



## **2026 Championship Rules and Conditions of Competition**

### **Registration and Participation**

- Registration will begin approx. 14 days in advance for all regular Open Division Events. Registration will be done online at [cvga.com](http://cvga.com)
- Tee times will be blocked for each open event, and all players participating in the event must play within the specified time block. Check the website for tee time blocks.
  - Players may request tee times, but they must be within the open tee time block.
  - If you want the earliest tee time and somebody already has that tee time, you will be assigned the next available tee time within the block.
  - Likewise, requesting the latest tee time may not necessarily be the last tee time. It may be earlier or later (if the tee time block is already full) based on tournament participants and players who have already registered. We will fill the open tee time block times first before expanding beyond the assigned tee time blocks.
  - The very last tee time is generally reserved for the Open Chairman (if participating) to allow for serving as a starter for the participants.
- Players shall provide registration information to the CVGA Open Division chairman prior to competing in their first event. This is for the purpose of ensuring proper communication, player information, and categories for awards etc.
- By reviewing the conditions of competition, players seeking entry into a CVGA Open Division event will not hold liable the CVGA Open Division or any hosting golf course for injury or damage as a result of my participation in any CVGA Open Division events. Furthermore, players agree that participation authorizes the use of my name, image, and likeness for purposes of reporting results, CVGA related social media posts, submission to television and print media organizations, or the like.
- Any player may play in a CVGA Championship event.

- Host courses should not allow local players (members) to start 20 minutes before the CVGA event and will wait until 20 minutes after the last CVGA tee time to allow local play to continue.
- Local players will be notified that a CVGA tournament is in progress and plan accordingly for pace of play.
- Non CVGA tournament golfers will not be allowed to play on the course within the CVGA tournament.

### **Championship Entry Fees**

- Entry fees for tournaments range from \$60.00 to \$115.00 with the following breakdown:
  - Course Fees - Variable\*    Prize Money - \$27.00    CVGA - \$5.00
  - \*Elevated Tournament entry fees are generally applied to the Course Fee
- The entry fee for the Tour Championship and Tournament of Champions are elevated and other forms of pre-registration may be required for the tournament prior to a set deadline.
- Beginning in 2026, the CVGA Open Division will no longer offer the “Junior Rate” for events. All players will pay the Course Fee, Prize Fee, and CVGA Fee.
- Skins game entry is optional and must be completed prior to starting the round. If no skins are won for a particular event, the skin pot will be carried over to the next event. Refunds will not be issued under any circumstances. If there is no additional event to be played that season, the skin pool will be carried over to the first event of the following season.

### **Course conditions**

- All hazards shall be properly marked (lateral, OB, GUR) on the course.
- All bunkers shall be properly maintained.
- All greens shall be mowed prior to the CVGA event.
- All Open events will be played from the CVGA Tees. The course will be set up to an estimated yardage of 6,400 to 6,700 yards based on course conditions.
- Tees will be set the morning of the event.

## Course Rules

- USGA rules shall apply, however, local rules shall prevail and shall be prominently displayed.
- The ball will be played as it lies (“Summer rules”) at all tournaments unless otherwise specified.
- A player **may *not* move a ball** that comes to rest in a divot at any point through the green unless otherwise allowed through the rules, or if playing “Lift, clean, and place”.
- If course conditions require us to play lift, clean, and place, the following conditions will apply:
  - You may lift, clean, and place the ball in the closely mown area of the hole being played only (ie. Your own fairway)
  - The ball may be moved up to one club length ***using any club except your putter.***
  - The ball must be properly marked before being lifted and replaced.
- The starter will provide a copy of the course rules to each participant either at the first tee, or via the website.
- A tie for first place to determine the overall champion will be broken by a sudden death playoff to commence on the designated hole(s) within 20 minutes of completion of play.
- Designated playoff holes, and/or playoff rotation will be identified prior to the start of the round.

## Tournament Scoring

- The CVGA will provide a starter for the first tee of each Open Division Event.
- Each player will be responsible for keeping their score, and / or the score for the players in the assigned group.
- Live scoring is mandatory. Players may be required to verify their scores at the completion of the round, and if assigned, at the designated scoring area, verbally with the designated scoring official.

- If using scorecards, players will sign and verify their score at the completion of the round at the designated scoring area and turn them in to the designated scoring official. All scorecards must be signed by the player and the scorekeeper before the scorecards are turned into the official scorer at the end of the round.

### **Tournament Awards, Award Ceremony, and Tournament Results**

- Tournament awards and/or trophies will be awarded immediately at the completion of play, or the completion of a playoff if required.
- Results will be posted on the CVGA website, as well as various social media outlets.

### **Season Long Scoring and Tournament of Champions Qualifications**

- Points for each tournament will be awarded as follows:

| <b>Score Place</b> | <b>CVGA Open Division Event</b> | <b>Tour Championship</b> | <b>Tournament of Champions</b> |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1st                | 18                              | 24                       | 18                             |
| 2nd                | 15                              | 18                       | 15                             |
| 3rd                | 12                              | 15                       | 12                             |
| 4th                | 10                              | 12                       | 10                             |
| 5th                | 9                               | 11                       | 9                              |
| 6th                | 8                               | 10                       | 8                              |
| 7th                | 7                               | 9                        | 7                              |
| 8th                | 6                               | 8                        | 6                              |
| 9th                | 5                               | 7                        | 5                              |
| 10th               | 4                               | 6                        | 4                              |
| 11th               | 3                               | 5                        | 3                              |
| 12th               | 2                               | 4                        | 2                              |
| 13th               | 1                               | 3                        | 1                              |
| 14th               |                                 | 2                        |                                |
| 15th               |                                 | 1                        |                                |

- The season long points race will be calculated by totaling the player's points for all events competed.
- The season long points race may be used to qualify players for certain events, payout, and other potential playing opportunities.

- Priority for the Tour Championship and Tournament of Champions will be given to golfers to compete in at least **two** events during the Open Division season. The top point earners with 2 events played will receive an invitation based on allocated spots for the Open Division. Past Champions and others may be invited at the discretion of the Open Division Chairman.
- *\*New in 2025 – The player of the year points earned for the Tournament of Champions will count toward the following calendar year season point total.*
- For breaking ties for in priority, players will be ranked in the following order:
  - 1 – Number of events played – A player with more events played will get priority
  - 2 – For players tied in points and events, the highest number of points for a single event will get priority
  - 3 – For players tied through tie breakers number 1 and 2, the lower score at the last event played will be used.

### **Player (s) of the Year**

- The CVGA Player(s) of the year will be determined by the player's total points earned from all completed tournaments during the CVGA Open Division Season. The individual awards and qualification criteria are listed below:
  - **Bill Rolland Player of the Year**  
The golfer who earns the most points from the New Richmond Open through The Tour Championship. This award is open to all amateur, professional, college, and high school participants.
  - **Art Tangen Player of the Year – Runner Up**  
The golfer who earns the 2<sup>nd</sup> most points from the New Richmond Open through The Tour Championship. This award is open to all amateur, professional, college, and high school participants.
  - **Amateur Player of the Year**  
The *amateur golfer* who earns the most points from the New Richmond Open through The Tour Championship. This award is open to all amateur, college, and high school participants, who are, and remain, an amateur golfer as defined by the United States Golf Association Rules of Amateur Status for the entire CVGA Open Division season.

- **High School Player of the Year**

The **High School golfer** who earns the most points from the New Richmond Open through The Tour Championship. This award is open to High School golfers who are currently enrolled in a high school or participating during the season immediately following their senior year of high school golf.

- **Senior Player of the Year**

The **Open Division Senior golfer** who earns the most points from the New Richmond Open through the Tour Championship. This award is open to players over 50 years of age. Players may earn points toward this award if (and only after) they turn age 50 during the season. This award only recognizes the **Senior golfers competing in CVGA Open Division Events** and is completely separate from the CVGA Seniors. Senior players may choose to compete in the Annual Tournament of Champions as a Senior or an Open Division player and points earned will not count toward this award.

- Tie Breakers (in order) for the season long awards will be as follows:
  1. Low score at the Tour Championship
  2. Point Totals from the two highest finishes during the year.
  3. Scoring average from the **mutual number** of tournaments completed.

### **Pace of Play Guidelines**

- The pace of play should range from 4 to 4.5 hours
- The expected pace of play for a CVGA open event will be determined by the host course at each event.
- The pace of play may vary from course to course and weather may affect this during the event. However, all players are expected to know what the tournament pace is for that course and to finish their round within the expected pace of play guidelines.
- If it has been determined that a player is not maintaining the proper pace of play, he/she may be warned or penalized up to 1-2 strokes at the completion of the round. If a player continues to not follow the pace of play guidelines, he/she may be disqualified from the current or a future event. ***Note to all players: Nobody likes to play slow golf. and nobody admits to playing slow golf. We are all responsible for maintaining a good and proper pace in golf, not only for the enjoyment of our playing partners and ourselves, but also for the remaining golfers who are playing on the course. Ready golf is your responsibility. Use your time properly and efficiently before and as you prepare to hit each shot. Be ready early.***

### **Proper Attire and Course Behavior**

- The CVGA Open Division requests all players to wear proper golf attire during tournament play.
- Please show respect to the golf course, the host golf professionals, the staff, as well as the golf course superintendent and his or her staff.
- Host clubs may enforce their own clothing standards.
- Speakers and music playing are not allowed at any CVGA event.

### **Contacts**

- Questions regarding the CVGA Open Division Championship Rules and Conditions of Competition should be directed to the Open Division Chairman

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