

Texas Firefighter Summer Games

Golf Rules

The following rules and participation guidelines as set forth shall govern participants and play in the Texas Firefighter Summer Games Golf Tournament. The Rules may be amended as necessary and shall be approved by a majority vote of members present at the Annual Team Captain Meeting.

Participant: Anyone meeting the general participation eligibility guidelines as spelled out on the Texas Firefighter Summer Games website may participate in the golf tournament.

Team: Each team will consist of 5 players. Players from large metropolitan departments (Dallas, Houston, San Antonio, Austin, and Fort Worth) must play on a team from that department. Players from departments other than “The Big Five” may join together as necessary to form a 5 player team.

A team may compete with only 4 players and all teams must post 4 scores to compete. If circumstances arise whereby a team cannot post 4 scores, that team no longer is in competition as a team; but the remaining individual team members can still play and post a score toward individual medalist, or senior medalist. Individual players must post three scores to qualify for individual medals.

Format: The tournament format is stroke play. Gross score. No adjustment for handicap. Each player must hole out their own ball.

Players 53 years of age or older as of July 1st qualify for Senior Division.

Players 63 years of age or older as of July 1st qualify for Super Senior Division. Super Seniors may play from one tee forward of the designated tournament tees.

Teams will be broken into flights as determined by the Tournament Committee. Generally, that will be done after the first day of play, but due to circumstances that change with venues, exceptions may be made from year to year.

Rules: USGA Rules govern all play with the exception of any local rules as adopted by the golf course being played. **We are a soft spike organization. No metal spikes allowed.**

Stroke and distance is allowed for balls hit out of bounds and/or a lost ball. Relief is taken on line of flight by dropping another ball two club lengths inside playable ground. Assess a One stroke penalty.

The ball shall be played down.

No GIMME Putts. Every player must hole out their ball.

Pace of Play: “Ready Golf”. Play as soon as you are ready to hit. Maintain your position with the group in front of you. Grant “Teeing Honors to Birdies” if you believe in the “Golf Gods” otherwise, Hit Away!!

Score Cards: An official score card will be provided. Players score each hole numerically. Do not turn in a score card with +s and –s for scores. Each side (1-9) and (10-18) must be totaled. Final score for round must be shown. Card must be signed by all participants listed on the card posting a score.

Players are responsible for turning in their score cards to the Group Coordinator before leaving the golf course being played. The Group Coordinator is responsible for returning all score cards for the group to the designated Tournament Scoring Venue.

Tournament Committee: A Tournament Committee shall be designated for the tournament at the Annual Captains Meeting prior to the tournament. The committee will mediate rules questions and hear grievances as brought forward. The committee will advise the Golf Coordinator of findings and present their recommendations. The Golf Coordinator shall make the final determination and impose a penalty or grant relief if warranted. The decision of the Golf Coordinator is final.

Players are responsible for their personal conduct on the golf course and course property and maybe suspended from participation for cheating, intentionally causing damage to property, violating local course rules of conduct, entering private property without permission, acts of physical altercations, or any conduct which may be deemed serious enough by the Committee to warrant such suspension.