



PRGA Copa Martin Ortiz

Conditions of Competition

Play is governed by the USGA/RA Rules of Golf, the PRGA Hard Card and Notice to Competitors.

Eligibility:

Any Golf Club with real estate in compliance with the PRGA By-Laws. Priority must be given to junior players who have been active in the PRGA Junior Program during the season. Junior golfers representing the club must be either members of that club, have been part of their summer junior program, take lessons in the club, or be active players in that club.

Format:

Championship event hosted by the Puerto Rico Golf Association as follows: A 18 hole *fourball* stroke play, 2-person team – Best Ball. Categories are as follows: **(a) 18 & under (b) 14 & under**. Teams per category can be composed by two boys or two girls or mixed. Complete teams will consist of a maximum of 4 players (2 in each category) or a minimum of 2 players (1 in each category). Total team score will be the sum of the Best Ball score from each category.

Winners/Ties:

The best overall team total score will determine the winners. In case of a tie for first place in the overall team competition, a Sudden Death Playoff will be played on hole #18 until a winner is decided. (The 4 player team aggregate score will determine the winner of the sudden death playoff). All other ties will be decided by matching of cards.

Teeing Ground:

- Boys 18 & Under - Gold Tees
- Boys 14 & Under - Silver Tees
- Girls 18 & Under –Silver Tees
- Girls 14 & Under - Cooper Tees

Transportation: Players must walk at all times unless authorized by a Rules Official and/or are using the provided shuttle service.

Pace of Play: It is expected that players complete their round in 4:30 hours. Each group must keep up with the group in front. If the players in a group fail to maintain their position with the group in front or take more than 40 seconds to hit their shot, the group as a whole and the specific slow player(s) will be given a warning. If the specific player(s) continues to take more than the allotted time to hit a shot, he/she will be given a 1-stroke penalty. A third offense will result in a 2-stroke penalty, and a fourth offense will result in player disqualification.

Scorecards: The official scoreboard will be located at the clubhouse. The **Scorer's table** will be located next to the pro shop. All players should return their scorecards as soon as possible after the completion of their round. The gross scores to count must individually identifiable: otherwise the side is disqualified. Once the player leaves the Scorer's tent he/she cannot change the scorecard.

Completion of Tournament: The competition is officially closed when all the scores have been posted. In the event of bad weather or unforeseen circumstances and that the 18-hole championship cannot be completed, results will be deemed official after 9 holes. If otherwise, the Copa Martin will be rescheduled.

Coaching: Only Team Captains are allowed Coaching or giving any advice to the players during the round. Team Captains are responsible to have his/her badge at all times and may not give advice once the players arrive at the putting green. Team Captains are allowed to ride in carts and are not allowed transfer their badge.

Caddies: Use of caddies is not allowed. (Pull carts are allowed)

Spectators: Unless authorized by the Tournament Director all spectators must walk at all times and remain in the cart paths.

Tournament Committee: Francisco Rivera, Sidney Wolf, Marilina Silen, Alberto Rios

Rules Committee: PRGA Rules Committee

Notice to Competitors

Doubt as to Procedure- Rule 3-3 In stroke play, if a competitor is doubtful of his rights or the correct procedure during the play of a hole, he may, without penalty play two balls. **Before taking further action** with the original ball, the player **must: (1) Announce** play with 2 balls, **(2) Select** which ball he wishes to count, **(3) Finish** the hole with both balls and **(4) Report** to the Committee.

Out of Bounds:

A ball that crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is OB even though it might lie on another part of the course. The inside edge of the road, protective nets, property lines, fences, and stakes define the OB. (Hole by hole descriptions)

Distance Measuring Devices:

The uses of distance measuring devices are allowed. Rule 14-3

Obstructions:

- 1) Distances markers embedded on the fairway are immovable obstructions.
- 2) Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction is on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and is within two club-lengths of the ball and intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point of relief to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer to the hole.

Accidental Movement of a Ball on the Putting Green:

The Local Rule that eliminates the penalty for all circumstances when a player, an opponent or either of their partners, caddies or equipment accidentally moves a ball or a ball-marker on the putting green is effect.

Evacuation:

The Committee will announce suspension of play due to inclement weather or any other reason. Discontinuance of play due to a Dangerous situation will be signaled by one long horn blast and players must discontinue play immediately. All players must proceed to the clubhouse.