

2009 VSGA Women's Division Tournament Rules and Policies

CONDITIONS OF THE COMPETITION

All participants in 2009 Virginia State Golf Association Women's Division Tournaments and/or Championships must abide by the following Rules, Policies, and Guidelines.

Rules

Play will be governed by the USGA *Rules of Golf*, as modified by local rules.

Receipt of Entry

Entries will be accepted online, by mail, or hand delivered to the VSGA Office at:

**600 Founders Bridge Blvd.
Midlothian, VA 23113**

No phone or faxed entries will be accepted. Online entries must be paid for by credit card. Mailed or hand delivered entries must be accompanied by either cash or check in the amount indicated on the entry form. Please make checks payable to the VSGA. Late entries will only be accepted if spots are available.

Rejection of Entry

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the Championship) by the VSGA-WD. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct or actions which are detrimental to other players and/or defaulting from a match (i.e. failure to show up for their next match).

Refunds

Any refunds issued for VSGA-WD Tournaments will be given on the following basis: (1) If a participant withdraws prior to the tournament deadline - *refund is subject to a 25% administrative fee*; (2) If a participant withdraws between the tournament deadline and one week prior to the first day of the tournament - *refund is subject to a 50% administrative fee*; (3) If a participant withdraws less than one week prior to the first day of the tournament - *no refund will be given*.

Tournament Eligibility Guidelines

VSGA Tournament Eligibility Guidelines (i.e. Residency Requirements) can be found on the VSGA website at www.vsga.org by clicking "Tournaments" on the left portion of the screen, then proceeding to "VSGA Championship and Tournament Eligibility Guidelines." Tournament Eligibility Guidelines can also be found in the March/April issue of *Virginia Golfer Magazine*.

Cell Phone Policy

Use of cell phones, pagers, beepers and the like will not be allowed. (Violation of this prohibition will result in a warning - continued violation shall result in a disqualification in accordance with the rejection of entry statement above).

VSGA Inclement Weather Policy

In the event that one or more rounds are not completed due to inclement weather, the VSGA-WD Tournament Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of rounds and size of the field. The Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of rounds in qualifying and may reschedule the site, date, and time of any or all match play rounds if conditions warrant such action.

Dress Code

Participants must adhere to host club dress code. In addition, jeans, short-shorts, cut-offs, gym-shorts, tank tops, T-shirts or swim wear are not permitted. Golf shoes are required.

Ties

Ties for the Spencer-Wilkinson Benefit, Four-Ball, Two Best Balls of Four, and Four-Person Captain's Choice Tournaments will be settled using the USGA Scorecard Playoff Method of last 9, last 6, last 3, last 1, flip of coin. If a multiple tee or shotgun start is used, the last nine is deemed to be holes 10-18.

Caddies

Players may have caddies, but caddies may not ride in the golf cart at any time. Please see the Junior Girls' and Youth Championship entry forms for specific caddie information.

Spectators

Spectators are not allowed to ride in carts with the exception of the Junior Girls' and Youth Championship, which will be at the club's discretion.

Distance-Measuring Devices

In all VSGA-WD competitions, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her 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.

Close of Competition

Competition is deemed closed when prizes are awarded, or in the absence of a prize ceremony, when all scores have been approved by the committee.

Tournament Information

Players will be notified of their acceptance two weeks prior to the event. If an email address has been provided, information will be emailed, if not, paper copies of all information will be mailed.

Hotel Information

Hotel information for all VSGA Women's Tournaments will be available on the VSGA website under "Tournaments" on the left portion of the screen, and proceeding to 2009 VSGA Women's Championships and Events. In addition, hotel information will be provided on the respective tournament information sheet.

VSGA Web Site

Tournament and Championship information is available at www.vsga.org. Women's Tournament and Championship information can be accessed by clicking on "Tournaments" on the left portion of the screen, and proceeding to 2009 VSGA Women's Championships and Events.