

# USPFC GOLF-2025

## **GUIDING BODIES**

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**Entry Deadline: May 15, 2025**

**Maximum Participants:** 140 golfers

## **EVENTS**

This is an **AMATEUR ONLY TOURNAMENT**.

**An athlete may enter the Scratch Events or Handicap Events, but not both.**

**SCRATCH EVENTS:** Gross score only, no handicap considered. The Scratch event will be offered in the following divisions:

**MEN'S SINGLES** – 18+, 50+

**WOMEN'S SINGLES:** 18+, 50+

**UNISEX DOUBLES:** 18+, 50+

**SCRATCH CHAMPIONSHIP:** Unisex Singles 18+

Teams may be made up of any combination of genders.

## **HANDICAP INFORMATION**

The USPFC Golf events adhere to USGA rules of golf and USGA handicap requirements.

Golfers must have an Official Membership Number that can be used to verify the golfer's current Index number. If Golfing History cannot be found over the internet, the golfer's "LI" (Low Index of the year), will be used. If the golfer does not have a golf history from the previous year, the Handicap Review Committee will assign one based on all information submitted and can include the first two days scores of this event.

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USPFC will authorize a "Handicap Review Committee" whose members will be chosen in advance of the competition. The Handicap Committee will aggressively monitor scores for golf handicap inaccuracies to ensure an equitable stroke tournament. Committee members will review all participants' Handicap history that is available. This committee reserves the right to adjust Tournament Index Numbers of golfers who have a history of scoring well below their Handicap or who post exceptional tournament scores.

Returning golfers from either or both past USPFC/WPFG will use the lower of their USGA Handicap or USPFC/WPFG tournament handicap.

If an entrant has two handicap numbers from two different clubs the lowest must be used.

A golfer whose handicap or golf history cannot be verified will be assigned a handicap no greater than 10.

**HANDICAP EVENTS:** Net Score.

**MEN'S SINGLES:** 18+, 50+

**WOMEN'S SINGLES:** 18+, 50+

**UNISEX DOUBLES:** 18+, 50+

Doubles may be comprised of any combination of genders. A team's age division is based on the age of the youngest player.

**HANDICAP CHAMPIONSHIP:** Unisex Singles 18+

## **SCHEDULING**

Foursomes should be arranged first by index and then age. Golfers with indexes within the same range should be placed on the same foursomes to ensure pace of play.

***No more than two members of the same agency may be in one foursome.***

Team members will play in the same foursome.

If team members are in different Handicap and/or age divisions, that team should be paired with another mixed team of the same division(s) if possible. If there are no other mixed teams of the same Divisions, the mixed team should be paired with a team in the same Division as the Golfer with the higher Index Number on the team. When no other alternative is available, the mixed team will have to be paired with a team in the same Division as the Golfer with the lower Index Number.

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## **EQUIPMENT**

Golf Carts must be supplied for each team (or twosome) at each course each day.

Tables, chairs and scoreboard.

Three laptop computers: At least one computer at each course.

Cellular phones or two-way police type radios with a dedicated channel: For Sport Coordinator and each Assistant Sport Coordinator.

Radios will also be needed by the marshals and Assistant Sport Coordinators at each course.

## **SCORING**

No more than 10 strokes can be taken on any hole; players must pick up their ball and move on to the next hole. A maximum score of 10 must be entered.

Post all scores as a "Tournament" score.

Player's individual Index Number will be used to score each round.

Scratch Singles' winners are determined by aggregate score.

Handicap Division Singles' winners are determined by Index Number adjusted aggregate score.

Scratch Team winners are determined by the team member's individual scratch scores, scored by "Better ball" scoring system. (Same as above except only use the raw scores on each hole.)

**Handicap Division Team scoring:** All members of each team play their own balls on each hole. At the completion of the hole, the lowest net score among the two team members serves as the team score.

No golfer will keep his/her own score, nor keep the score of a member of his/her own team or agency.

Scorecards will be used to verify scores entered in Golf Genius. All scorecards must be signed prior to being turned in at the end of the day. A golfer's signature indicates that they have reviewed the card for mistakes and will attest to the validity of the score. Unsigned

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scorecards or scorecards with discrepancies when checked against Golf Genius may result in a golfer's or team's disqualification.

Lost cards will result in disqualification.

## **GENERAL RULES for Golf**

It is the responsibility of the competitor to know the rules of golf. If there is a rules dispute on the course and an official is not available, proceed by playing two balls and notify an official of the protest as soon as possible.

## **IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE GOLF ENTRANT TO SEE THAT THE REQUIRED INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED.**

**SLOW PLAY:** A slow play policy will be incorporated into this tournament and upheld consistently.

The rules of golf and golf etiquette should be observed as though this is only a singles, scratch, stroke play tournament.

**Exception:** Team Members will be allowed to give advice to their partners. If a golfer does not have a partner, he/she may designate a member of the foursome as his/her advisor and receive advice from only that person.

No cell phones, Blackberries, Laptop computers, or any other electronic equipment can be used while on the golf course. The only exception is "Range Finders", approved USGA GPS range finders can be used.

No "gimme" putts, mulligans, improved lies, etc. **Exception:** Course conditions may dictate local rules which allow improved lies for specific areas of the course under construction or experiencing temporary poor playing conditions. No winter rules.

## **TIES**

The following system of retrogression will be used for both Handicap Division and Scratch Division ties: The lowest aggregate score of the last nine holes of the last round is used, if tied golfers are on the same course. If on different courses: take the last day scorecards for the tied golfers, then total scores from the two cards for the last nine holes and compare. If still tied, use the last 6 holes. If still tied use the last 3 holes, then use the front nine scores in the same manner until the tie is broken.

## **FEES:**

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Many courses will require the addition of tournament fees such as merchandise and/or food credits which may have to be passed along to the competitor. A scoring fee is included in the sport fee.

### **TEES**

Golfers will use tees as indicated by their verified index. All Scratch golfers will use the same tee.

### **CADDIES**

No guests or caddies may accompany golfers.

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## **AWARDS**

Medals are awarded first through third place (1st – 3rd). USPFC will advise you of the number of sets needed based on total entries, plus a reasonable margin.

### **ATTENTION COORDINATORS**

**THE GENERAL RULES APPLY TO ALL SPORTS.  
YOU MUST BE FAMILIAR WITH ITS CONTENTS.**

**PRECISE RESULTS MUST BE FORWARDED  
TO THE HOST COMMITTEE IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE  
CONCLUSION OF THIS SPORT**

The USPFC Director assigned to your sport is knowledgeable and experienced in providing assistance during the preparation and running of the sport. Questions, a detailed accounting of your preparations, and any area requiring approval of the USPFC shall be submitted in a timely manner to this USPFC Director.

The USPFC Directors want to work with you to make your sport a success.

***PLEASE USE THE USPFC DIRECTORS AS A RESOURCE.***