

Virginia Beach Seniors Golf Club

POLICY FOR “GUESTS”

Revised – March 6, 2024

ACTION: The VBSGC Board of Directors hereby establishes this revised policy for guest players at weekly tournaments during the year.

DISCUSSION:

1. An important purpose of our Club is to promote friendly competition, fellowship and good sportsmanship *among the members*. While this excludes guest participation in the club’s tournament competition, there are valid reasons to allow some “guest playing privileges.”
2. Applications for membership currently require sponsors of prospective members to invite them to play as guests two times, before an application can be accepted.
3. Members may desire to invite “occasional guests” such as visiting friends, relatives or players not available for a full-time membership commitment.
4. Golf courses scheduled for VBSGC tournaments can generally accommodate at least a full “half shotgun” (18 groups) in their schedule, but occasionally other commitments may limit them.

POLICY:

Guests will be allowed when “space is available” as determined by the weekly Scheduling, Scorekeeping and Handicaps Committee member doing the pairings. Sponsors must notify the Scheduling Committee (scheduler) at least one week in advance of their desire to bring a “guest”. This **MUST** be done via email and must include the guest’s name **and** email address, and the date and course to be played. The following guidelines apply: (Revised 3-6-2024)

1. Guests do not participate as competitors in the weekly tournament.
2. Guests will be allowed to play during “36-Minus” and “PEERS” weeks, but not in the Annual Club Championship when the tournament is flighted. (Revised 3-6-2024)
3. Members will be allowed only one guest in any week. The guest will be in the same foursome as his sponsor, regardless of the guest’s handicap.
4. A guest may play not more than twice in any season without applying for membership. (Added 3-6-2024)
5. Women may play as a guest up to twice in a season but are not eligible for membership. (Added 3-6-2024)
6. Prospective members on file (i.e., those with completed applications on file with the Membership Committee when no openings are available) may, as a courtesy, play one time per month as space is available. (Revised 3-6-2024)