

Tour Policies And Procedures 1/2017

For No Exemptions Tour, Inc. OGATOUR.org Members Administrative Support Purposes. The terms "Tour" and "Series" here are synonymous.

- 1. ELIGIBILITY** Tournaments are open to all players. All players must first agree to the current Tour Rules Of Play and this Tour Policies & Procedures. At any time, any player may be rejected or disqualified if the Committee feels that such action is warranted and in the best interest of the tour or Activity.
- 2. PLAYER STATUS** Prior to play, players will be required to claim status as "professional" or "amateur" on their registration form. Amateurs shall not be offered and may not accept prize purse money. Any amateur finishing in the prize award places will be awarded a gift certificate or card with retail value equal to the prize amount and not greater than \$750, or otherwise in accordance with the USGA printed rules of Amateur Status. [Note: Amateurs may receive cash from "optional" competitions aside from the basic event, consistent with the USGA rules of amateur status and policy on gambling.]
- 3. PERFORMANCE AWARDS** Prize awards will be issued on the day of the event when practical, or held for later presentation, and mailed only at the player's request. Any amateur prize level valued in excess of \$750 shall have its excess distributed evenly among all higher finishing professionals. If there are no higher finishing professionals, any "excess" shall be distributed to the highest finishing professional(s).
- 4. ENTRY FEES** shall be paid with CASH (No credit or debit cards). Personal checks are an option after the player's third event, at the Committees discretion. NO REFUNDS will be granted except as specified.
- 5. ENTRY DEADLINES & WITHDRAWALS** All player entry notifications must be received at least 72 hours prior to the tournament's scheduled start, in order to reserve a spot in the respective event. Players canceling within 24 hours of the event start may be penalized an amount not to exceed the entry fee.
- 6. FIELD SIZE LIMITATIONS** Entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis. Entries made after the tournament deadline do not guarantee a player's ability to play.
- 7. MEMBERSHIP FEE** Except for higher level play (Levels 2&3), an Annual Membership Fee is required covering 365 days. This fee is \$200 if paid in four \$50 increments, with each increment covering 30 days from the date of payment. The Annual Fee is only \$150 if paid in full, and covers 365 days from the date of payment. Prior members shall be "grandfathered" at the membership fee level in effect at the date of their initial membership. NO REFUNDS will be granted.
- 8. STIPULATED ROUNDS** Tournament rounds shall be 18 holes of individual stroke play unless otherwise declared by the Committee. If the field of players is unable to complete the round due to lightning or darkness etc., the numbered holes, usually at least nine holes, completed by all the players in the field may constitute the tournament round. In the event that part of the field is unable to complete any hole, those players would receive full entry refund.
- 9. PRACTICE ROUNDS** Practice rounds are at the discretion of and the terms set by the host club.
- 10. HAZARDOUS CONDITIONS** The Committee shall make determinations with respect to event cancellation or abbreviation due to hazardous weather or unplayable conditions. Players play at their own risk and may discontinue their play and seek shelter without penalty when safety threatening conditions arise. Note: Tournaments may be conducted during periods of inclement weather. Players are expected to continue play without delay during periods of non-threatening inclement weather such as heavy rainfall. The Committee and Host Club cannot assure the safety of any player.
- 11. STARTING TIMES** Players must obtain tee times by calling or texting the Tour Office between 7-9pm the night before play. Day-2/3 tee times may be published on the OGATOUR.org website.
- 12. DECIDING TIES TO DECLARE THE WINNER** will be accomplished through hole-by-hole playoff when practical. Except that for lower cost 1-day events, a "split" shall occur if at least one player who is tied for first desires a split or is otherwise unable to be present for a playoff. In this case these tied players shall be deemed "co-medalists".
- 13. RULES OF PLAY** are as published under the current "Tour Rules Of Play".
- 14. CADDIES, SPECTATORS & OTHER NON-PLAYERS** At the host club's sole discretion, caddies, spectators and other non-players may be permitted to accompany players onto the course. However, these persons must first be registered by their associated player with this Committee and through the host club pro shop, at which point any required fee must be paid to the host club. Any tour player who is accompanied by a non-player at the host club facility shall accept responsibility for any damage or harm caused by the non-player to any other person at the host club facility, to the Committee, or to the host club. These third party guests shall maintain a safe position to the side of their associated player, and not move into areas of balls potential trajectories.
- 15. DRESS CODE** The attire for tournament contestants shall conform with the policy of the respective host clubs. Between November 1st and March 31st, dress code for higher cost 1-day and multi-day events shall require long slacks except when specified.
- 16. CONDUCT** All players must be fully acquainted with and understand the "Rules Of Golf" prior to play. Extreme courtesy is expected between players at all times. Players must rake or otherwise smooth bunkers in the area of their play, sand their divots, repair their ball marks, play at an efficient pace, and remain completely still and quiet during any other player's period of shot execution. The consumption of alcoholic beverages or the violation of any governing law or legal statute during any stipulated round is strictly prohibited. The penalty for misconduct may be disqualification and/or rejection from future events.
- 17. PACE OF PLAY** In accordance with USGA Rule 6-7, pace of play guidelines are hereby established and may be enforced with associated penalties. Players/playing groups will first receive a warning/notice before penalization of the slow individual(s) for subsequent violation(s). No shot execution period shall require longer than 45 seconds from the time the player's turn has come and that player has reached the ball to be played. See the Committee for situational clock starting points for play at the teeing ground and putting green. The Committee encourages player efficiency between shot executions. This means that "Ready Golf" is authorized and player preparedness to execute shots shows good sportsmanship. Poor sportsmanship may be cause for suspension of the poor sports from future events.
- 18. ASSUMPTION OF RISK** As a participant in any Tour or Series event the participant assumes all risks and saves as harmless and indemnifies the Committee and any host golf club from and against all liability, loss and expense arising directly or indirectly from participation in any Tour event, whether or not such liability, loss or expense occurs by reason of negligence of the Committee or any host golf club. Furthermore, the participant of any Tour event areas to compensate the host club, or any other party or person for any damage(s) incurred by that club, part or person which may be attributed by the Committee to the actions of the member/participant's or participant's associated non-player(s).
- 19. MEDIA RELEASE** As a participant, the member agrees to release without compensation any media coverage or record of that participant's play, practice or other activity at the event site including interviews or testimonials, exclusively to the Tour. Such media coverage by the Tour may be accomplished through Tour marketing videos, newspapers, magazines, television, internet posting or broadcasting to include social media, or any other media.