



Tournament Policy 2015

Strokeplay Tournament Rules

All students have been entered into every tournament scheduled by TGSE, and are therefore only required to register for these tournaments. The draw for any tournament will be issued at 16:00 at least two days before the tournament.

The registration process is as follows:

- Verbally notifying the Tournament Director (i.e. Karl Hassler) or The Draw Marshall (i.e. Jason Joel) two days before a tournament (ie. Tuesday for a Thursday/ Friday Tournament), between the hours of 8:00 and 15:00. No late notifications will be accepted.
- Via sms to the Tournament Director or The Draw Marshall between the hours of 8:00 and 15:00. No late notifications will be accepted
- Notice will be given to students as to the times and days when to register for a 72 hole championship.

A strict enforcement of the Rules of Golf as published by the Royal & Ancient Golf Club of St Andrews will apply. Each student shall be handed an R&A rule Book at the beginning of the year which they are expected to carry at all times

Students must adhere to the Student Code of Conduct and General Rules of TGSE, as well as the rules and regulations of Royal Johannesburg & Kensington GC. Penalty for breach will be disqualification.

Competitors must walk at all times during tournament play.

Competitors must adhere to the TGSE dress code and appearance regulations; including the wearing of collared TGSE shirts at all times during tournament play.

Scorecards must be signed and handed to the designated member of the coaching team at the end of each round, complete with score as well as statistics on Drives in Play, Greens in Regulation, Putts, Scrambling, and Bunker u/d's

The use of cell phones in any way is strictly prohibited during tournament play unless in an emergency situation. Penalty for breach will be disqualification. Cell phones are not to be used to gain rules decisions either as this will be seen as a breach of rule. Should there be a rules query, the players should proceed under the two-ball rule. (The only exception being Rule 14-3/18 which states: Players will be allowed to access weather reports on their cell phones during a round. The USGA and R&A cited a need for players to protect their own safety)

A ball that comes to rest in a plugged lie through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point of relief.

The ball must be played as it lies unless otherwise dictated by the tournament starters before each round.

Outside agents such as training aids, iPod's, and MP3's are not permitted. Penalty for breach will be disqualification.

Range finders are permitted but GPS Systems are not permitted.

Competitors who arrive late for their designated tee-time will be penalized 2 strokes in stroke play if they arrive ready to play within 5 minutes, thereafter disqualification will apply.

Males will play from the tees designated for that round by the tournament director. Ladies will play from the ladies tees unless otherwise directed. Juniors will also play from tee makers designated to them

For lightning policy see Policy & Procedures.

A strict code of etiquette should be adhered to by all students. Each student shall play the game within "The spirit of the Game". The tournament committee shall use their discretion over rule 33.7 (Etiquette). A player will

receive a warning of their actions immediately, or at soonest time available, with a maximum of two verbal warning for the year. The 3rd offence will render him/ her Disqualified from the tournament, and any further tournaments where the issue repeats. The penalty for serious abuse of etiquette is disqualifications and 1000 points deducted from their Order of Merit total.

Any PGA Diploma of Full Time Junior Academy student who has assignments outstanding will be ineligible to compete in TGSE tournaments until the assignment is handed in.

Pace of Play Guidelines

As per the rules of Golf illustrated in the Rules of Golf 2012-2015 hand book, under rule 6-7, undue Delay/ Slow play, the following will apply:

For the purpose of preventing slow play, the committee may, in the conditions of the competition (33-1), establish pace of play guidelines including maximum periods of time allowed to complete a stipulated round, hold or a stroke.

Hole by Hole Stipulations

This ruling shall apply to both shots played from the tee as well as all other shots during course of play.

Should a group appear to behind time, the Rules Official/ Committee member shall act in the following manner:

1. Inform the group that they are behind time, and be informed that they are being times
2. Should their time be worse than the stipulated time for any of the next three holes,, they will be informed that they are officially behind time, and are being placed "on the clock"
 - a. Exception: should they have caught up with the group in front of them.
3. From here each player will be timed individually in accordance with

the above mentioned time limits

4. Should a player be in breach of the time guidelines set out, the following will apply:
 - a. First offence: 1 Stroke penalty
 - b. Second offence: 2 Stroke penalty
 - c. Third offence: Disqualification

Shot by Shot Stipulations

The player who is first to play (or has the honor) shall have 50 seconds from the moment he/she reaches his/her ball and is ready to execute his / her shot. The player that is second, third, or fourth, shall have 40 seconds from the moment it is their turn to play their shot

Order of Merit Details

The TGSE tournament schedule consists of:

- 5 x 72-hole Championships and 5 x 36-hole championships (Full time program students).
- 1 x 72-hole championship and 8 x 36-hole championships.

Points will be allocated as follows:

	36 Hole championship	72 Hole Championship
1 st Place	5,000*	10,000*
2 nd Place	3,750*	7,500*
3 rd Place	3,000*	6,000*
4 th Place	2,500*	5,000*

5 th Place	2,000*	4,000*
6 th Place	1,625*	3,250*
7 th Place	1,250*	2,500*
8 th Place	1,000*	2,000*
9 th Place	750*	1,500*
10 th Place	500*	1,000*
11 th Place and down	250*	500*
Low Score of the Day	1,000* (per person)	1,000* (per person)
2010 P.B (80's)	500	500
2010 P.B (70's)	1,000	1,000
2010 P.B (60's)	2,000	2,000
Score of 72	2,000	2,000
Score of 71	3,000	3,000
Score of 70	4,000	4,000
Score of 69	5,000	5,000
Score of 68	6,000	6,000
Score of 67	7,000	7,000

Score of 66	8,000	8,000
Score of 65	9,000	9,000
Score of 64	10,000	10,000

* Points only allocated for a score of level par or below.

Disqualification for breach of the rules of golf or retired hurt will not count as a round played.

Players will be eligible for personal best points after completing their first TGSE Tournament.

Students will have their Stroke Averages and Statistics calculated for the entire year.

Trophies will be awarded for the Order of Merit Champion, and the lowest stroke average (minimum of 50% of rounds completed for all trophies).

Students who carry a full Tour Card (ie. Sunshine Tour, Challenge Tour, Big Easy etc), are ineligible to win the prizes associated with winning the Order of Merit. They may still finish in the No. 1 position, but will forfeit all prizes associated with winning the Order of Merit to the highest Amateur or Non-Touring Professional. (ie. IGT)

If a student falls out of a tournament for any reason he/ she will not be able to participate in subsequent rounds.

The winner of each tournament will be required to make a speech in English.

Every competitor is expected to attend the announcement of results and winners speech.

Players who have been disqualified during a round, have submitted a No Return, will be required to continue playing or walk, and act as a marker.

Any student who is disqualified from a tournament, for a breach of TGSE rules, will be required to attend the remainder of the tournament, and shall continue to play or walk as a marker.

Vital Statistics

The following statistics are recorded and evaluated to monitor progress.

Order of Merit Points

Stroke Average

Driving Accuracy

Greens in Regulation

Putts Per Round

Scrambling (Par or better when missing green in regulation)