



## Guidelines

**Objective:** To have a National Golf Ranking (Overall, Amateur & Professional) and to encourage competitive golf through a series of tournaments in order for players to measure their abilities. These events are, walking golf tournaments that are used to rank players based on a points system.

**Eligibility:** Will be Open to All Professionals and Amateurs who have a valid **USGA Handicap Index** of 18.0 or less.

**Flights:** 0 – 6.0 USGA Handicap Index

- Regular Amateurs – all golfers, including top ranked Junior's that have a registered USGA Handicap Index of 0 - 6.0.
- Mid Amateur – Must be 35 years of age by the end of the current calendar year.
- Senior – 50+ years of age by the end of the current calendar year.
- Super Senior – 60+ years of age by the end of the current calendar year.
- Ladies Division – Invite top 10 women on the island to participate in tournaments in order to establish a ranking system.
- Regular Professionals – Must be 49 years of age or younger by the end of the current calendar year.

6.1 – 12.0 USGA Handicap Index

- 1<sup>st</sup> Flight Amateur – all golfers that have a registered USGA Handicap Index of 6.1 - 12.0.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Flight Seniors – all golfers that have a registered USGA Handicap Index of 6.1 – 12.0 and are 50+ years of age by the end of the current calendar year.

12.1 – 18.0 USGA Handicap Index

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Amateur – all golfers that have a registered USGA Handicap Index of 12.1 - 18.0.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Seniors – all golfers that have a registered USGA Handicap Index of 12.1 – 18.0 and are 50+ years of age by the end of the current calendar year.

**Format:** Individual Stroke Play. Play will be in accordance with the 2012/2015 USGA Rules of Golf.

**Pairings:** Pairings will be done randomly for all stipulated rounds.



Entry Forms:	To secure a spot in any stipulated round the online registration must be completed by no later than 4.00pm on the Tuesday prior to each event. (Entry fees will be accepted only through credit card). <b><u>Walk-ins and/or late entries will not be accepted.</u></b> Players will be automatically disqualified for missing their respective tee-times in accordance with the note to Rule 6-3. Entry fees will not be refunded.
Distances:	<p>0 – 6.0 USGA Handicap Index</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Regular Amateur, Mid-Amateur &amp; Regular Professional Divisions will play from the same tees (6,700-7,100 yds.) Walking only.</li> <li>• Senior Amateur &amp; Super-Senior Amateurs will play from the same tees (6,200-6,600 yds.) Golf Carts only.</li> <li>• Ladies will play (5,700-6,100 yds.) Walking only.</li> </ul> <p>6.1 – 12.0 USGA Handicap Index</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Flight Amateur will play (6,200-6,600 yds.) Golf Carts only.</li> <li>• 1<sup>st</sup> Flight Seniors will play (5,700-6,100 yds.) Golf Carts only.</li> </ul> <p>12.1 – 18.0 USGA Handicap Index</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Amateur will play (6,200-6,600 yds.) Golf Carts only.</li> <li>• 2<sup>nd</sup> Flight Seniors will play (5,700-6,100 yds.) Golf Carts only.</li> </ul>
Membership fee:	\$100 per player for the season, non-refundable. (Registered Juniors will be exempt of this amount)
Cost:	<p>\$150 per 2 day event (\$75 per day) – Regular Amateurs, Regular Professionals, Mid-Amateurs, Senior Amateurs, Senior Professionals &amp; Super-Senior Amateurs.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> Tournaments will be divided into two 18 hole competitions. Players may only register for one day of the competition if interested.</p> <p>Juniors - \$125 per 2 day event</p>
Skins:	A skins event will be created for all players competing in each division. Players will compete for prize money on each individual hole.
Schedule:	<p>February 7-8 – Dorado Beach (Pineapple Course)</p> <p>March 21-22 – Costa Caribe Resort</p> <p>April 11-12 – Rio Mar Golf Club (River Course)</p> <p>May 16-17 – El Legado Golf Resort</p>

**Total of 8 rounds, plus 4 from the PRGA Championships.**



## Points Ranking System:

RANKING SYSTEM				
POSITION	1 Rd	2 Rds	3 Rds	4 Rds
1	100	x2 = 200	x3=300	x5=500
2	80	160	240	400
3	75	150	225	375
4	70	140	210	350
5	65	130	195	325
6	60	120	180	300
7	55	110	165	275
8	50	100	150	250
9	45	90	135	225
10	40	80	120	200
11	35	70	105	175
12	30	60	90	150
13	25	50	75	125
14	20	40	60	100
15	15	30	45	75
16	10	20	30	50
17+	5	10	15	25

EXTRA POINTS		
SCORE IN		
RELATION TO PAR	POINTS	SCORE
8 under	36	64
-7	34	65
-6	32	66
-5	30	67
-4	28	68
-3	26	69
-2	24	70
-1	22	71
Even par	20	72
1 over	18	73
2+	16	74
3+	14	75
4+	12	76
5+	10	77
6+	8	78
7+	6	79
8+	4	80
9+	2	81

**Selection Committee:** A Selection Committee created by the PRGA Board of Directors will recommend the selection of players for any particular event based on but not restrictive to performance, past experience, availability, and compliance with the Code of Ethics and all the guidelines established by the PRGA. It is the player's responsibility to be familiar with the content of the Code of Ethics, which is available at the PRGA office.

**Qualifiers/Eligibility:** Native-born Puerto Ricans; players whose either Parent and/or Grandparent is Puerto Rican and residents of PR living for at least twelve (12) consecutive months prior to the competition will be eligible to participate in the Qualifiers.

## Caribbean Amateur Team Championships

### Hoerman Cup Team:

Team will consist of five (5) players. Top Ranked players must complete a minimum of 144 holes and have a scoring average of 74.0 or less in order to be **AUTOMATICALLY INVITED TO THE QUALIFYINGS FOR the SELECTION OF THE CAGC National Team**. The PRGA Championships low Local Amateur will earn a spot on the Puerto Rico National Team for the 2015 CAGC. (The Local Amateur must win the division and must meet CAGC rules to be eligible). The top two (2) qualifiers will be named to the team and the PRGA Selection Committee will have the right to select the other two (2) players and name two (2) alternates.



- **Eligibility:** All players that have played under same conditions as Regular Amateur players (i.e. walked in every event and played from the same tees throughout the year) will be eligible for the Regular Amateur rankings and therefore, will be eligible to qualify for the Hoerman Cup Team.
- **Participation:** The top two (2) qualifiers must participate in the PRGA Player's Tour and have played a minimum of 114 holes (including the PRGA Championships) to be considered for the Hoerman Cup.

#### Ramón Baez Trophy Team:

Team will consist of two (2) Mid Amateur players. Top Ranked players must complete a minimum of 144 holes and have a scoring average of 74.0 or less in order to be **AUTOMATICALLY INVITED TO THE QUALIFYINGS FOR the SELECTION OF THE CAGC National Team**. These players will later qualify in teams (the composition of the teams will be selected by the players themselves) for the 2014 CAGC.

\*Note: The selection committee has the right to substitute and/or change the team composition during the qualifying rounds)

- **Eligibility:** Players age 35 or older. All players that have played under same conditions as Mid Amateur players (i.e. played from the same tees throughout the year) will be eligible for the Mid Amateur rankings and therefore, will be eligible to qualify for the Ramón Baez Trophy Team.
- **Participation:** The top qualifiers must participate in the PRGA Player's Tour and have played a minimum of 114 holes (including the PRGA Championships) to be considered for the Ramon Baez Trophy.

#### Francis Steel Perkins Cup Team:

Team will consist of two (2) Senior players. Top Ranked players must complete a minimum of 144 holes and have a scoring average of 76.0 or less in order to be considered for the CAGC National Team.

- **Eligibility:** Players age 50 and above. Super Senior players that have played under same conditions as Senior players (i.e played from the same tees throughout the year) will be eligible for the Senior rankings and therefore, will be eligible to qualify for the Francis Steel Perkins Team.



- **Participation:** The top qualifiers must participate in the PRGA Player's Tour and have played a minimum of 114 holes (including the PRGA Championships) to be considered for the Francis Steel Perkins Cup Team.

#### Higgs and Higgs Trophy Team:

Team will consist of two (2) Super-Senior players. Top Ranked players must complete a minimum of 144 holes and have a scoring average of 76.0 or less in order to be considered for the CAGC National Team.

- **Eligibility:** Players age 50 and above. Super-Senior players that have played under same conditions as Super-Senior players (i.e played from the same tees throughout the year) will be eligible for the Super-Senior rankings and therefore, will be eligible to qualify for the Higgs & Higgs Team.
- **Participation:** The top qualifiers must participate in the PRGA Player's Tour and have played a minimum of 114 holes (including the PRGA Championships) to be considered for the Higgs & Higgs Team.

#### George Teale Trophy

Team will consist of three (3) ladies players. Top Ranked players must complete a minimum of 144 holes and have a scoring average of 74.0 or less in order to be considered for the CAGC National Team.

- **Eligibility:** All ladies with a USGA Handicap Index of 6.0 or less.
- **Participation:** The top qualifier must participate in the PRGA Player's Tour and have played a minimum of 114 holes (including the PRGA Championships) to be considered for the George Teale Trophy.

#### Special Conditions applicable to all teams, divisions and qualifiers:

1. In the event none of the players comply with the requirements established in the guidelines, the PRGA will have the right to invite the players to participate in any given competition based on their performance on the Player's Tour events and the other various tournaments.
2. In the event of an unforeseen situation, not allowing a Qualifier to take place, the PRGA will select the players to participate in the competition based on their performance on the Player's Tour events, their position at the PRGA Amateur Point Ranking System and the other various tournaments.



3. In order to select the best team possible, the PRGA will have the right to invite additional players to participate in Qualifiers, if necessary, as they may deem appropriate, even if such players do not comply with the requirements established in the guidelines. After the Qualifiers, the PRGA has the right to move the qualifier of a team to a higher or lower division provided the player agrees to the change.

4. The PRGA has the right to select the players for the team from all available players regardless of their division provided they comply with the age requirement.

5. College players and students with a certified scoring average of 77.0 or better with a minimum participation of 8 tournament rounds throughout the school year will be eligible for participation in any given qualifier.

***The PRGA has certain right to revising the GUIDELINES at any given point during the year, provided this is the first time of PRGA Amateur POINT Ranking System (Please SEE Attached). Changes the GUIDELINES will be published on the PRGA website at any given time when they are added to this document.***

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