



2026 VSGA Championship & Tournament

Rules and Policies

All participants in 2026 Virginia State Golf Association championships, qualifiers and tournaments must abide by the following Rules and Policies.
Exceptions: Women's Open of Virginia, State Open of Virginia and the Senior Open of Virginia (see respective entry forms)

Rules

Play is governed by the USGA *Rules of Golf*, as modified by local rules.

Tournament Eligibility Guidelines

[Click here](#) for VSGA Eligibility Guidelines.

Receipt of Entry

All entries will be accepted online ([click here](#)) and paid for by credit or debit card. All players, including exempt players, must submit a properly executed entry and include the proper entry fee by the deadline date to ensure a spot in the field and to avoid a late entry fee.

See Women's State Open of Virginia, State Open of Virginia and Senior Open of Virginia entry forms for professional entry procedure.

Rejection of Entry

Entries are subject to rejection at any time (including during the event) by the VSGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct or actions which are detrimental to other players. In addition, at any time prior to, during, or after an event, if it is found that the player was not in compliance with the eligibility guidelines, he/she will be disqualified.

Late Entries

Any entry that is received after the stated deadline will only be accepted if space is available and is subject to a \$25 late fee.

Refunds

Any refund issued will be given on the following basis:

- (1) If a participant withdraws prior to the event deadline - *refund is subject to a \$10 administrative fee*;
- (2) If a participant withdraws after the event deadline *no refund will be given*;

Note: Refunds may be processed online by withdrawing from an event(s) via the VSGA Online Event Signup Page.

Course Condition/Inclement Weather

The VSGA has no control over the condition of a golf course or weather. The VSGA requests from each club that it provide a course in good condition. If the event is played, there will be no refunds granted due to course condition and/or inclement weather.

Tournament Information

Players will be notified via email of their acceptance and sent tournament information approximately one week prior to the event.

Host Club Requirements

Participants must adhere to the host club's dress code. In addition, jeans, short-shorts, cut-offs, gym-shorts, tank tops, T-shirts or swim wear are not permitted. Personal coolers are not permitted.

Riding in Golf Carts/Walking

Golf carts are available for use at all VSGA Championships and tournaments, excluding junior events. However, the VSGA encourages players to walk and players may use push/pull carts if the host facility permits them.

Posting of Scores

The VSGA will post all individual stroke play rounds to each player's handicap scoring record. Players must post each four-ball and match play score as a competition round on their own.

Caddies

Players may have caddies and caddies may ride in carts only if there is an open seat. Groups of three (3) or four (4) will be allotted two (2) carts and only two (2) people may ride in each cart, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee. Groups of two (2) will be allotted one (1) cart and only two (2) people may ride in the cart, unless otherwise authorized by the Committee. No one may ride on the back of a cart at any time. Please see junior championship and event entry forms for specific caddie information/restrictions for those events.

Spectators

Spectators are allowed to ride in carts only if a seat is available in a player's cart. During junior championships and events, spectators are allowed to rent carts at the club's discretion.

Cell Phone Policy

Cell phones may be used as distance-measuring devices, but must comply with Rule 4.3 in the Rules of Golf. Talking on cell phones is prohibited unless it is for an emergency. Violation of this prohibition will result in a warning - continued violation shall result in a disqualification in accordance with the rejection of entry statement above.

Tournament Committee

The VSGA Competitions Committee reserves the right to alter the field size and/or tournament format based on the number of entries received.

In the event that one or more rounds are not started or completed due to inclement weather, the VSGA Tournament Committee reserves the right to alter the field size and/or tournament format (e.g. canceling a round(s) or adding additional days to the competition). For match play competitions, the Committee reserves the right to reduce the number of rounds of qualifying and may reschedule the site, date, and time of any or all match play rounds if conditions warrant such action.

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