

## **Changes to the SBWGA-18 Standing Rules In effect from 1 January 2021**

Most of the changes made to the Standing Rules were editorial in nature.

New paragraph entitled “Communication” was added to set forth the major ways that information is disseminated to the members.

New paragraph entitled “Changes to the Standing Rules” sets forth that the Elected Board will review the Standing Rules, make any necessary changes and communicate to the membership those changes along with the effective date.

Membership: an introductory paragraph was added that essentially was paragraph #1 in the 2020 handbook.

New paragraph 1 (former paragraph 2): The sentence stating that dues are non-refundable was removed from Article VI of the By-Laws and added to this paragraph. Because the consequence for failing to pay due by November 30th is the possible non-inclusion of member information in the handbook, the phrase “are considered delinquent if received after November 30” was deleted.

New paragraph 2: deleted “Eligibility is based on amateur status” because it was incorporated into the introductory paragraph. Information on dues paid by renters was deleted from Article III of the By-Laws in the changes that went into effect November 1, 2020. Old paragraph 10 was amended August 2019 to state that renters pay full dues. This information was moved paragraph 2.

Paragraph 3 - changed “Handicap Index” to “Course Handicap” for regular TPD and Ace Day.

Old paragraph 5 (on handicap only) was deleted because it doesn't apply to the SBWGA membership

new paragraph 7 - expands on the procedure to be followed for unacceptable behavior in order to give the parties involved additional opportunities to resolve the issues.

“Membership Handicap Requirements “ is the new name for “Handicapping Basics”. Introductory sentence changed to “The SBWGA-18 adheres to the World Handicap System/ Rules of Handicapping because of the change that went into effect in 2020.

Handicap Records & Penalties section was moved in front of “Posting Scores” section

Posting Scores (previously entitled “Post these scores”) was reworded for clarity.

SBWGA-18 Local Rule was added to set forth the procedure followed on SaddeBrooke hole #2 during league play after the 2nd ball is hit into the water.

Tuesday Play Day: some paragraphs in this section have been modified for better understanding. Choice of tee box can be changed prior to the start of a quarter rather than once a year to give members more opportunities to change as their golf game improves. A new paragraph was added to provide an optional Gross and Net Skins game once a month on a Tuesday Play Day as an additional enhancement. A new paragraph was added that allows a full member to bring a guest on a limited basis.

ACE Days: some paragraphs have been modified for better understanding. Paragraphs were numbered for consistency with the rest of the Standing Rules.

## Major Tournaments

Introductory paragraph makes it clear that prize money is funded through Full Member dues.

Tournaments are listed in chronological order.

Paragraph 2 added a new requirement that in order to play in a major tournament, a member must have played 3 SBWGA-18 TPD events within 12 months prior to the date of the tournament. This change was added to ensure that everyone playing in our Majors has participated in a minimal number of Tuesday Play Day games.

## Special Tournaments

Sentence added to state that prize money is funded by entry fees and supplemented by sponsor money if available.

Special tournaments are now in chronological order . New Special Tournaments with descriptions have been added.

## Ongoing games and awards

Descriptions were added for Chip-ins; Birdies or Better (Gross); Skins; Southern District Del Sud and Telegraph Tournaments

## Other Awards

Most Improved Golfer - The time frame (Jan 1-Dec 31) and number of TPD and Major Tournament requirement (15) remains the same. Two new criteria were added: 1) the MIG must have posted at least 36 rounds throughout the year (including the 15 TPD and Major Tournaments) to better reflect the player's overall improvement over 12 months; 2) the Handicap Committee will review the player's record to verify that she abided with the Rules of Golf and Rules of Handicapping throughout the year.

Hole-in-One Recognition added. This procedure has been in place for any member who has a hole-in-one during the year in order to receive a certificate from AGA acknowledging this accomplishment but never described in the Standing Rules. This is separate from the Hole-in-One game.

## General Information

Deleted the sections on Dress Code and Pace of Play since both are HOA#1 Golf policies and don't need to be repeated in the SR's

Moved the paragraph on Prizes for SBWGA-18 events that was added earlier this year into this section.