

## **ANAHEIM HILLS GOLF CLUB TOURNAMENT EVENT GUIDELINES**

At the core of the Anaheim Hills Golf club are its monthly tournaments, designed to create competitions appealing to all members of the club. As such, the formats for these tournaments shall be established with thought towards satisfying the needs of all of its members.

The club's tournament committee shall operate within the following guidelines as a foundation for current and future tournament committees as they develop the tournament formats for the club's competitions. These guidelines shall include the reasoning behind them in order to assist future committees with implementation. While each year's committee has the authority to design their own formats, it's anticipated that these guidelines will help to preserve the overarching principles that our club fosters, while providing a foundation for continual improvement for our tournament formats:

- Fair, competitive tournaments, in alignment with SCGA guidelines
- A full return to the participating members for "place" finishers of their tournament entrance fee (via scrip, paid down to where the last place makes at least their scrip fees back)
- Cash side game collections will have a portion held-back to pay for program expenses (trophies, SCGA event registrations, website maintenance fees)

### **EVENT GUIDELINES**

**Flighting** - Tournaments shall typically be organized into flights to provide competitions matching players of similar skill levels. In some cases, however, single flighting may be preferred. Final determination shall be by the Tournaments Committee with respect to each tournament's format and field size. For flighted events, number of flights shall be determined based upon size of field:

- Single flight for fields <25 players
- 26 – 39 players shall have two flights
- 40 – 79 players shall have three flights
- > 80 players shall have four flights

Flights shall be broken up to try to create similar sized flights.

**Handicap Indexes** - The SCGA current, (3) month or (6) month low ("LI") shall be used to establish a course handicap for each player for each tournament. The Tournaments Committee shall determine whether the current or LI shall be used. In specific exceptions, such as a Member-Guest format which may include non-SCGA members, a Callaway or similar handicapping system may be employed for those not possessing a current SCGA handicap index.

**Side Games** - Side games may also be included in the tournament formats. These games shall be separate from the tournament scrip pots that are collected by the club for overall results. The games may include closest to the pin for par threes (must make par or better), net par (make par or better from the tees being played with your handicap applied), low front/back nine scores, etc. as established by the tournament committee. These may be paid out for either gross scores, net scores or a combination of both, determination of which shall be commensurate with the scope of the tournament. For example, during the club's major tournaments a gross payout would increase the recognition of the winning player's accomplishment. In contrast, a tournament using a scramble format designed to increase club camaraderie may not warrant this. Front 9/back 9 game would be an appropriate alternative for a team event. Participation in

the side games shall be optional, with the player/team able to choose none or all of the side games.

**Tee positions** - All players within the same flight shall play from the same sets of tees during a given tournament. This provision will help to ensure that closest to the pin side games are equitable for all participants. For any flighted tournament, the tournament committee may choose to split tees between the various flights.

**Annual Tournament Schedule** - A schedule for the year's upcoming tournaments shall be developed by the tournament committee as soon as practical once the committee is formed and shall be published through standard club communication means. The schedule shall include varying formats to address three aspects of our club:

- High levels of competition (ie club "majors")
- Camaraderie (ie "team" formats)
- General fun (ie July Red-White-Blue, or November "Turkey Shoot")

**Tournament Payouts** – The Tournament Committee Chairman shall post results as soon as practical after an event has been completed. Winnings shall be made available at the next tournament by the event host.

**Tournament Formats** - The format for each tournament and payout conditions, shall be published and made available to the general membership through standard club communication means prior to sign-up deadlines. It is the intent that these formats are followed, though they may be amended prior to the first player beginning the competition should the club's Rules Chairman deem the course conditions warrant an adjustment. It is recommended that a copy of the tournament write-up be available at the tournament check-in table for players to reference. For tournament formats utilizing a team format, the guidelines provided by the USGA for these types of events shall be used to determine the team handicap.

**Tournament Rules** - Golf course local rules shall be established by the golf course operator and be applied during all tournaments.

**Ties** – In the event that there are ties, the "matching scorecards" method shall be used, as defined in the USGA Rules of Golf - Section 5A (6).

**Tournament Ready Conditions** – It's incumbent of the Tournament Committee to form a close partnership with the golf course operators to help ensure the course is tournament ready prior to a tournament commencing. The course shall be properly marked – with any exceptions affecting the tournament to be clearly documented and communicated to the participants. These exceptions may include whether wet conditions require a lift, clean and place provision, whether a temporary green or tee box will be in effect, or whether certain parts of the golf course will be marked as ground under repair with corresponding relief provisions.

**Player Information** – At time of sign-up, the Tournaments Committee shall have a tournament write-up visible to all entrants. In addition, for any tournament not employing a medal play format, rules for the tournament shall also be made available to all entrants.

## Change Log

8/30/13

- Initial release

3/1/14

- Flighting - Revised flighting preference from non-flighted to flighted to help make tournament chances more equitable for all. Added guidelines on quantity of flights, based upon field sizes
- Cash side games – revised language to make buy-ins voluntary for each of the different bets
- Tee positions – revised to recognize conditions where split tees may be used
- Annual Tournament schedule – revised language to encourage camaraderie through TC matching different club members together for certain events
- Tournament formats – removed language re. posting payout amounts in the write-ups and added language to follow the USGA guidelines for handicapping during team events
- Handicap Indexes – revised to reflect use of current, LI or AHGC Tournament indexes

5/21/14

- Added 1<sup>st</sup> Place Ties and Player Information sections

2/11/15

- Expanded card playoff method for all ties (was 1<sup>st</sup> place only)

10/6/15

- Added conditions for CTP (must make par or better), net par (make or better a score to the course rating of the tees being played)

11/23/16

- Revised “cash games” to “side games” throughout
- Tournament Formats - revised “Rules and Greens” to “Rules”
- Tournament Ready Conditions – revised “Rules and Greens Committee” with “golf course operators”

4/7/17

- Revised net par conditions from course rating of the tees being played to par from the tees being played

10/9/19

- Revised scrip section to include withholdings for operating expenses
- Revised handicapping section to include 3 month LI
- Revised USGA Rules of Golf reference in “Ties” section to align with rewritten rules.

1/1/21

- Revised withholdings section to shift from scrip withholding to side game pot withholding