



2022 GSGA Competitions General Q & A

The GSGA is pleased to announce some enhancements and improvements to its competitions programming in 2022:

- Live scoring through the Golf Genius mobile app will be **required** at all competitions. One player in each group will be required to enter scores for the group after each hole. As a courtesy to the field to keep everyone updated on positions in the competition, we appreciate your participation and compliance.
- The [Men's Interclub Matches](#) will be returning in 2022 and we are also thrilled to introduce a [Women's Interclub Matches](#) program. The Women's program will consist of teams of 4 players per side with each regular season match contested in a net scoring format.
- GSGA is excited to announce the introduction of a [Women's Four-Ball Championship](#) to the competitions schedule. This new event will feature a field of up to 48 teams competing in 36-holes of Four-Ball stroke play. This year's inaugural event takes place June 1-2 at Echelon Golf Club in Alpharetta. Check out the [event portal](#) for further information.
- The [Georgia Amateur Championship](#) will be a **walking only** Championship once again in 2022 as we head to the Deer Creek course at The Landings Club in Savannah. This policy is for the Championship proper only and does not affect qualifying where golf carts are permitted. Provisions will be in place for players to apply for medical exemptions to use carts. Staff will also have the ability to put the entire field in carts if expecting dangerous weather, severe heat, or the like. The GSGA's Championship Committee approved this policy to continue to elevate the Championship and player experience, adding an additional element of challenge and putting it on a similar level of other elite amateur competitions.
- Cut reductions will occur at the Amateur, Mid-Amateur, Junior, Senior and Four-Ball Championships to improve the final round(s) administration and provide players with the best possible opportunity to complete the respective Championship on schedule. Individual events will see a reduction in the cut from 70 and ties to 60 and ties, and the Four-Ball Championship cut will be reduced from 40 teams and ties to 30 teams and ties.
- The [Georgia Match Play Championship](#) will once again see some enhancements based on a successful first year of statewide qualifying. The 103rd Championship will continue to take place in the Summer to provide an opportunity for all the state's top players to earn a spot in this illustrious and premier field. However, the format will now include pod/pool play like that of the PGA Tour's match play event. Several exemptions have been introduced and players that advance to the Championship will be guaranteed at least 3 matches in pod/pool play. 64 players will now make up the Championship proper and based on pod/pool play results, 16 players will advance to the elimination bracket. Pod/pool play is an increasingly popular format in state golf associations, and we look forward to bringing you more match play experience.
- Some field sizes have been reduced to better manage daylight and weather conditions in the Fall. [The Public Links Championship](#) will now have a maximum field of 120 players and the [Senior Championship](#) field size will be dictated by the dates of the event.
- The [Senior Women's Championship](#) will see the introduction of **NET** scoring to its Tournament and Super Senior divisions. Players not competing for the overall Championship will now be competing for both gross and net prizes to increase the playing opportunities available for all skill levels of Senior and Super Senior women.
- A Legends division (75+) is being added to the [Super Senior Championship](#).
- A Super Senior division is being added to the One Day Series presented by PGA Tour Superstore.
- The GSGA Refund Policy for 2022 will revert to pre-2020. A full refund minus a \$30 administration fee will be due for any players that withdraw from an event prior to the close of entries. After the close of entries, a player may still receive a refund minus the administration fee **IF** their spot in the field can be filled by an alternate on a wait list. For statewide qualifying events, players may receive a 50% refund for withdrawals after the close of entries but more than one week prior to the event date. Otherwise, no refunds will be permitted except for documented injuries. R&C staff respectfully ask that if a player knowingly needs to withdraw before a competition begins, please do so as soon as possible out of respect and as a courtesy to any players on a wait list that may have an opportunity to get in the field.

We are extremely excited and anticipating the start of the 2022 competitions season. Please go to www.gsga.org and look at the calendar of events under the PLAY tab to see a complete list of competitions and to enter the first events of the year. Stay tuned for more to come and follow GSGA on all your social media platforms.

Best wishes and get out and play,
GSGA Rules & Competitions Department