

## 2017 RIGA Championship Regulations and Tournament Player's Information

*If you plan on participating in a championship run by the Rhode Island Golf Association, it is important that you read the following information. It is your responsibility to know the rules and policies that govern all RIGA events.*

**CONDITIONS OF COMPETITIONS:** The Rhode Island Golf Association (RIGA) reserves the right to accept or reject any entry submitted. Any person whose entry is accepted shall be subject to the rules and conditions set forth by the RIGA. The RIGA reserves the right to shorten any competition due to weather or other conditions warranting such action. Any act of unsportsmanlike conduct, as written in the RIGA Conduct Policy stated below, will cause for removal from a tournament.

**RIGA CONDUCT POLICY:** By submitting an entry, or by participating in any RIGA competition, the player understands that their participation is at the sole discretion of the RIGA. A contestant may be removed from any competition at the discretion of the RIGA at any time before or during the competition. Incidents of unbecoming conduct or actions deemed to be detrimental to the image of the RIGA or the "Spirit of the Game" are grounds for such removal and possible suspension from future RIGA events. These include, but are not limited to the following: cheating; willful destruction of the golf course/property; public criticism of golf course or verbal abuse of RIGA staff, officials, volunteers, host club staff or other contestants; club throwing and/or physical endangerment of others; offensive or excessively loud behavior; inappropriate golf attire; or other conduct deemed to be unbecoming.

**TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY:** Tournament eligibility varies per the event. Please consult the entry application of the event for these guidelines. Registration is available online for all events. If you choose to sign up online you will be able to pay by using MasterCard or Visa. If you would like to enter via paper entry, the entry forms are available at our Website, [www.rigalinks.org](http://www.rigalinks.org). The RIGA does not accept entries by telephone, fax or e-mail.

**TOURNAMENT INFORMATION:** Information concerning course assignment, pairings, starting times, etc., will be available 7 days prior to the event and will be posted on the RIGA website. All tournament players with an active e-mail address on file will receive tournament information via e-mail.

**LATE ENTRIES:** If a player wishes to enter a tournament after the entry deadline, and if there is an available spot for that player, there will be an additional charge of **\$25.00**.

**WITHDRAWALS/NO SHOWS:** Players who have applied to participate in a RIGA event and wish to withdraw for any reason must contact the RIGA office at (401) 272-1350 prior to the event. Players who fail to follow this procedure will be listed as a "no show". Repeated "no shows" by a player may result in the player's entry for future events being rejected.

**QUALIFYING:** The number of spots available at each qualifying site will be determined based on the number of entries received at the entry closing date for each event listed. The final number of spots will be posted on the day of qualifying at each site.

**RIGA DRESS CODE:** For all RIGA competitions, players and caddies must be neat in appearance with respect to personal grooming and clothing. All males are required to wear shirts with collars and sleeves, and either golf slacks or Bermuda shorts that measure no higher than two inches above their knees. Examples of attire NOT ACCEPTABLE include: short shorts, cargo shorts, athletic shorts, jeans, jean shorts, tank tops and t-shirts.

**WITHDRAWAL DURING AN RIGA EVENT:** All players are expected to complete the competition which they start. Acceptable reasons for withdrawal during a competition are physical injury, illness or an emergency. **Poor play is not an acceptable reason for withdrawal.** A player who withdraws without an acceptable reason or without notifying RIGA staff may be subject to suspension from their next RIGA event.

All players who start a round must return a scorecard personally to RIGA staff even if they are officially withdrawing.

**REFUNDS:** If a player withdraws prior to the close of entries for a particular tournament, they will be refunded the entry in full. If a player withdraws after the close of entries and prior to the start of a tournament, they will be refunded their entry fee minus a \$25.00 administrative fee. A player withdrawing after the start of a tournament will not receive a refund, regardless of reason.

**FOOTWEAR POLICY:** To improve playing conditions for our contestants, the wearing of metal spikes is prohibited in all RIGA events.

**SCORE POSTING:** The RIGA will post all scores for contestants participating in our Championships.

**PHOTOGRAPHIC/VIDEO:** By submitting any application, the player agrees to allow the RIGA to use the player's photographic/video image for RIGA media-related use(s).

**SPECTATOR CARTS:** When golf carts are permitted in a RIGA event, their use is limited to transporting players and/or their caddies. Spectators are prohibited from using golf carts.