
2018

Conditions of Play



Overview

The Senior Scramble is a new and exciting program created for amateur golfers, ages 50 and older, with the goal of “relaxing” the game. Seniors will play on two-player teams in a scramble format (Doubles Golf™), which allows for a less stressful and more “relaxed” approach to golf competition, where teammates can accent each other’s strengths while offsetting each other’s weaknesses.

This innovative Doubles Golf™ program will features four Age Flights: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80+. The local competitions will be intra-facility, with each facility crowning champions in each Age Flight.

Flight Champions from each participating Facility may have the opportunity to advance to a “Senior Scramble” Section Qualifier. Two Section Champion teams, in each Flight, will play in the 2018 National Finals, at Phoenix Country Club during the Schwab Cup Championship!

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Format & Scoring

Two-player teams will play scramble format (Doubles Golf™):

A- Both players tee off from the teeing ground.

B- Team will select the best positioned ball to play their next shots

C- Ball is marked, and Players are allowed to lift, clean and place their ball within one club length, no closer to the hole.

D- A ball may be moved from rough to fairway using the one club length rule, but under no circumstances should this free relief be used to move a ball from a staked hazard, sand bunker or onto a green.

E- Players will continue this process until reaching the green, at which time the selected ball is marked, and putts are taken within one club head of the mark, in either direction no closer to the hole.

Age Flights

Senior Scramble participants compete in four Age Flights: 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, and 80+. To encourage greater parity in the event, there is a requirement that no team may have more than one player whose age is under the midpoint of the teams' Flight decade (under 55, under 65, under 75). There are no restrictions in the 80+ Flight.

Any participant is eligible to play in a younger Age Flight, however, no player can move up to an older Flight. When registering,

players must use their ages as of October 1, 2018 to determine their appropriate Age Flight.

*If a team does not comply with the above stipulations, it will not be eligible for a Section Qualifier.

Course Set Up

The host facility determines the length of the golf course, with the **required minimum** yardages being:

- Men 50's and 60's Age Flights will play from a minimum of 5600 yards.
- Men 70's and 80's Age Flights will play from a minimum of 5300 yards
- Women in all Age Flights will play from a minimum of 4800 yards.

*It is recommended that host facilities set up their courses to encourage the lowest possible scoring for their Senior Scramble teams. This includes pin positions.

Substitutions

Player Substitutions on a Senior Scramble team are only allowed prior to participation at the local level. Any player substitution must be approved in advance by the host facility. Host facilities will be obligated to provide documentation of player changes to Senior Scramble HQ.

Advancement

Determining Local Champions

Each host facility will determine best day(s) to conduct the Senior Scramble, prior to the Local Competition deadline. (Facilities will have the option to allow registered teams to compete at any time during the Local Competition window, provided they play as a foursome, with another registered team).

Host facilities may crown a champion in each of the four Age Flights. Facilities will then provide these Flight Champion scores (against par) to their Senior Scramble HQ representative, along with keeping all scorecards (in case of a tie, in which case scorecard-matching will take place).

Net Winners

Facilities may crown Net Winners as well as Flight Champions in the Senior Scramble. Net scores will be determined by adding the handicaps of the two players, and taking 25% of that total to calculate the team's handicap. A team's score (against par) minus their handicap will be their net score. Net winners may be eligible

for the Section Qualifier (in a net division), but there will be no advancement from the Net division to the National Finals.

Facilities taking part in The Senior Scramble will submit their Flight Champion scores (against par) to Senior Scramble HQ - please keep these scorecards.

Advancement to Section Qualifier:

In the 2018 pilot year, the top 50% of Flight Champion teams, in each Age Flight, in each section, will advance to the Section Qualifier (up to a maximum of ten teams from each Age Flight).

Advancement to National Finals:

Ten sections will be included in the pilot season of the 2018 Senior Scramble. Five of those sections will be deemed from the Western Conference; five from the Eastern Conference. **Only the top team score (against par) in each Age Flight, from the West and East Conferences will advance directly to the National Finals.** *As the program expands in 2019, plans are being made to host all Section Champion teams at two Conference Finals to determine advancement to the National Finals.*

Rules of Play

The following are The Senior Scramble official rules governed by the rules of Doubles Golf™:

Format

Doubles Golf™ (two-player scramble).

Sharing Clubs

While each player may have a maximum of 14 clubs, teammates may share clubs during the round.

Lifting and Marking Selected Ball

The team will mark its chosen drive, then may lift, clean, and place the ball within one club-length on either side of the original mark, no closer to the hole. This process continues for each team's shots until reaching the green.

A ball may be moved to different playing conditions using the one club-length rule (rough to fairway), but under no circumstances may this free relief be used to remove a ball from a staked hazard, sand bunker or onto a green.

Staked Hazards

If a team should choose to play a ball from a staked hazard, the ball must be played as it lays on the first shot. Either player

may take the first shot, with no relief. The second ball will be placed no further than one club head from the original spot in the hazard (no closer to the hole). Should the team decide to take relief from the hazard, USGA rules apply with a one stroke penalty.

Lost Ball & Out of Bounds

If neither of a team's shots can be found, USGA rules regarding "lost ball" will apply, the team will return to the location of the prior shot and each player will re-hit with a one stroke penalty.

While Senior Scramble rules regard out of bounds stakes as a lateral hazard, **no ball may be played from out of bounds**. A team selecting a ball that has been hit out of bounds must take a one stroke penalty and play the ball from in bounds at the nearest point where the ball was deemed to have crossed the boundary.

Line of Putt

Upon reaching the green, the ball chosen will be marked, and each player will putt from within a club-head, in any direction of the mark, no closer to the hole. Should it be deemed that a team is attempting to gain an advantage by rolling a ball on a green, prior to putting, a penalty may be assessed.

Finishing a Hole

Once a ball is holed, even if the second player has yet to putt, the score of the ball holed becomes the official score for the team on that hole. A double bogey is the maximum score a team can take on any one hole. Once a team has reached the number of strokes equal to bogey, and the ball is not yet holed, the team must pick

up, record the score as double bogey, and move to the next teeing ground.

Ties

If there is a tie between teams competing for gross or net titles, scorecard matching will take place. The teams' scores (against par) on holes 16-18 on the scorecard will be the first tiebreaker. If still tied, the teams' scores (against par) on holes 13-18 will be matched. If still tied, the teams' scores (against par) on holes 10-18 will be matched. If still tied, the aggregate scores of each team's final four Par-3's (on the scorecard) will determine the team that moves on. If still tied, the team's scores on each individual Par-3, in reverse order on the scorecard, will be matched to determine advancement.

(Any rules not covered by the rules of Doubles Golf™ will be governed by USGA Rules of Play).



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