

Pro-Duffers U.S.A. 2024 National Tournament (36th Annual)

Innisbrook Resort

Palm Harbor, FL Oct 3-6th, 2024

National Tournament Rules

1. U.S.G.A. rules shall govern all play with two (2) exceptions:
 - a. Use no more than 3 minutes searching for balls.
 - b. Pick up on triple bogey. If you're hitting for double bogey from off the green and don't hole out, pick up and record triple bogey**
2. Putt out all putts up to triple bogey. If you are putting for double bogey and miss, pick up and record a triple bogey
3. **Stakes on course supersede lost balls. Edges of roads are Out of Bounds**
4. **The ball will be played down. No rolling or fluffing of the ball.**
5. If you are not sure of a rule, play two (2) balls. The ruling from the National Tournament Director is final.
6. Please record all scores in **Golf Genius app** and keep a backup scorecard. Turn in score cards to the golf course staff immediately after play in Pro Shop. Score cards not turned in within 10 Minutes after completion of the round, **will be disqualified.**
To complete cards: Total your eighteen (18) hole score, signed by the player, and attested by one member of the Group.
7. Ties will be determined by using Saturday's card, gross score from 18 back until decided.
8. **Play ball as it Lies all through the course including Bunkers**
9. **The Handicap Committee MAY assign a Tournament Index** that is lower than your Handicap Index if the entrant has: 1) a lack of sufficient score history 2) A past player Nationals Pro Duffer History index', 3) has a lower index in the past 12 months. 4) Has had a **soft cap indicator placed on their index by USGA.** 5) Has an inactive GHIN handicap. 6) No GHIN Handicap established – player will be assigned a zero.
10. **The maximum handicap for the championship is 22.** You may keep an index higher than this but will be reduced to these maximum indexes for the tournament. We want to promote all Pro Duffers strive to play the best golf possible. **All Handicap rulings from the National Tournament Director are final.**

Two (2) – Person Match Play - Best Ball (Thursday Warm-Up Round)

The pairings sheet will indicate the 2 playing partners. Your cart mate is your partner.

Each golfer plays their own ball, the winner of the hole is determined by the lowest score of either of the partners. Putts may be conceded after hole winner is determined. The winning team receives \$40.00 (from registration fee). *Note: In case of a 3-some, the winner will be the one with the lowest score \$30.00 or split between ties.*

To Speed Up Play:

Best Ball Round: Pick up when hole winner is determined or when triple bogey

Fri & Sat Rounds: Pick up on Triple bogey

Tee Box Assignments –Copper Head and Island	
Under 70 Men Under 70 men guest	White Tees
Seniors, Super Seniors, Women, and Women guest	Gold Tees
Tee Box Assignments – South	
Under 70 Men Under 70 men guest	Green Tees
Seniors, Super Seniors, Women, and Women guest	White Tees

Super Seniors – Rocky Jefferson Flight: The flight championship will be determined by playing 9 holes per day. However, for a player to compete for a national championship or have their score counted for the Chapter Championship they must complete 18 holes per day.

[Due to not being able to play same courses on both Friday and Saturday we will take all contenders for a flight championship and have them play the Island Course on Saturday. We are looking to take all players within 10 shots of the leader in their flight to be considered contenders. The tournament reserves the right to change the number of shots to be considered a contender.](#)

We will have Two (2) National Champions this year. Low Gross and Low Net.

Gross Skins will be played each day within the flight for all participants

Optional Closest to the Pin each day - \$30 paid at registration to participate

Chapter Championship as follows:

1. Seven (7) Lowest Net Scores taken EACH DAY and combined for the 2-Day total.
2. Teams with less than 7 players cannot qualify to compete for the chapter championship.

We will be using the **Golf Genius App** for scoring. Please go to your smart phones app store to download ahead of the event.

To watch a video of instruction please look at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c9SsjmCw0dU>

Tournament Director reserves the right to make changes throughout the championship.

Handicap & Tournament Committee:

Anthony Toney – National Tournament Director

Welby Ina – Past National Tournament Director

Troy Belton – South Carolina Chapter – Vice President
