

# TTSGA NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

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TTSGA TOURNAMENT LEADERS	KEY FUNCTIONS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Burl Young                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Tournament Director</li> <li>○ Handicap Chairman</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establishes Course Contract Agreements</li> <li>• Establishes Annual Tournament Schedule and Updates</li> <li>• Distributes Weekly Tournament Pairings, Course Information, ...</li> </ul>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dale Penn                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ TTSGA SECRETARY/TREASURER</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Distributes Weekly Tournament Results</li> <li>• Maintains Membership: in good standing and other situations</li> <li>• Maintains Wait List</li> <li>• Manages all financial aspects for TTSGA</li> </ul>
<b>KEY OPERATING PROCESSES</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular members are considered playing in every event on schedule:                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Cancellation must be received via preferred email (<a href="mailto:ttsga1@gmail.com">ttsga1@gmail.com</a>) or Voice Mail (615-530-1837) <b>by Thursday Noon prior to the Tournament Event. Note: do not send Text Message</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>• Usually a "trial player list" is sent out late Thursday or early Friday for member verification                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ <b>Respond only if there is a problem</b> -You are not on list and wanted to be on list OR</li> <li>○ You notified you were not playing and were included in error</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Pairings list will usually come out at least two days prior to tournament outing.</li> <li>• Waiting list members <b>MUST</b> notify Tournament Director prior to cutoff to be included in the event                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Note: waiting list member is assumed not playing unless he is notified</li> </ul> </li> <li>• No shows sometimes happen but please try to avoid being a no show. Multiple No Shows could impact your future Tournament eligibility.</li> <li>• If something comes up that prohibits you from playing in several events, the Tournament Director maintains an "injured reserve list". By requesting to be put on injured reserve, you are off regular member status (no longer listed as a player in each event ) until you send Email (<a href="mailto:TTSGA1@gmail.com">TTSGA1@gmail.com</a>) to be put back on regular status.</li> </ul>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A new member must play in <u>TWO league outings</u> before you can win prize money</li> <li>• To start your index is based on your application form data or a best guess at how you score.</li> <li>• As a new member plays more rounds with the league, one's index changes based on how you score.</li> <li>• Due to excessive cost to upgrade software to current USGA standards , our handicap software uses 2019 based USGA handicapping rules.</li> <li>• As more scores posted. please feel free to see the Tournament Director at an outing with questions. <b>The goal is to have fun and fair competition.</b></li> <li>• Flights are based on total number of players divided by number of flights and sorted by INDEX. There are times when two players with same tournament handicap will be in different flights (lower index in more skilled flight).</li> <li>• There are default teeing grounds for each outing (usually the courses senior teeing ground). If you choose to play longer teeing ground, you will generally get more handicap strokes based on difference in rating for teeing grounds and slope differences (all calculated by software).</li> </ul>	

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- If you are 75 or older you may also opt to play shorter teeing grounds ( if available), and your **tournament handicap will be adjusted down. Also, your score card MUST reflect your change of teeing ground.**
- Our web site [TTSGAGOLFERS.COM](http://TTSGAGOLFERS.COM) has bylaws, policies, and TTSGA rules of play in addition to or in lieu of USGA rules.
- See document explaining how handicaps are established in our league under Key Documents on our web page.
- Follow the rules and make sure everyone in your playing group follows rules. If there is a question play two balls and get ruling after event.
- All players are to be available for any announcement **30 minutes prior to scheduled TEE Time** such that all players are at their assigned Tees to start the Tournament on time
- If you hear about a communication that you do not receive, please check with Tournament Director or Secretary/Treasurer regarding correct email address and make sure our email is on your address book. Also be aware, some email programs consider messages with lots of blind carbon copies to be junk or spam so check that folder as well..
- You may invite a guest to play in an event (not in team events) if there is room. Notify Tournament Director with request

## DAY OF TOURNAMENT (TAKE NOTICE)

1. Focus on everyone to be at their assigned hole at the scheduled tee time. (It seems our announcements do not start til tee time or close to it). If WARM UP TIME is needed, then arrive an hour early so that all players are at their carts **30 minutes prior to tee time allowing 15 minutes for announcements and 15 minutes to get to assigned hole.**
2. Rather than repeatedly dwell on fast play, focus on the time we have the course (4 and 1/2 hour playing time or MAXIMUM OF 15 MINUTES PER HOLE). Play ready golf and one does NOT need to mark your ball every time.
3. In our policy we have a stipulation that we have not been strict with that states "**failure to check in 30 minutes prior to tee time makes member not eligible for prize money in said event**". Thus if checked in and warmed up 30 minutes prior and at carts we can check for pairings adjustments and get to starting holes on time. One of the officers (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> VP ) will make sure all have at least a threesome so that no time is spent during any announcement time.