

2010 WEST COAST TOUR POLICIES

ELIGIBILITY

Members

To become a member of The West Coast Tour, a player must submit an application and pay all required fees by deadlines set forth by the tour. Applications are accepted on a first come first serve basis and the tour reserves the right to reject any application. Membership dues have been waived for the Winter Series of 2010.

Amateurs

All amateurs participating in a West Coast Tour event must have a U.S.G.A. handicap of 2 or less as well as a letter from a P.G.A. professional verifying the handicap. All amateurs are required to pay the entry fees and dues as professionals.

PAYMENTS

Standard Payments

All members must submit required payments on or before the deadlines set forth by the tour. Any member failing to meet the payment deadline date will be subject to a late fee.

Acceptable Forms of Payment

The tour accepts wire transfers, cashiers checks, money orders and credit cards (Visa, MC, Discover, Amex) as acceptable forms of payment. A \$25 transaction fee is automatically applied to all payments made by credit card. A \$30 transaction fee must be included to all bank wire transfer totals when submitted.

PRACTICE ROUNDS

Practice rounds will be available at all tournament sites; times and days may vary. Players are responsible for practice rounds, including reserving tee times and any fees that may apply.

OFFICIAL TOURNAMENT

36 holes must be completed for an event to stand as a completed Tournament (1 Day 18-Hole Events being the exception) that has been originally scheduled for 54 holes, as we will not play beyond the final scheduled day of the event. In the event a tournament cannot be completed due to weather, the purse will be distributed evenly throughout the remainder of the events with a minimum of three events left in a series. If less than three events remain in the respective series, the purse will be distributed evenly to the players, less tournament expenses (i.e. green fees, staff, etc.).

All regular series events will be 54 holes and will cut after 36 holes to the low 33% of the field plus ties.

PACE OF PLAY

Rule 6-7 states, in part: The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee. The following pace of

play guidelines, penalties and fines for stroke play competitions have been adopted.

Definition Of “Out Of Position”

The first threesome or foursome to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they exceed the time allotted to play, as detailed on the applicable course’s Pace of Play Chart.

Any subsequent group will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, they (a) exceed the allotted time to play or (b) reach a par-3 hole is open and free of play or reach a par-4 or par-5 hole and have not cleared the teeing ground before the hole is open and free of play.

NOTE: The Rules Committee reserves the right to time a group when the Rules Committee deems it necessary.

Monitoring Group

When play is in threesomes, the first group in each segment to start will be notified by a West Coast Tour Rules Official of monitoring and timing. Any subsequent group out of position will not be informed of monitoring and timing unless asked by the player(s). When play is in twosomes, all groups will be informed by a West Coast Tour Rules Official of monitoring.

Timing

At the discretion of the Rules Committee, once a group is determined to be out of position, players in the group may be timed. Other than on the putting green, the timing of a player’s stroke will begin when it is his turn to play and he can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardages will count as time taken for the next stroke. On the putting green, timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to mark, lift, clean, and replace his ball, repair his ball mark and other ball marks on his line of putt and remove loose impediments on his line of putt.

NOTE: A player is permitted 40 seconds to play a stroke, and an extra 20 seconds (for a total of 60 seconds) will be allowed for:

- (a) the first player to play a stroke on a par-3 hole;
- (b) the first player to play a second stroke on a par-4 or par-5 hole;
- (c) the first player to play a third stroke on a par-5 hole;
- (d) the first player to play around the putting green; and
- (e) the first player to play on the putting green

Any player in a group being timed, who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be informed as soon as practicable.

Penalties during a Round

First Offense: One timing exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke, no penalty.

Second Offense: One more timing (total of two) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke, a one (1) stroke penalty and a fine of \$100.00.

Third Offense: One more timing (total of three) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke, a two (2) stroke penalty and a fine of

\$250.00. Fourth Offense: One more timing (total of four) exceeding the applicable time to play a stroke, disqualification from the event.

NOTE: Any timing exceeding the applicable time to play will be carried over throughout the round. In the administration of these pace of play guidelines, a member of the Rules Committee shall not tolerate abuse, oral or otherwise, by a player. Such abuse may constitute conduct unbecoming a professional and possible termination from the Tour without refund.

CONDUCT POLICY

The West Coast Tour will maintain a strict no tolerance policy on any behavior unbecoming a professional which includes but not limited to vulgar language, club throwing, and damage to the golf course or golf course property. If the tour cannot determine who has damaged the golf course or golf course property the purse will be reduced to cover any costs due to the damage. The West Coast Tour will not tolerate any use of illegal drugs or abuse of any prescription drugs. Any violation of the drug use policy will result in an automatic dismissal from The West Coast Tour. The West Coast Tour will not allow any alcohol or gambling at any tournament site during a stipulated round. Following completion of the stipulated round, consumption of alcohol should be limited to the clubhouse lounge and locker room areas only.

First offense for violation of this policy is a \$500 fine, second offense is a \$1,000 fine, and third offense is automatic dismissal from The West Coast Tour without refund; no exceptions. All fines must be paid in full before the start of the next scheduled event. All fines are due to be paid in full before the conclusion of the event. *

* If uncollected, these fines will be deducted from the current week's purse, with the name(s) of offender(s) publicly posted to the tournament field.

- Any conduct disputes will go before the tournament committee in which the decision of the tournament committee shall be final.
- The Tour reserves the right to disqualify a player at any time for breach of conduct. The player will forfeit all earnings from the stipulated tournament in that case.

Appeals

Any appeal of a penalty and fine must be referred to the on-site Tournament Director immediately upon completion of the player in question's round. The Tournament Director's decision shall be final. If the player in question does not appeal immediately upon conclusion of his round, any penalties and fines shall stand.

ATTIRE

Slacks or Bermuda length shorts are permitted. No denim is permitted. All shirts must reflect appropriate attire, and must be tucked in at all times. All hats must be worn forward. All caddies must abide by the same regulations as the players. Caddies may not wear sandals, flip flops, or golf shoes with spikes. Tennis shoes or teaching shoes are preferred. Players are responsible for their caddies. The West Coast Tour is a "soft-spikes" only tour; no metal spikes are permitted. Players must wear slacks and a collared shirt to all meetings, Championships, and West Coast Tour hosted events.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell Phones

Use of cellular telephones is prohibited on golf course property except in the parking lot of the respective club. Use of your cellular phone is always prohibited in the clubhouse at any event. Any breach is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.00 fine and possible disqualification of tournament. Cell phone use is allowed during suspense of play in appropriate areas.

I-Pods

I-Pods will only be permitted on the driving range and putting green before and after tournament rounds. I-Pods are not allowed during competition. Any breach is subject to a fine up to \$1,000.00 fine and possible disqualification of tournament.

Range Finders

Range Finders ARE allowed and highly encouraged in any West Coast Tour event. Range finders that calculate slope are also allowed.

CARTS AND CADDIES

Carts

All players are permitted to use golf carts, no pull carts allowed. Two carts per group and two people per cart allowed.* If at any time there are more than two people per cart then each individual in or on the cart will receive up to a \$100.00 fine. All carts must be kept on the path around tees and greens; failure to do so will be subject to a \$100.00 fine. Please note that when play has been suspended and the golf course is being evacuated this rule does not apply. Walking is allowed on The West Coast Tour as long as pace of play guidelines are being followed. Spectator golf carts are not allowed unless approved by the Tournament Director.

Caddies

Caddies are permitted and may ride on carts based on availability; players have priority on riding.

*Any person riding in a cart other than the player is considered the player's caddie; and with such, will be subject to all caddie stipulations stated in the official U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY

Due to Dangerous Situation

Play may be suspended due to dangerous situations. A suspension of play for a dangerous situation shall be signaled by one long air horn blast. After a horn or siren has sounded, players must immediately halt play and may not resume again until the Committee has ordered to do so. Under suspension, the entire golf course, driving range, putting greens and all practice areas are closed. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification.

Due to Non-Dangerous Situation

Suspension of play due to fog, excessive rain, ice, wind or darkness is not considered dangerous and will be signaled by three (3) consecutive air horn blasts. Players in the process of playing the hole may complete the hole. Players in between the play of two holes must stop immediately.

PLAYOFFS

All 1st place ties will be determined by a sudden-death playoff, which will immediately follow regulation play beginning on a hole chosen by the tournament committee.

REFUND POLICIES

Deposit/Payment Refund

A full refund will be issued to any player wishing to withdraw their application or tournament entry fee as long as the request is submitted on or before the refund deadline date set forth by the tour. Failure to meet this requirement will result in a forfeit of any monies paid to the tour.

Medical Refund

If a player is unable to participate due to medical reasons, causing the field to be reduced; the purse will also be reduced. The West Coast Tour Tournament Director must be notified at least 48 hours in advance in order for a medical refund to be considered. A doctor's note must be submitted to the tour office before a refund check will be issued. All refunds are subject to a 20% administrative charge. A player always has the right to sell their spot.

PGA, Nationwide, Champions & European Tour Refunds

Any player who qualifies for a PGA Tour, Nationwide Tour, Champions Tour or European Tour event before the first day of play will receive a full refund of their entry fee, if the events coincide.

No Show/Withdrawal Refund

No-shows will not be tolerated. Any player who no-shows or withdraws from an event will forfeit their entry fee.

NOTE: Once a player hits an official shot in an event, there are no refunds, regardless of whether or not they gain entry into that week's PGA, Nationwide, Champions or European Tour event.

PURSE DISTRIBUTION

Prize Money

Checks are distributed to members at the next scheduled event, or upon request, the check(s) can be mailed to the player's address on file. Non-members earnings will be mailed to the address on file. No checks will be distributed without a player's social security number or tax ID number on file with The West Coast Tour. Non-Resident Alien players must have an IRS W-8 BEN form on file and according to IRS regulations; the Tour will withhold 30% of all earnings for taxes. Players are responsible for correct Names, Social Security Numbers and Addresses. Any check(s) not cashed by the end of the calendar year

will be forfeited to the Tour, without exception. Fees for reissue of lost check(s): \$50.00 per issue.

DISCLAIMER

The West Coast Tour reserves the right to refuse entry to any player for any reason. The West Coast Tour is not responsible for items stolen, lost or damaged at any practice facility, host or secondary golf courses. Participants in West Coast Tour tournaments are responsible for any damage they cause to the golf course and/or property of the golf course.