

2023 GSGA Competitions General Q & A

The GSGA is pleased to announce some enhancements and improvements to its competitions programming in 2023:

- Live scoring through the Golf Genius mobile app will continue to 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 [Mixed Team Championship](#) at Sea Island Golf Club will move to a lottery selection process to determine the field. Due to its increased popularity over the years, utilizing a lottery will provide the fairest method to determine the field. In addition, the competition will move to one set of yardages for men and one set for women. All players will compete in flights utilizing both gross and net scoring and a gross and net champion will be crowned!
- Following the Mixed Team Championship, the [Four-Ball Tournament](#) will also move to a lottery selection process to determine the final field of 60 teams. The Tournament will be hosted by Sanctuary Golf Club in Southeast Georgia, a hidden gem that has been met with rave reviews.
- In late May/early June, the [Women's Match Play Championship](#) and [Sr. Women's Match Play Championship](#) will see some enhancements based on a successful implementation of pod play in the Men's Match Play Championship. The format will now include pod play like that of the PGA Tour's match play event. Every player will be guaranteed to play at least 3 matches in pod play. For the Women's Match Play Championship, the low 32 players by handicap index will make up the field and based on pod play results, 8 players will advance to the elimination bracket. For the Senior Women's Match Play Championship, 32 players will make up the field and based on pod play results in each of four flights, a total of 8 players will advance to the elimination bracket. Pod play is an increasingly popular format in state golf associations, and we look forward to bringing you more of a match play experience.
- GSGA is excited to announce the introduction of a Women's Mid-Amateur Championship to the competitions schedule. This new event will feature a field of up to 60 players determined by handicap index competing in 36-holes of individual stroke play. This year's inaugural event takes place June 19-20 at Country Club of Columbus. For this event, a Mid-Am is players aged 21 and over and not on a college golf team roster. Player of the Year and Challenge team points will be awarded for this competition. Check out the [Women's Mid-Amateur Championship](#) event portal for further competition information.
- The [94th Georgia Women's Amateur Championship](#) at Horseshoe Bend Country Club will be conducted as a Championship division only, without a Tournament division moving forward. The maximum field of 120 players will be playing 54 holes of individual stroke play. A cut will be implemented to the low 60 players and ties after 36 holes of play to provide the best opportunity to complete all 54 holes of the Championship within the scheduled dates. The maximum handicap index of any player entering is a 10.0.
- A Women's Fore Fun Series was added in 2022 that introduced clinics, a scramble, and social opportunities for women golfers. Sydney Weaver, Manager of Women's Golf will be expanding the number of offerings in 2023 as we look to continue to engage and grow the women's game.
- The [Member Play Day](#) program will introduce a lottery-based selection process to determine fields. Due to its overwhelming popularity over the years, a lottery-based system will ensure you don't have to miss out on the opportunity to play golf at some of GSGA's most amazing golf courses if you are even just five minutes late to sign-up after entries open.
- The [One Day Series presented by the PGA Tour Superstore](#) saw substantial growth and expansion in 2022. Some enhancements for 2023 include no division player limits. All registration will be handled via a first come, first serve entry confirmation process. The number of regular season events is increasing, and the finale is scheduled to take place at McLemore on October 30th. By earning points based on regular season finishes, the season long points list is the path to the finale. All scoring will be digital in 2023 with digital scorecards through Golf Genius being implemented and required.

We are extremely excited and anticipating the start of the 2023 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 beginning January 18th. Stay tuned for more to come and follow GSGA on all your social media platforms.

Best wishes and get out and play,
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