

## ***2010 HANDBOOK ADDITIONS / CHANGES SUMMARY***

### **Tournament Entry and Walk up Fees:**

- East Texas entry fees increase from \$15.00 to \$20.00
- Masters Tour entry fee reduced from \$75.00 to \$60.00  
Note: Players will no longer receive a tee gift at Masters Tour events
- All American Tour (ages 12-18) is \$150.00  
All American Tour (ages 7-11) is \$100.00
- Walk up fee increases from \$10.00 to \$15.00

### **Tournament Registration and Cancellation Policies:**

- Registration deadline extended to 5 days prior to the event at 11:59 p.m.  
Previous registration deadline was 7 days prior to the event at 5:00 p.m.
- Cancellation deadline extended to 5 days prior to the event at 11:59 p.m.  
Previous cancellation deadline was 7 days prior to the event at 5:00 p.m.

### **Suggested Guidelines for Selecting a Tour Level:**

- Suggested average score for the Masters Tour is now the same as the Medalist Tour which is lower than 100 on 18 holes.
- Suggested average score for the All American Tour is lower than 90 on 18 holes and lower than 50 on 9 holes.

### **Rules of Play Changes:**

- The new USGA condition of competition requiring a player's clubs conform to the groove and punch mark specifications as detailed in the 2010-2011 Rules of Golf is NOT in effect.
- Players must NOT wear headphones during play.

### **All American Tour:**

- The All American Tour is designed for players with a moderate to high skill level and tournament experience and offers 18-hole stroke play competitions for players ages 7-11 and 36-hole stroke play competitions for players ages 12-18. All American Tour events will be conducted over two days.
- After play of any All American Tour event a player's 36-hole score is higher than 210, two (2) times, that player may be re-assigned to the Medalist and Masters Tour.

### **Masters Tour:**

- The 9-stroke limit will now be in effect for all age divisions at Masters Tour events.
- A first place finish on the Masters Tour is no longer equivalent to winning two events on the Medalist Tour towards qualifying for the Tour Championship.

### **Tournament Field Sizes:**

- Prep Tour: 48 player max at registration deadline / 55 player max on site.
- Medalist Tour: 100 player max at registration deadline / 110 player max on site.

### **Age Divisions and Declaring Up:**

- All players will be assigned a division based on their date of birth and gender at the time of registration. Player age divisions will be manually updated if their birthday results in a change in age division. Any other changes to a player's age division must be done by using the Age Division Declaration Form located under the Forms and Documents

heading on the Foundation website. All requests for declaring up in age division will need to be approved by the NTPGA and will be handled on a case by case basis.

### **Breaking Ties:**

- In all Masters Tour events, ties for second and third place in all divisions will be broken by a score card playoff. Ties for first place only will be decided by a sudden-death play-off.
- In all All American Tour events, ties for first, second and third place in all divisions will be decided by a sudden-death play-off.

### **Player of the Year:**

- Player of the year points earned on the Masters Tour will now apply to the Metro Player of the Year Points Challenge. The Metro Player of the Year Points Challenge will still utilize the 6/12 divisor rule.
- The East Chapter Player of the Year Points Challenge will now use the 6/12 divisor to calculate points instead of the 4/8 divisor.
- Player of the year points earned on the All American Tour will only apply to the All American Tour Player of the Year Points Challenge. The All American Tour Player of the Year Points Challenge will utilize a 3/6 divisor to calculate points.

### **East Area Championship:**

- The top two (2) finishers (previously three) and ties in each age division of East Texas Medalist Tour events will automatically qualify for the East Area Championship.
- Any player finishing in the top ten (10) on the Player of the Year Points list (as of July 30, 2010), who is not otherwise qualified, will receive an exemption into the Ewing Automotive East Area Championship.
- Any player finishing in the top five (5) on the All American Tour Player of the Year Points list (as of July 30, 2010), who is not otherwise qualified, will receive an exemption into their respective Area Championship.

### **West Area Championship:**

- Any player finishing in the top ten (10) on the Player of the Year Points list (as of July 30, 2010), who is not otherwise qualified, will receive an exemption into the West Area Championship.
- Any player finishing in the top five (5) on the All American Tour Player of the Year Points list (as of July 30, 2010), who is not otherwise qualified, will receive an exemption into their respective Area Championship.

### **Metro Area Championship:**

- Any player finishing in the top ten (10) on the Player of the Year Points list (as of July 30, 2010), who is not otherwise qualified, will receive an exemption into the Metro Area Championship.
- Any player finishing in the top five (5) on the All American Tour Player of the Year Points list (as of July 30, 2010), who is not otherwise qualified, will receive an exemption into their respective Area Championship.

### **Tour Championship:**

- Any player winning three (3) (previously two) East Texas Medalist Tour events during the summer will qualify for the Tour Championship.
- Any player winning five (5) (previously four) Metro Chapter Prep events (age divisions 7-11 only) during the summer will qualify for the Tour Championship.

- Any player winning five (5) (previously four) Metro Chapter Medalist/Masters Tour events during the summer will qualify for the Tour Championship.
- Any player finishing in the top ten (10) on the Player of the Year Points list will no longer qualify for the Tour Championship.