



Memorandum

TO: PNGA AND WA GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP VOLUNTEERS

FROM: PNGA/WA GOLF RULES AND COMPETITION DEPARTMENT

DATE: MARCH 1, 2024

RE: 2024 RULES OFFICIAL PROGRAM

As a past, current, or prospective volunteer, here for your review is an outline of the Pacific Northwest Golf Association and Washington Golf 2024 Rules Official Program. Below you will find the requirements for being a Rules Official, information on how to become a Rules Official, our Rules Workshop tuition reimbursement program, and how to apply for Rules Official status.

GOAL

The goal of the PNGA/WA Golf is to have at least four highly qualified Rules of Golf Officials on-site for each championship round and at all USGA qualifying events conducted. In order to meet this goal, the Associations have established specific criteria that must be met by those applying for Rules Official status and has created a tuition assistance fund in order to help officials pay to attend a USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshop.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Anyone interested in becoming a PNGA/WA Golf Rules of Golf Official must submit a resume to the Rules and Competition Department. The resume must contain the following information: ***Name and contact information, previous Rules of Golf experience, number of times and the years they have attended a USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshop, and their highest exam score and year it was attained along with a copy of the USGA certificate.***

QUALIFICATIONS

In order to be a PNGA/WA Golf Rules of Golf Official an individual must have attended at least one USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshop in the last 4 years or have attended all three sessions of the WA Golf Rules of Golf Workshop in 2024. Rules officials must achieve a score of at least 75 on the 100-question exam or 70 on the 80-question exam; or be certified as Golf Canada Level 3 or 4 within the last 4 years.

As per USGA guidelines, individuals who have achieved a qualifying score in the last 4 years on a USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshop exam, or as per Golf Canada guidelines, individuals who have achieved Level 4 status in the last 4 years, will be eligible to officiate at USGA Local and Sectional Qualifiers conducted by WA Golf.

NEW OFFICIALS (APPRENTICE PROGRAM)

Individuals who wish to become a Rules Official but have not achieved a qualifying score on the USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshop exam or reached Golf Canada Level 3 or 4, in the last 4 years will be Rules of Golf Apprentices. Apprentices do not give Rulings but will be trained on the proper skills needed to be an effective team member and Rules of Golf Official. Typically, Rules of Golf Apprentices will ride along with a more experienced Rules Official or stationed on specific locations on the golf course and given a radio to communicate with Rules Officials and WA Golf staff when Rules situations arise.

COMPENSATION

For the most part, PNGA/WA Golf volunteers work on a voluntary basis and provide their time and expertise for “the love of the game.” That being said, the PNGA/WA Golf understands in many cases this is at a significant personal expense so we have put in place a plan to assist with education reimbursement for volunteers who attend a USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshop. To be eligible for reimbursement, a request must be submitted to the PNGA/WA Golf along with a copy of the most recent USGA Rules Workshop exam score certificate and a completed 2024 PNGA/WA Golf/USGA Qualifier Volunteer Schedule.

Reimbursement scale:

Volunteer 20 days – \$500

Volunteer 15 days – \$300

Volunteer 10 days – \$200

Volunteer 5 days – \$100

(**Volunteer days can be any combination of PNGA Championships, WA Golf Championships or USGA Qualifiers)

Anyone interested in becoming a Rules of Golf Official is welcome to attend one of the USGA/PGA Rules of Golf Workshops or may, pending approval by a PNGA/WA Golf staff member, ride along during one of our Championships or USGA qualifiers with a working official.

The PNGA/WA Golf Staff and Championship Committees look forward to bringing more dedicated volunteers into our “Rules of Golf Family.”

Thank you!

RULES OFFICIAL APPLICATION

Name: _____

Address (Include: City, State, Zip Code): _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Previous Rules of Golf Experience:

PGA/USGA or WA Golf Rules of Golf Workshops Attended/Year or Golf Canada Certification

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Highest Exam Score or Level/Year Attained

Most Recent Exam Score or Level/Year Attained

**Please send a copy of your USGA or Golf Canada certificate to the PNGA/WA Golf Office or email to agilley@wagolf.org