



Player Handbook
Lite Scratch Tour Florida
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Tour Policies

1. Membership Qualification

Tour membership is open to all amateur golfers age 16 and over. Female golfers are allowed to play the tour as long as they play from the tees assigned to the division in which they compete.

2. Membership Fees

Annual dues are \$75. Players who were not members of the tour in 2011-2016 are eligible to play one event without being a member of the tour.

3. Membership Cancellation / Refund

Membership cancellations and refunds are honored at the sole discretion of the tour director.

4. Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability

By submitting a membership application or entering a Lite Scratch Tour Florida event, the participant agrees there are certain dangers involved with competing in a golf tournament, including lightning, being struck by a golf ball, being struck by a golf club, heat exhaustion, and many others. The participant, by joining the tour or entering an event, solely accepts and waives all claims of injury against the Lite Scratch Tour Florida.

5. Tour Format

All tournaments are stroke play with no handicap. Competitions are held in three divisions: Open Division, Senior Division and Super Senior Division. Any player may choose to compete in the Open Division. Any player who will be 50 years or older during by the end of the last event of the season may play in open division or senior division. Any player who will be 65 years or older during by the end of the last event of the season may play in open division, senior division, or super senior division.

Tour Divisions

Division	Course Yardage	Scoring	Flights	Player of the Year Points
Open	6800-7100	Gross only	Divided into flights after 1 st round	Yes
Senior	6200-6500	Gross only	Divided into flights after 1 st round	Yes
Super Senior	5900-6200	Gross only	Divided into flights after 1 st round	Yes

In all divisions, A flight prizes will be greater than prizes in other flights.



6. Flight Placement

Open Division – Open Division will be divided into equally sized flights after first round play. Number of flights will be based on number of players competing in the open division. Flights will typically consist of 8-10 players. Any player who has won more than one scratch tour event over the previous season plus the current season will be automatically placed in the A flight regard less of first round score. Additionally, a player winning B flight will automatically be placed into A flight in his next event, and a player winning C flight will automatically be placed in no lower than B flight in his next event.

Senior Division – Senior Division will be divided into equally sized flights after first round play. Number of flights will be based on number of players competing in the open division. Flights will typically consist of 8-10 players. Any player who has won more than one scratch tour event over the previous season plus the current season will be automatically placed in the A flight regard less of first round score**. Additionally, a player winning B flight will automatically be placed into A flight in his next event, and a player winning C flight will automatically be placed in no lower than B flight in his next event.

**Due to the merger with the Emerald Coast Senior Scratch Series, this rule will only apply to the current season in 2016. For 2016 any player winning A flight will automatically be placed in A flight for his next event. For 2016 any player winning A flight twice will automatically be placed in A flight for the remainder of the season.

Super Senior Division – Super Senior Division will be divided into equally sized flights after first round play. Number of flights will be based on number of players competing in the open division. Flights will typically consist of 8-10 players. Any player who has won more than one scratch tour event over the previous season plus the current season will be automatically placed in the A flight regard less of first round score**. Additionally, a player winning B flight will automatically be placed into A flight in his next event, and a player winning C flight will automatically be placed in no lower than B flight in his next event.

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Flight divisions are at the sole discretion of the Tour Director and the Tournament Director.

7. General Rules of Play

All play will be governed by current USGA rules and the notice to competitors provided to each player prior to each event. Distance measuring devices are allowed (and encouraged). Players are required to use golf carts during play.

8. Caddies and Spectators

Caddies are not allowed. Spectators are welcome as long as they do not interfere with pace of play.

9. Dress code and player conduct

Collared shirts and/or mock turtle neck shirts that are made for golf are required. Blue jeans, denims, sweat pants are not permitted.

Failure of a player to conduct himself in a proper manner will be warned once. Infractions after one warning will result in the player being disqualified, suspended from the tour, or expelled from the tour at the sole discretion of the Tour Director. If the poor conduct is considered extreme, the offending player may be suspended without warning at the sole discretion of the tour director.

10. Prizes

Although pure competition is the main focus of the tour, a portion of each player's entry fee is used to generate the prize pool. \$20 from each entry fee is devoted to prizes. Each division prizes will be based on the number of entries in each division. A flight prizes will be greater than prizes for other flights.

11. Trophies

Player of the year trophies will be awarded to the players of the year in the all Divisions. The winner of each division in the Tour Championship will also be awarded trophies at the conclusion of the Tour Championship.

12. Tour Championship and Challenge Cup Matches

The top player of the year point earners in all divisions will be invited to compete in the season ending tour championship. The player of the year points list is also used to determine which players are selected to compete in the Challenge Cup Matches. Of the players who completed 5 events during a season, the top 12 open division players, the top 8 senior division players, and the top 4 super senior division players will be invited to compete in the challenge cup matches. If an invited player does not wish to compete, the next highest ranked qualified player in the declining player's division will be invited until a full team is reached.

13. Pace of play policies

The tour uses the pace of play policies of the Florida State Golf Association (www.fsga.org). Each group must complete their first nine holes and their 18 hole round within the time constraints printed on their scorecards. Each group is responsible for monitoring its own pace. Penalties will be assessed to the entire group that misses their allotted time. First breach is 1 penalty stroke per player. Multiple breaches can result in disqualification.



Tournament Policies

1. Tournament entry and payment

It is each player's responsibility to submit the required entry application and entry fee to the tour office. This can be accomplished using the tour's website www.litescratchtourflorida.com or by making arrangements with the tour director via email or telephone. Your entry is not complete until payment has been received. Entry fees typically include green fees, cart fees, range balls and prizes.

2. Cancellations and no shows

Withdrawals from tournaments should be done as soon as the player knows he will be unable to compete. A player that withdraws or does not show for a tournament for which he entered is subject to forfeiture of part, or all, of his entry fee. Multiple withdrawals and/or no shows can result in expulsion from the tour.

3. Player of the year points

Players will be awarded player of the year points according to the schedule posted at the tour's website. The players with the highest point total in each division will be named player of the year. Player of the year point totals are also used to determine qualifiers for the Tour Championship, and qualifiers to compete in the Challenge Cup matches.

4. Tied Scores

Ties for overall first place in each Division (Open, Senior, Super Senior) will be broken by a sudden death hole by hole playoff. Ties for other places and for each flight in divisions will be broken using the USGA recommended method for breaking ties:

1. Score of the last nine holes
2. Score of the last six holes
3. Score of the last three holes
4. Scorecard match starting at hole 18 and working backwards.

5. Skins

An optional \$10 per day skins pool will be collected at the tournament site. This \$10 per day skin pool is in addition to the entry fee. Any player wishing to be in the skins pool must pay his skin money for the whole tournament (\$20 for a 36 hole event, \$30 for a 54 hole event) prior to starting his round on the first day of the event. No one is allowed to "buy" another player's skin entry.

6. Guest Policy

Guests are allowed to play one event without being a tour member. Guests will not be awarded player of the year points for their play unless they subsequently join the tour.

7. Limited Field events

In the event the number of entries received exceeds the number of players allotted for the event, entries will be prioritized according to the player of the year point standings.



Tour Handbook Revisions

1. Date: March 29, 2012. Revised from Revision 1.0 to Revision 2.0
 - a. Changed players over 50 may choose to play in Senior Division to players over 50 should choose to play in the Senior Division or Open Division, not the Lite Division
 - b. Added in the event there are less than 8 players in either Lite or Senior Divisions, that Senior and Lite Divisions may be combined at the discretion of the tour director.
2. Date 15 January 2013 Revised to redefine divisions and flights, eliminating Lite Division. Added limited field event prioritization.
3. Date 3 April 2013. Corrected spelling and clarified rule on automatically place multiple division winners over the previous season plus current season in A flights.
4. Date 11 January 2015 Corrected dates.
5. Date 26 January 2015 Removed references to handicaps. Updated flight placement requiring members who win B and C flights to move up at least one flight in their next event. Disallowed caddies. Added note requiring players to ride in golf cart during official rounds.
6. Date 23 December 2016 Added Super Senior Division
7. Date 13 October 2019 Clarified minimum events played requirement for Challenge Cup team selection