



Player Handbook  
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## Tour Policies

### 1. Membership Qualification

Tour membership is open to all amateur golfers age 16 and over. Players must have a verifiable handicap index to be eligible to win a prize that is based on a net score. 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 \$100. Players who were not members of the tour in 2011 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. Competitions are held in three divisions: Open Division, Senior Division, and Lite Division. Any player may choose to compete in the Open Division or Lite Division, although it is suggested that players with a handicap index of 3 or less compete in the open division. Any player who will be 50 years or older as of May 1, 2012 may choose to compete in the Senior Division.

## Tour Divisions

Division	Course Yardage	Scoring	Flights	Player of the Year Points
Open	6800-7100	Gross only	Divided into flights after 1 <sup>st</sup> round	Yes
Senior	6200-6500 (same tees as Lite Division)	Gross and net	Divided into net flights if flight is large enough to be divided	Yes (based on gross scores only)
Lite	6200-6500 (same tees as Senior Division)	Gross and net	Divided into flights based on course handicap prior to first round	Yes



**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.

Senior Division – Senior Division will be divided into flights prior to each event based on the players' course handicap. Flights will initially be based on each player's most current handicap index. Once a player has played at least two tour event his flight will be based on handicap index or his handicap index based solely on his tour scores, whichever of these two indexes is lower (see tournament handicap index calculation table below). Flight divisions are at the sole discretion of the Tour Director and the Tournament Director.

Lite Division – Lite Division will be divided into flights with net scores determined by using 100% of each player's handicap index or tournament handicap index, whichever is lower. (see tournament handicap index calculation table below). Number of flights will be based on number of players in the division. Flight divisions are at the sole discretion of the Tour Director and the Tournament Director.

<b>Tournament Handicap Index Calculations</b>	
<b>Number of Tournament Scores</b>	<b>Number of Scores used to Calculate Index</b>
2	Best 1
4	Best 3
6	Best 5
8	Best 6
More than 8	Best 7

**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).

**8. Caddies and Spectators**

Caddies and 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 disqualified, suspended from the tour, or expelled from the tour 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. Each division's prizes will be proportional to the number of players in each division/flight.

#### 11. Trophies

Tournament winners in each division will be presented a trophy at the season's end of the year banquet. Additionally, player of the year trophies will be awarded to the players of the year in the Open and Senior Divisions.

#### 12. Tour Championship and Challenge Cup Matches

The top player of the year point earners in the Open and Senior 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.

#### 13. Pace of play policies

The tour uses the pace of play policies of the Florida State Golf Association ([www.fsga.org](http://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](http://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

Open Division and Senior Division 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 Senior and Open Divisions 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 the Open and Senior Division will be broken by a sudden death hole by hole playoff. Ties for other places and for each flight in these two divisions will be split among the tied players.

Ties for all places in the Lite Division will be split among the tied players.

### 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.