course rating by 12 strokes or more AND beat the next best score by four strokes or more. Example: Course rating is 70.2. A team posts a net 54, and then the next best net score in the field is net 59. The net 54 team is disqualified.

**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.

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