



The 2008
71st Annual Iowa Masters Men's Amateur Golf Tournament
July 11, 12 & 13 ~ George Veenker Memorial Golf Course - Ames

Policies & Procedures

All PLAYERS ~~~ IMPORTANT MASTERS REVISIONS FOR THE 2008 EVENT

As a measure to speed play in the tournament, everyone will tee off on #1 on Friday and Saturday this year. This should do two things: (1) help the Committee identify slow players/foursomes and (2) eliminate delay between nines that sometime occurs. When designating your tee time preferences on the Entry Blank, be sure to look at the times carefully.

We are having players check in at the Registration Table in the Clubhouse at least 15 minutes prior to your tee time this year. Rule sheets and favors will be given to you at this time. You will then need to check in at #1 tee 10 minutes prior to your tee time.

1. 2008 PRE-QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES

MEN'S SINGLE YEAR PRE QUALIFICATION: (NAME HIGHLIGHTED IN YELLOW ON ENTRY BLANK)

1. Made the cut in the 2006 or 2007 Iowa Masters.
2. Earned Points toward the Amateur of the Year Award in any of the 2006 or 2007 Major Iowa Tournaments. (Note: You must be an IGA Individual Player Member to earn points.)
3. 5 members of the 2008 Iowa State, Iowa, Northern Iowa or Drake men's golf teams will receive pre-qualification status.
4. Place in the top 4 of any of the 2006-08 school year Iowa High School Boy's State Tournament Class Meets.
5. Place in the top 4 of the 16 – 17 Age Division of the IGA 2006 or 2007 Iowa Jr. Tour Rankings
6. Have been of special service either to the IGA, IMGAs or ISU.
7. Have a Masters average score of 80.00 or better, based on 5 or more rounds of play.
8. Finish in the top 20 of the 2007 IGA Senior Amateur Player of the Year standings. (Must be an IGA Individual Member)

MEN'S FIVE-YEAR PRE QUALIFICATION: (NAME HIGHLIGHTED IN PINK ON ENTRY BLANK)

1. Finish in the top 10 of the 2007 Iowa Masters.
2. Finish in the top 10 of the 2007 IGA Amateur of the Year standings.

MEN'S LIFETIME PRE QUALIFICATION: (NAME HIGHLIGHTED IN PINK ON ENTRY BLANK)

1. Be a previous Iowa Masters Champion with Amateur status.
2. Have played in 10 or more Iowa Masters and have maintained an 85.00 or better average in Master's play, or have made a Masters cut within the last five years.

2. MAKING THE CUT

The Iowa Masters Golf Tournament is intended to be played over 54 holes, 18 holes each – Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Based on a full field.....

OPEN DIVISION – The Open Division Field will be cut to the low 72 players plus ties after 36 holes.

THE MASTERS FLIGHT of the OPEN DIVISION – The Masters Flight will be the low 48 players plus ties. The low 32 places will be paid.

THE CYCLONE FLIGHT of the OPEN DIVISION – The Cyclone Flight will contain the remaining Open Division players making the cut. The low 8 places will be paid. Players in the Cyclone Flight may opt to play in the Masters Flight. Players must declare this intention before the Sunday pairings are made on Saturday night.

JUNIOR DIVISION - The Junior Division is competed within the Open Division and is based only the first 36 holes of play. Ties for first or second place will be broken by Sunday scores or by carding back from #18 from the last round completed if the cut is not made.

SENIOR DIVISION – The Senior Division will be cut to the low 24 players plus ties after 36 holes. The low 14 places will be paid.

3. PACE OF PLAY POLICY

This policy is designed not to hurry or penalize players. It is intended to eliminate lengthy rounds and undue delay in the playing of a stroke.

A group is OUT OF POSITION (O.O.P) when on any par four or par five holes, the preceding group has left the green and your group has not yet all teed off. A group is O.O.P on a par three hole when the preceding group has left the green and your group is still playing, or putting on the previous hole. Out of Position warnings will be modified for walkers following players who are riding.

Timing Clocks will be placed on the course which will indicate a minimum Pace of Play. The first group of the day is considered O.O.P. when they are behind the allotted time displayed on the clocks.

When any of these situations occurs a group will be issued an O.O.P warning.

A warning means that every member of the group will be timed. When it is the first player's turn to play they will have a maximum of forty-five (45) seconds to play a shot. Each additional player in the group will have thirty-five (35) seconds to play their shot. This includes time spent in calculating yardage or any other preparations. The group will also be given a reasonable amount of time to get back into position. A reasonable amount of time would normally be two holes.

If after a reasonable amount of time a group is not back in position, those players **exceeding the time limit will be penalized one stroke**. A repeated bad timing will result in a penalty of disqualification.

Definition of when it is the “Players Turn to Play”

It is the players turn to play when there has been reasonable opportunity to reach the ball, there is no interference from another person or ball, and the player is the farthest from the hole in the group.

4. CANCELLATION POLICY

It is the goal of the Iowa Masters Committee to crown a champion over 54 holes. Every effort will be made to accomplish this goal. The Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules of the tournament as needed. This may include but is not limited to, suspending play to a following day or canceling current or future rounds. The decision of the Committee in any of these matters shall be final. The following guidelines will be followed in making decisions to cancel or change the number of holes of the Masters.

- ❖ When even one group has finished a round and turned in an official scorecard that round will be concluded. No scores will be taken off the scoreboard when tournament play can be continued in a following day. The only time scores will be taken off the scoreboard is when the final round of the tournament is completely wiped out.
- ❖ If Friday (first) rounds are partially completed because of a suspension of play: Play will continue on Saturday from the point where players finished on Friday. Saturday (second) rounds will begin as close to assigned tee times as possible. To accomplish the goal of 54 holes the committee may be forced to have groups use their Friday tee times for the second round so play may be completed for both rounds. Players will be notified at the course and information will be posted on the Veenker web site if this situation arises. (continued on next page)
- ❖ If the Friday round is completely cancelled, players will tee off at their assigned Saturday tee times and the cut for Sunday's final round will be determined by 18 holes.
- ❖ If Saturday's round (18 or 36) is not completed: The Saturday round will be completed on Sunday. The committee will have the option to reduce the Championship field to a size that will allow play to finish on Sunday. This includes having a shotgun start or playing 9 holes to determine the final placings.
- ❖ If the field is reduced on Sunday, the prize payoffs will remain the same as if it was a full 54 hole event. Awards will be determined by 36 or 18 holes, whichever were completed.

5. SUSPENSION POLICY

Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Situation:

Note: Rule 6-8b is in effect. When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, ex: lightning, flooding, tornado. All play must be stopped. You may not finish the hole you are playing or begin play on another hole. Notification for stoppage of play will be made with one very long horn blast followed by an announcement over the PA system. Players are to seek shelter and return to the clubhouse when possible. During the suspension of play all practice areas will also be closed.

Suspension of Play for Reasons other than Dangerous Situations:

Ex: darkness, fog. Suspension of play will be made with three (3) short blasts of a horn followed by an announcement over the PA system. Officials will also be on the course to inform groups of the situation. The players in a group may decide whether to finish the hole they are playing but they may not start another hole. The choice to finish the hole is an individual decision. Ex: A player within the group may choose to finish the hole while others choose to wait until play has resumed.

Penalty for Breach of This Suspension Policy: DISQUALIFICATION

Reminders for Resumption of Play:

You must have the same 14 clubs

You may substitute a ball when play resumes (whether or not your ball was lifted at time of suspension)

6-8d(i). If your ball was lifted, then you replace the ball (substitution permitted) on the spot from where it was lifted

6-8d(ii). If you did not lift your ball, you may do so. You may also clean it or substitute another ball. In either case, the ball (or substituted ball) is replaced on the spot from which it was lifted

6-8d(iii). If the player's ball or ball marker is moved (including by wind or water) while play is discontinued, a ball or ball-marker must be placed on the spot from which the original ball or ball-marker was moved. Note: If the spot where the ball is to be placed is impossible to determine, it must be estimated and the ball placed on the estimated spot.

For Play to Resume:

The Committee will announce the time of restart and players must be back in position to play at that time. One horn blast and an announcement from the PA system will officially restart play.

6. THE IGA DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED – Proper golf attire is mandatory. The committee reserves the right to determine whether this requirement is met. Shorts are permitted provided they are Bermuda length or longer. T-shirts, tank tops, sweatpants, and blue jeans are NOT permitted.

7. SMOKING BAN - As a part of the Iowa State University campus, Veenker Memorial Golf Course will be included in the new Iowa law banning smoking from all publicly owned grounds. This law goes into effect on July 1st, 2008.