

*Nevada State Golf Association*

*Procedures Manual for State Championships*

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# ***INTRODUCTION***

The purpose of this binder is to insure that all state tournaments held in the name of the Nevada State Golf Association are consistent in their quality and format, whether hosted by the Northern Nevada Golf Association or the Southern Nevada Golf Association. Realizing that there are different golf seasons and venues in the North and South, it is our hope that by adopting the following guidelines the amateur golfer in Nevada can expect a consistent level of competition, whether he is playing in the North or South.

All state tournaments should be held at the best possible venue obtainable. The courses chosen should reflect the pride of the host association.

This binder has been adopted by both the Northern and Southern Nevada Golf Associations in a spirit of cooperation that we hope portends a successful relationship for many years to come.

## ***General Tournament Guidelines***

The following guidelines are applicable to all Nevada State Golf Association events:

- **Tee prizes** will not be distributed (Exception: The host association may provide mementos for the Cobb-Whalen Cup Matches).
- **Pace of play** will be established and distributed for all events, along with penalties for violating the pace of play policy. The pace of play policy will be established by the NSGA.
  - **Code of Conduct:** The policy adopted by the NSGA, October 21, 2008 will be effect for all Nevada state events.
  - **The use of cell phones:** is prohibited and could result in a disqualification penalty under the code of conduct guidelines.
  - **The use of distance measuring devices:** is allowed under NSGA guidelines. Use of distance measuring devices is subject to local rules for USGA events.
- **Eligibility requirements:**
  - Competitors in senior events must have reached their 50<sup>th</sup> birthday on or prior to the opening day of the event.
  - Competitors must be an active member of a handicap service of a Northern or Southern Nevada member club.
  - Competitors in Net or Net Senior events must have an active USGA handicap index listed on the association's handicap revision prior to the closeout date of the event.
- **Amenities**
  - Player lunches will not normally be included in the event budget.
- **Qualifying fees** will be deposited in Nevada State Golf Association Tournament fund. Over budget items for state events will be covered from this fund.

- **Refunds for State events:** After the established deadline for a state event, players can only receive a refund if there is a waiting list of players and a wait listed player agrees to play. Cases such as death in the family or serious illness such as hospitalization can be reviewed on a case by case basis.
- **Deadlines for State events** All deadlines shall be no less than (2) two weeks from the first day of the event. Each association is responsible for deadlines; if a spot is filled by the host association after deadline the spot will remain filled.
- **Committee Expenses:** Only food/beverage for officials would be part of event budget. Travel, lodging, and other expenses for officials would be borne by their respective associations.
- Nevada State Golf Association events will normally be scheduled between June 1 and August 31. State events must not conflict with other association events with precedence given to state events. Every effort should be made to schedule as much time between state events as possible.
- When practical, the Net and Championship Division State Amateur Stroke Championship will be held on separate courses or separate venues.
- **Handicaps:** Net and Net Senior Division competitors will play to their modified course handicap or 12 month L.I. as determined by their individual golf associations. The hosting committee reserves the right to reduce the course handicap of any competitor after the first, second, or subsequent rounds, should his scores warrant a reduction.
- **Playoffs in Stroke Play Events:** In the event of a tie for first place in the Championship or Senior Divisions, the winner will be determined by a hole-by-hole playoff. In the Net and Senior Net Divisions a three hole playoff will be conducted with 1/6 of each of the competitor's handicaps being subtracted from his gross score to determine his three hole net score. If weather, darkness, or other conditions prevent a playoff, the winner will be determined by matching scorecards as recommended in Appendix I Rules of Golf. If this method fails to determine a winner, the winner will be decided by drawing lots. All other ties will share prizes.

## *Nevada State Amateur Championship (Stroke)*

**Locations:** The North and South shall rotate responsibility for the Amateur championship. Scratch competitions will be conducted by the NNGA and Net competitions will be conducted by the SNGA and alternating there after. (Starting in 2009)

**Field size:** 60 players for each Division. Each association shall have 30 available spots in each division to be filled by deadline.

**Exemptions:**

- The top ten finishers from the previous year.
- The top ten players from each association's qualifying points list.

If players are exempt on both points and their prior year's finish, the additional spots available will added to the qualifier. The remaining spots to fill each association's 28 player quota will be determined by a qualifier designated by the association. If either association fails to fill their quota of players two weeks prior to the event the other association may assign players to fill the field. Players will first be selected from those who attempted to qualify and then from the association points list.

**Entry fees:** The qualifier entry fee shall be \$25, with the balance of the entry fee paid after successfully qualifying. Associations may collect the entire entry fee and refund all but the qualifying fee to non-qualifiers. The entry fee for the event will vary depending on the host course. Every attempt will be made to limit the entry fee to the best available price.

**Prizes:** Gift certificates will be awarded to the top 14 places in each division, assuming a full field of 60 players, as follows: See attachment "Nevada State Amateur Prize Breakout" The amount of the payout will be reduced proportionately according to the size of any reduced field, or if the golf fees are higher than anticipated.

**Format:**

- 54 hole stroke play with no cut.
- Pairings for the first round should be random with some equality bias toward players' performance records and previous state finishes. Second round pairings shall remain the same with tee times being reversed. Subsequent rounds will be paired by gross score in championship division and net score in net division. Starting times will be from high score to low score. The NSGA will award a symbol of recognition to the winner of each division and place their name on the perpetual trophy.

# *Nevada State Match Play Championship (Scratch and Net)*

**Field size:** 32 players (16) from each association's scratch and net divisions.

**Locations:** The North and South shall rotate responsibility for the Match play championship, scratch at a SNGA site and net at a NNGA site starting in 2009.

**Exemptions:**

- Defending champions and runners up from the previous year's championship.
- Top eight players from the association's points list prior to the scheduled qualifier.

If players are exempt on both points and their prior year's finish, the additional spots available will accrue to the qualifier. A qualifier that may be held in conjunction with another event will determine the remaining spots. Non-committed spots for exempt players will be distributed to the qualifier. If either association fails to fill their quota of players two weeks prior to the event the other association may assign players to fill the field. Players will first be selected from those who attempted to qualify and then from the association points list.

**Entry fee** may vary depending on cost of fees to host golf course. Associations will attempt to keep entry fees at the best available price. Entry fee must be paid by exempt players by entry deadline. Qualifiers pay \$25, and then pay balance if successful in qualifying. Associations may collect the entire entry fee and refund all but the qualifying fee to non-qualifiers.

**Seeds and pairings** will be published 3 days prior to the first round. No changes in seeding or pairings will be allowed after 12:00 noon PST the day before the championship proper.

**Seeds:**

- Each association will submit a list of their players. The seed order shall be determined by defending champion/runner up, followed by points list, exempt players, and qualifier finish.
- The defending champion will be seeded number 1 and the runner up number 2 unless they are from the same association, in which case the runner up will be seeded number 3.
- The order of seed for each association will then be determined by the number 1 seed, with players from that association seeded odd numbers and the opposing association seeded even numbers.
- If neither the defending champion nor runners up are in the field, the number 1 seed from the host association will be seeded number 1, and their remaining players will assume the odd numbered seeds. The visiting association will assume the even numbered seeds.
- Alternates and standbys will be seeded last.

**Event format:**

- First round matches will be scheduled 18 holes in groups of four or two.
- Pairings will be made from alternate matches, ie., first and third and second and fourth, etc.
- Finals will be scheduled 36 holes in groups of two.
- No consolation rounds.
- No host lunch after each round (30 minutes minimum for lunch).
- No tee prizes or gift certificates. The NSGA will award a symbol of recognition to the winner of each division and place their name on the perpetual trophy.
- Handicaps for the Net event will consist of 75% of their modified course handicap or 12 month L.I. as determined by their individual golf associations.

## *Nevada State Senior Stroke Play*

- **Field size:** 60 players, with 30 player spots each available to NNGA and SNGA. Spots unfilled by an association two weeks prior to the event will be available to the other association. Entries will be accepted in the order received. Exception: If the event is overbooked, competitors with the lowest handicap indexes will receive priority.
- **Format:** 54 hole stroke play with no cut.
- **Pairings** for the first and second round will be based on their gross score final finish in previous year's event when possible, then by handicap index, etc. Starting times will be reversed on second round. Final round will be paired by gross score.
- **Prizes** will be awarded "across the field" for both Gross and Net. A player may win in either division, but not both. Prizes will be awarded based on the player's higher standing in each division with Gross receiving priority.
- **Entry fee:** The entry fee for the event will vary depending on the host course, but every attempt will be made to limit the entry fee to the best available price.
- **Eligibility:** A player must have reached his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday prior to the first day of the competition.
- **Gift certificates** will be awarded as follows: See attachment "Nevada State Amateur Prize Breakout." (Based on a full field of 60 competitors). Prize funds will be reduced proportionately for less than full fields, or if golf fees are higher than anticipated.
- The NSGA will award a symbol of recognition to the winner of each division and place their name on the perpetual trophy.

## *Nevada State Mid Amateur Championship*

- **Field size:** 40 players with 20 available to NNGA and 20 to SNGA
- **Exemptions:**
  - Top four finishers from previous year.
  - Top ten players on individual association's points list
- After exempting the previous year's top four finishers the remaining spots will be divided equally between the two associations
- Spots unfilled by an association two weeks prior to the event will be available to the host association. Entries will be accepted in the order received. Exception: If the event is overbooked, competitors with the lowest handicap indexes will receive priority.
- Remainder of the field determined by a qualifier which may be conducted with another event. Should an individual in the top ten be otherwise exempt, the additional spot(s) will go to the qualifier. If the response to the event does not warrant a qualifier, the association may select their share of field giving priority to the lowest handicap indexes.
- **Format:** Event shall consist of 54 holes with no cut.
- **Eligibility:** Competitors must have reached their 25<sup>th</sup> birthday on or prior to the first day of the championship.
- No handicap limitation to enter qualifier.
- **Entry fee:** \$25 to enter qualifier if needed. Additional fees if successful. Associations may collect the entire entry fee for the qualifier and refund all but the qualifying fee to those players that fail to qualify.
- **Prizes:** Gift certificates to top ten places: \$500, \$450, \$400, \$350, \$300, \$250, \$200, \$150, \$100, \$100. (Based on a full field of 40 players. Prize fund will be reduced proportionately for less than full field, or if golf fees are higher than anticipated.)
- The NSGA will award a symbol of recognition to the winner of each division and place their name on the perpetual trophy.

# *Cobb – Whalen Cup*

The Cobb – Whalen Cup Matches shall be a stand alone event, not held in conjunction with any other State Championship event. The Cobb – Whalen Cup shall consist of 20 players from the NNGA and 20 players from the SNGA.

## ***Team make-up***

### *Championship Division*

- Top seven from each association's point list
- Two "Captain's" selections
- Top player from the Senior Division points list

### *Net Division*

- Top seven from points list
- Two "Captain's" selections
- Top player from Senior Net Division points list

NOTE: Associations have the option of selecting two players from the Senior and Senior Net Division points list.

Each association shall determine the method of selection from their respective Players' Points List. The association has the option of choosing a cut-off point that will allow sufficient time to schedule travel, purchase uniforms, etc. Players' expenses may be subsidized at the discretion of the individual association. Expenses for the event would be borne by the host association.

## **Format:**

- Practice round.
- No host cocktails and dinner following the practice round
  - Mandatory attendance. (Players not in attendance may be suspended from subsequent state or association events)
  - Dress is coat and tie.
  - Pairings for the first round would be announced at this time.
  - The association holding the cup will post the first team with the opposing association countering with their team. This will continue until all team pairings in both Net and Championship divisions have been posted.
- Three competition match play rounds consisting of:
  - Fourball

- Modified alternate shot where both team members hit from the tee, select the best tee shot, and the team member whose shot was not selected plays the next shot. The team members then alternate shots until the ball is holed.
- Singles
- Scoring will be Ryder/Walker Cup format.
  - Team win receives one (1) point
  - Team halve receives one half (1/2) point.
  - Team loss receives zero (0) points

Groups (tee times) will be alternated between divisions, eg. championship, net, etc. Lunch will be served after the first round only.

## *U.S.G.A State Team Championship*

- Team consists of three players with NNGA and SNGA alternately having one and two players.
- In 2003 the SNGA will have two players.
- The association with two players will appoint one player as the team captain.
- The team captain will be responsible for ordering equipment and clothing for the entire team.
  - Team shirts with USGA State Team logo with year and Nevada on sleeve
    - Three shirts for each team member.
  - Team bags for team member
    - Embroidery on bags must be ordered from the supplier so bags can be embroidered before assembly
    - Nevada embroidered in large letters on long pocket
    - Player's first and last name embroidered on short pocket
- Associations agree to share expenses equally. One third of the expenses will be paid equally from each association treasury and from the state treasury.
- Team members will be reimbursed for expenses as follows:
  - Per diem for a maximum of six days on a high/low basis at the Allowable area rate for the tournament site
  - Maximum airfare based on a two week advanced purchase ticket
  - Rental vehicle comparable to a mini van weekly rate
  - Cost of the host hotel

## *Nevada State Junior Amateur Championship (Stroke)*

- **Field size:** 72
  - Each association will send 36 players to this Championship
- **Championship Date:** First week of July (reserved)
- **Exemptions:** None
- **Qualifying:** Each Association will determine the method in which they will fill the 36 available places.
- **Entry fees:** \$30-\$40 will vary depending on the cost of the event from year to year.
- **Format:** 36 holes stroke play competition.
- **Pairings:**
  - First Day Pairings-Mix the players 2 from NNJGA-2 from SNJGA
  - Second Day pairings- repair by gross score high to low within each age group.
- **Host site** will provide:
  - Practice Round for all contestants one day prior to the start up of the event.
  - The contestant will be responsible for the cost of the practice round.
- **Housing:** will be provided by the Host site when needed. Visiting juniors will be housed by junior members from the host association.
- **Championship proper:** entry fee will include two rounds of golf, range balls (if available), awards banquet for players and family.
- **Awards:** Each contestant will receive a Medal with the Nevada State Golf Association Logo engraved on the front end of the medal, with the engraving on the back of each medal "Qualifier" Nevada State Jr. Champ- and the year.
- **"Thank you" plaque presented:** to the Host Site of this Championship on behalf of the Nevada State Golf Association and Contestants. Have all three logos on the plaque NSGA, NNJGA and SNJGA.
- **Each Champion** will receive a trophy for them to keep along with his or her name engraved on the perpetual trophy as well.

**Awards Banquet:** will follow play immediately after the final round of this event. Players and family members are invited at no charge.

## *Lou Oliver Cup Matches*

The Lou Oliver Cup Matches shall be a stand alone event, not held in conjunction with any other State Championship event. The Lou Oliver Cup shall consist of 12 senior players from the NNGA and 12 senior players from the SNGA.

### *Team make-up*

#### *Scratch Senior Division*

- Top six from the scratch senior point list

#### *Net Senior Division*

- Top six net senior points list

The association has the option of choosing a cut-off point that will allow sufficient time to schedule travel, purchase uniforms, etc. Players' expenses may be subsidized at the discretion of the individual association. Expenses for the event would be borne by the players with possible help from the state association.

### **Format:**

- Practice round.
- The association holding the cup will post the first team with the opposing association countering with their team. This will continue until all team pairings in both Net and Championship divisions have been posted.
- Three competition match play rounds consisting of:
  - Fourball
  - Modified alternate shot where both team members hit from the tee, select the best tee shot, and the team member whose shot was not selected plays the next shot. The team members then alternate shots until the ball is holed.
  - Singles
  - Scoring will be Ryder/Walker Cup format.
    - Team win receives one (1) point
    - Team halve receives one half (1/2) point.
    - Team loss receives zero (0) points
  - Lunch will be served after the first round and final round.

**NEVADA STATE AMATEUR PRIZE  
BREAKOUT**

PLACE	NET	CHAMPIONSHIP	SENIOR SCRATCH	SENIOR NET
1	\$500	\$500	\$400	\$400
2	\$400	\$400	\$300	\$300
3	\$300	\$300	\$200	\$200
4	\$200	\$200	\$180	\$180
5	\$200	\$200	\$160	\$160
6	\$180	\$180	\$140	\$140
7	\$160	\$160	\$120	\$120
8	\$150	\$150		
9	\$140	\$140		
10	\$130	\$130		
11	\$120	\$120		
12	\$110	\$110		
13	\$100	\$100		
14	\$100	\$100		
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,700*</b>	<b>\$2,700*</b>	<b>\$1,500**</b>	<b>\$1,500**</b>

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***NEVADA STATE MID AMATEUR PRIZE  
BREAKOUT***

PLACE	AMOUNT
1	\$500
2	\$450
3	\$400
4	\$350
5	\$300
6	\$250
7	\$200
8	\$150
9	\$100
10	\$100
TOTAL	\$2800*

\*ASSUMING A FULL FIELD OF 40 PLAYERS