

VBSGC CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP RULES

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Overview. The Club Championship Tournament will be played annually and shall consist of two rounds at stroke play with full VBSGC club handicaps applied. The two rounds will be scheduled on two separate courses on successive weeks by the club's Board of Directors. An additional course will always be scheduled as a makeup in the event of inclement weather on either of the two primary dates.

Committee. The Championship will be organized and administered by a Championship Committee consisting of a chairman, two committee members in good standing, and the club secretary (ex officio) as Board Liaison.

Guests. Guests will NOT be allowed to play during the Club Championship.

Eligibility. All members in good standing are eligible to play in the Club Championship. To be eligible for Club Championship Prizes (i.e., championship trophies and cash prizes) a player must: (1) have played at least five competitive rounds as a member and the scores for those rounds must be posted in the WEDGE club handicap system prior to scheduling of the first Championship round; and (2) must complete the play of both rounds of the championship.

Handicaps based upon GHIN will NOT be allowed as a substitute for a VBSGC handicap. All members who are in good standing but are not yet eligible to compete for prizes and trophies are welcome and encouraged to play in the Championship even though ineligible for a championship trophy or cash prize.

Flights and Pairings. The Club Championship will be played in three Flights based upon club handicaps following the posting of scores for the last VBSGC tournament before the beginning of the Club Championship. This handicap shall be the competitor's handicap for the entire Championship tournament; no adjustments will be made between Tournament rounds. Flight makeup will be determined by the Championship Committee prior to the first round and will not be altered during the championship. Pairings will also be established by the Championship Committee and once established the same pairings will be used within each flight for both championship rounds.

Championship Rules. All USGA Rules of Golf apply except as modified by VBSGC Local Rules. There will be no referees on the course, the competition relies upon the integrity of the participants. Competitors are required to apply the rules consistently within their playing groups so as to protect the remainder of the

championship field. If there is question about an interpretation, the competitor should proceed by playing two balls where applicable to complete the hole, and then take the facts to the Rules Committee for a ruling BEFORE signing their scorecards. The VBSGC Rules Committee shall have jurisdiction for the tournament and be the final authority on questions of fact and application of the Rules.

All competitors should review the Rules of Golf as required, and especially the VBSGC Local Rules prior to participation. Club Championship specific rules and reminders are as follows:

1. Players continue play until their ball is holed. All putts **MUST** be holed out. Double bogey maximum does not apply for the Club Championship.
2. Only total strokes are recorded on the scorecard; there are no Stableford points for this stroke play tournament. Scorekeepers are asked to circle or highlight any score on the card that exceeds double bogey.
3. In accordance with Club Local Rules preferred lies, within one club length no closer to the hole are allowed only in the fairway being played. The ball MAY NOT be cleaned unless lift, clean, and place is the rule of the day.
4. In accordance with Club Local Rules for an unanticipated lost or out of bounds ball with no provisional played the player may drop a ball in the fairway spot nearest to the lost or OB spot, no closer to the pin, add 2 penalty strokes and continue play. This procedure replaces the stroke-and-distance penalty.
5. Number 4 does not apply for a ball possibly/probably lost in a penalty area. Penalty Area relief must be taken in accordance with Rule 17.1d.
6. Pace of play is **CRITICAL**. Though this is our championship tournament, it is not The Masters or The British Open. Review and comply scrupulously with all published Club Pace of Play Guidelines.
7. Each competitor whose score is recorded on a scorecard must sign the scorecard in the designated place to attest that the score being turned in for him is accurate and correct. Remember the penalty for turning in an incorrect score is disqualification.

Daily Flight Competition. One dollar will be collected from every player in each flight each tournament day and then each “flight’s pot” will be awarded to the Low Net player for that day in each of the three Flights. This is intended to give members able to participate in only one day of the Championship, and those not yet eligible for Club Championship trophies or cash prizes, an opportunity to win a cash prize.

Closest to the Pin. Closest to the Pin prizes will be awarded for each round in accordance with the club policy for weekly tournaments in effect at the time.

Leaderboard. The Championship Committee will publish the standings (leaderboard) after each round via email. The official final standings leaderboard following the last round will not be published until after all scores have been certified and any ties have been broken.

Club Championship Awards

The *Ronald Kelly Club Championship Trophy* and \$150 will be awarded annually to the overall Low Net player for the tournament who is designated the Club Champion.

The *Charles Ellis Medalist Trophy* and \$150 will be awarded annually to the Low Gross player for the tournament who is designated the Club Medalist.

Ties. In the case of a tie for either the Ronald Kelly Club Championship Trophy (low net) or the Charles Ellis Medalist trophy (low gross) the winner will be decided by an 18-hole playoff at stroke play at the next regular outing convenient to the tied players.

Flight Champions. The player in each of the three Flights with the lowest net score not otherwise trophy eligible will be designated the *Flight Champion* and awarded a cash prize of \$100. In the case of a tie for any of the Flight Championships the winner will be decided by a scorecard playoff between those tied.

The scorecard playoff will begin with comparison of competitor's scores starting on the number one handicap hole and proceeding to successive holes in handicap order from 2 thru 18. This procedure will first be accomplished using the scorecards for the second championship round. If the tie remains unbroken at the end of the second championship round scorecards, then the playoff process will be continued using the scorecards from the first championship round. If there be more than two involved in the tie, the scorecard playoff shall be continued to try and break succeeding tie(s) until both championship scorecards are used up. In a case where the scorecard playoff fails to break the tie for first in the Flight an 18-hole playoff at stroke play will be scheduled at the next regular outing convenient to the tied players.

Ronald Kelly and Charles Ellis Trophy winners and each Flight Champion's names will be engraved on the Club's perpetual Champions Plaque maintained at Kempsville Greens Golf Course.

Players in each flight finishing 2nd thru 10th place based upon total net scores will be awarded cash prizes in accordance with the following chart. The High Gross player in each flight (i.e., Most Gross) will receive \$10 for range balls.

If two or more are tied for any place other than Flight Champion in a Flight, the tie(s) will be broken with a scorecard playoff as described above; if the tie(s) cannot be broken with a scorecard playoff the tied competitors will split the combined prizes for the place for which they are tied and any next following place(s). For example – if three players remain tied for fourth place because a scorecard playoff could not break the tie, they will split evenly the sum of the cash prizes for 4th, 5th, and 6th place (i.e., \$60 each). In this example, if the scorecard playoff breaks the tie for fourth, the playoff should continue in order to try to break the tie for fifth. If that tie cannot be broken on scorecards the prizes for the places involved (5th and 6th in the example) will then be combined and split evenly.

First Place - \$100	Fifth Place - \$60	Ninth Place - \$20
Second Place - \$90	Sixth Place \$50	Tenth Place - \$10
Third Place - \$80	Seventh Place - \$40	
Fourth Place - \$70	Eighth Place- \$30	Most Gross - \$10

A player may receive only one prize and has his choice as to which prize he wants if eligible for more than one prize.

Awards Presentations. All trophies and cash prizes will be awarded at the Annual Membership Meeting and luncheon each November, in accordance with the published club Policy for Awarding Prize Money.