

# New Mexico Senior Olympics

## Golf Rules

Revised 1-2024

### Playing Format

1. The golf tournament will be conducted in accordance with USGA (United States Golf Association) Rules and National Senior Games Association. For a copy of these rules please write or call:  

United States Golf Association	National Senior Games Association
P. O. Box 708	P. O. Box 5630
Far Hills, NJ 07931	Clearwater, FL 33758
(908) 234-2300	(727) 475-1187
www.usga.org	www.nsga.com
2. Golf tournament will be 18 holes medal play except for men and women in age divisions 90 and older. Competitors in age divisions 90 and older will play 9 holes. Men and Women may compete on separate days.
3. Local Golf Club rules will also be in effect.
4. Carts are included and are mandatory.
5. MPS for the golf course being used for qualifying may be adjusted before play begins.

### Playing Rules

1. NMSO reserves the right to change the tournament format for any age division based on entry numbers, space restrictions or other circumstance. This includes but is not limited to tee times or a shotgun start.
2. USGA/PGA dress code will be enforced.
3. Golfers must provide their own clubs.
4. Scratch play will be in effect. No handicaps will be used.
5. Range finders of any type are permitted.
6. In the event of a tie between 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, or 3<sup>rd</sup> place, the USGA tie-breaking procedure of matching scorecards will be implemented. The player with the best score on the last nine holes will win the higher medal. If players have the same score for the 9 holes, the last 6 holes will be compared, then 3 holes and then finally the 18<sup>th</sup> hole.
7. All first (1<sup>st</sup>) place winners or athletes meeting NSGA's Minimum Performance Standards (MPS) will qualify to attend Nationals.
8. No golf fee refund will be made after the refund deadline. **No exceptions.**
9. All athletes will pay green and cart fees at the time of registering for New Mexico Senior Olympics Annual Summer Games regardless of local membership status.
10. Spectators are permitted on the course; however, they will be required to walk. Spectators must remain at least 25 feet away from tee boxes and greens.
11. USGA rules regarding coaching will be strictly enforced.
12. USGA and Local rules regarding pace of play will be observed and enforced.