



**February 25 - 28, 2019**

**Player Handbook**

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# **WELCOME!**

Welcome to Las Vegas, site of the Las Vegas World Amateur and host to some of the greatest golf courses and entertainment venues in the country.

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## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

- Noon to 5 p.m. Tournament check-in begins at Las Vegas Golf & Tennis (4711 Dean Martin Dr, Las Vegas, NV 89103)
- Players pick up their final course and flight assignments.

### **MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019**

#### **TOURNAMENT ROUND 1 (Chimera Golf Club)**

- 8:30 am Shotgun start (Includes cart, range & mid-morning snack pack).
- 2:30 - 4:30 pm • Welcome & Scoring Party (Chimera Golf Club Hospitality Tent)
- 4:30 pm & Beyond...LAS VEGAS - Enjoy the night!

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019**

#### **TOURNAMENT ROUND 2 (Revere Golf Club)**

- 8:30 am Shotgun start (Includes cart, range & mid-morning snack pack)
- Honeypot Payouts - Day 1 (Entry Optional)
- Food & Beverage Voucher for \$20 restaurant credit at the Revere Golf Club will be given to all tournament participants. No organized event is planned, but scoring will be done on site and you are encouraged to mix with other tournament players
- 4:30 pm & Beyond...LAS VEGAS - Enjoy the night!

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019**

#### **TOURNAMENT ROUND 3 (Revere Golf Club)**

- 8:30 am Shotgun start (Includes cart, range & mid-morning snack pack)
- Honeypot Payouts - Day 2 (Entry Optional)
- 2:30 - 4:30 pm • Scoring Party and Banquet at Sierra Gold featuring buffet lunch, prize presentation, finals pairings announcement & more! (6515 S Jones Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89118)
- Honeypot Payouts - Day 3 (Entry Optional)

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019**

#### **TOURNAMENT ROUND 4 (Royal Links Golf Club)**

- 8:30 a.m. Championship Round
- 8:30 a.m. - Last Chance Event (See website for details)
- 1:30 p.m. Crowning of the 2019 Las Vegas World Amateur Championship winner

# COURSES AND COURSE ROTATION

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2019

**Chimera Golf Club** (901 Olivia Parkway, Henderson, Nevada 89011 | 702-951-1500 | [www.chimeragolfclub.com](http://www.chimeragolfclub.com))



**Women**  
Lion Tees (5,230 yards)

**Men 70+**  
Lion Tees (5,230 yards)

**Men 60-69**  
Goat Tees (5,897 yards)

**Men 50-59**  
Serpent Tees (6,359 yards)

**Men 49 and Under**  
Serpent Tees (6,359 yards)

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2019

**Revere Golf Club - Concord** (2600 Hampton Road, Henderson, Nevada 89052 | 702-617-5710 | [www.reveregolf.com](http://www.reveregolf.com))



**Women**  
Bronze Tees (5,216 yards)

**Men 70+**  
Bronze Tees (5,216 yards)

**Men 60-69**  
Silver Tees (5,941 yards)

**Men 50-59**  
Gold Tees (6,590 yards)

**Men 49 and Under**  
Gold Tees (6,590 yards)

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2019

**Revere Golf Club - Lexington** (2600 Hampton Road, Henderson, Nevada 89052 | 702-617-5710 | [www.reveregolf.com](http://www.reveregolf.com))



**Women**  
Bronze Tees (5,171 yards)

**Men 70+**  
Bronze Tees (5,171 yards)

**Men 60-69**  
Silver Tees (6,094 yards)

**Men 50-59**  
Gold Tees (6,545 yards)

**Men 49 and Under**  
Gold Tees (6,545 yards)

## THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2019

**Royal Links Golf** (5995 E Vegas Valley Drive, Las Vegas, Nevada 89142 | 702-765-0484 | [www.royallinksgolfclub.com](http://www.royallinksgolfclub.com))



**Women**  
Emerald Tees (5,142 yards)

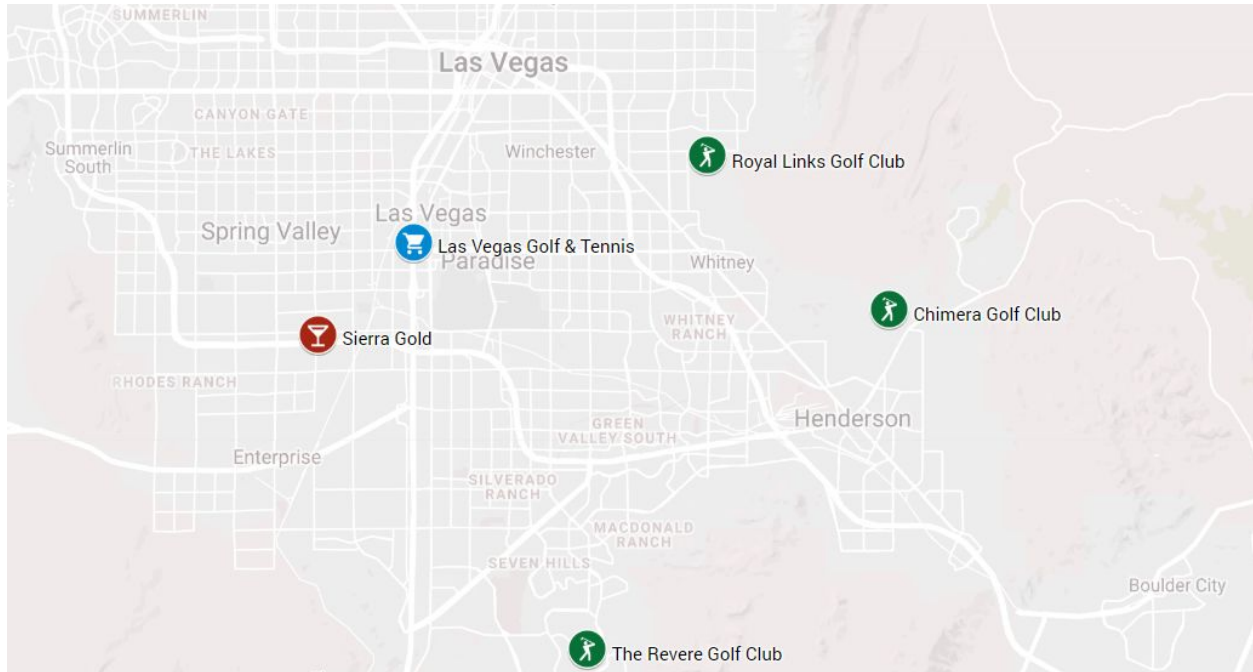
**Men 70+**  
Emerald Tees (5,142 yards)

**Men 60-69**  
Ruby Tees (5,864 yards)

**Men 50-59**  
Gold Tees (6,602 yards)

**Men 49 and Under**  
Gold Tees (6,602 yards)

## MAPS AND DRIVING DIRECTIONS



## LAS VEGAS WORLD AM PRIZES

- Flight Prizes:** The top three in each flight will receive merchandise prizes.
- Flight Leaders:** The top two in each flight will advance to the final round at Royal Links Golf Club.
- Overall Champion:** The low net score at Royal Links will be named winner.

## DAILY CONTESTS

- Stay on the green:** We will pick one par three at each course, and every player that lands (and stays) safely on the putting surface will go into a daily drawing for a \$100 proshop credit.
- KP's:** Each day a par three will be designated KP Hole - all flights will participate together - from their appointed tee box - with the closest to the pin receiving an Exponent, Golf Laser Rangefinder (A \$200 value).
- Draw Prizes:** During Wednesday's Awards Ceremony, we will have at least a dozen random drawings to be presented - with the major prize being an entry into the Shootout At PGA West. The entry can be used in either 2019 or 2020. This includes tournament entry only which means three days of unlimited golf at PGA West and La Quinta Resort in La Quinta, CA. This prize does not include transportation to and from event, or accommodations. This is a \$900 retail value.

# RULES AND REGULATIONS

## ENTRY QUALIFICATIONS

All amateur golfers with an established USGA (or equivalent) Handicap Index are eligible to compete. All entrants and guests must be a minimum of 21 years of age.

## HANDICAP REQUIREMENTS

The tournament will be conducted using the USGA Handicap System. Based on their lowest USGA Handicap Index (from the previous twelve months), each entrant will play their tournament rounds with a daily handicap determined by the USGA Slope & Rating of that entrant's assigned golf courses.

Players should contact their local PGA professional for assistance in establishing a USGA Handicap Index. If a player maintains two handicaps, the lower USGA Handicap must be used.

Any unusual posting procedures, such as ceasing to post scores for a period leading up to the event, may be grounds for disqualification and forfeiture of entry fee.

Any participant found using a fraudulent handicap will be expelled from the tournament and the entry fee will be forfeited. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to adjust handicaps at any time during the event.

## DIVISIONS/FLIGHTS

The tournament field will consist of four divisions: Men 49 and under, Men 50-59, Men 60-69 (two flights), Men 70+ (two flights), and one Women's Division. Tees for each division are noted on the website and will be highlighted on official tournament scorecards.

Divisions are based upon the entrant's age as of January 1, 2019. Any golfer qualified as a senior may choose to play in the open division.

Any golfer qualified for a particular division may choose to play "down" a division, but cannot elect to play "up" a flight.

## RULES OF PLAY

The USGA Rules of Golf will govern play. Local rules for each golf course will be distributed at each course. All disputes regarding any aspect of Tournament play will be reviewed by the Tournament Committee. All rules decisions are final.

## DRESS CODE

Spikeless shoes are required at all tournament courses. Attire for the week is golf club casual, including the parties. Bermuda length shorts may be worn during tournament rounds. Collared shirts are required and no denim is allowed at the tournament courses. The daily high temperatures are expected to range between 60 and 70 degrees.

## TIE- BREAK PROCEDURE

Ties for first, second and third places will be broken by comparing third round net scores. If a tie still exists, the net scores from round two will be compared. If a tie still exists, the nine-hole net score beginning with the back nine of round three and going backwards until the tie is broken. If a tie still exist than the hole-by-hole score beginning with round three and going backwards to round one will be compared. If a tie still exists, the Tournament Committee will award duplicate prizes.

## CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND

The top players from each of the seven flights (numbers determined by flight size) will advance to the Championship Round on Thursday, February 28, 2019 at Royal Links Golf Club.

Based on Thursday's play, one overall net champion will be crowned. Ties for a trophy will be decided by a sudden-death playoff immediately following play.

## AWARDS

All flight prizes and daily prizes will be presented during dinner at Sierra Gold on Wednesday.

## CADDY AND CART POLICY

All players are required to ride a cart. Tournament entry fee includes the cost of a cart for three rounds and the championship round (for those who qualify). Spectators are allowed, but are prohibited from riding in the competitors' carts, providing advice or interfering with play in any way. The use of caddies is prohibited and the use of a caddie will result in disqualification.

Carts, on a fee basis, will be available for spectators who wish to follow a certain player. If a player's fellow competitors in a foursome object to the behavior (not the presence) of a spectator, the spectator will be asked to leave the course.

## PRACTICE ROUNDS DURING TOURNAMENT

Rule 7-2 will be modified to allow practice rounds to be played on competition courses between rounds. That means you will be allowed to play a practice round on a golf course you have yet to play in the afternoons.

## DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

Players are allowed to use devices that measure distance only. Use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play are not permitted, unless the additional features that gauge or measure these conditions can be deactivated during competition. A player in breach of this rule will be subject to disqualification under rule 14-3.

## RULES OF AMATEUR STATUS

### Rule 1 – Amateurism

An amateur golfer is one who plays the game as a non-remunerative and non-profit-making sport and who does not receive remuneration for teaching golf or for other activities because of golf skill or reputation, except as provided in the Rules.

### Rule 1-2 – Amateur Status

Amateur status is a universal condition of eligibility for playing golf competitions as an amateur golfer. A person who acts contrary to the Rules may forfeit his status as an amateur golfer and as a result will be an eligible to play in amateur competitions.

### Rule 3 – Prizes

The retail value with a prize is the price at which it is generally available at the time of the award. A symbolic prize is a trophy made of gold, silver, ceramic, or the like that is intended for display purposes only and has no significant utilitarian value.

The merchandise being given as prizes are in compliance with the amateur rules of golf covering prizes because of their value.

## LOCAL RULES

### OUT OF BOUNDS

Defined by the inside points, at ground level, of the white stake, boundary fence posts or the inside edge of curbing when a road determines out of bounds. Rule 27-1 – A ball which crosses a public road defined as out of bounds and comes to rest beyond that road is out of bounds even though it may lie on another part of the course.

### HAZARD STAKES & LINES

Water hazards are defined by yellow stakes and or lines. Lateral Water hazards are defined by red stakes and or lines. When both stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, the stakes identify the existence and type of a hazard and the line defines the margin of the hazard. When water hazards and lateral water hazards are bounded by out of bounds; the hazard margin extends to and coincides sides with the out of bounds line.

### ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREAS (ESA)

Play is prohibited from these areas and the player must drop a ball with a one-stroke penalty according to Rule 26, the water hazard rule. If a player's ball is not in the ESA, but the player's stance or area of intended swing is interfered with by the ESA, the player shall drop without penalty, no nearer the hole, at the nearest point which provides complete relief from the ESA. The penalty for playing from an area defined as an ESA will be two strokes.

### GROUND UNDER REPAIR

Defined by white lines. French drains and a hole made by a greens keeper are defined as ground under repair according to Rule 25.

### CART PATHS

Relief without penalty is available when cart paths are artificially surfaced. Artificially surfaced includes cement, asphalt, gravel, but not dirt (or random native rocks. White lined areas that are tied into artificially surface pad and roads are considered part of the artificially surfaced path and thus entitled to relief under Rule 24 Obstructions.

### DROP AREAS

Drop areas have been designated for certain relief situations. Please check the Notice to Competitors at each course for the exact locations. Drop areas may not be painted, but may be defined as the forward teeing ground in the closely-mown area. Unless there is a designated drop area, there is no drop area.

### EMBEDDED BALL THROUGH THE GREEN

Rule 25 – 2. A ball embedded in its own pitch mark in the ground in any closely-mown area through the green may be lifted, cleaned and dropped without penalty, as near as possible to the spot where it lay, but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. "Closely-mown area" means any area of the course including paths through the rough, cut to fairway height or less.

### CLOSE OF COMPETITION

The competition shall be deemed closed when the prizes have been presented to the winners.

### DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE (SECOND BALL)

Rule 3-3. In stroke play only, when during play of a hole, a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, play a second ball. After the situation which caused the doubt has arisen, the competitor should, before taking further action, announce to his marker or fellow-competitor, his decision to invoke this Rule and the ball with which he will score, if the Rules permit.

The competitor shall report the facts to the Committee (the Golf Professional at the course) before returning the scorecard unless the competitor scores the same with both balls. If he/she fails to do so, he/she shall be disqualified.

## PACE OF PLAY

All groups will be expected to keep up with the group in front of them. If your group falls more than a hole behind, a course marshal will ask your group to pick up their pace. If your group does not pick up the pace, a rules official will be out to time each individual player. Players will have 45 seconds to hit the shot. Two bad times and the individual player will be warned. The next bad time (3rd total), the player will be assessed a one-stroke penalty. A second bad time (4th total), will result in a two stroke penalty. If a player incurs another bad time (5th total); the individual player will be disqualified and asked to leave the course.

## DAILY INSTRUCTIONS

All contestants will receive their scorecards at the course they are playing that day. Players must exchange score- cards with another participant in their group. No competitor shall keep their own score.

Players shall record their gross (actual) score only. Net scores will be calculated by the committee.

At the conclusion of each round, all contestants must turn in their signed and attested (the player and markers signatures) to the designated scoring area at the course. Any player who leaves the course without signing and turning in their scorecard will be subject to disqualification.

Any player who does not turn in their scorecard immediately following play to the designated scoring area will be subject to disqualification.

**VERY IMPORTANT** - Any player who accuses another player of a rules infraction after the scorecards have been returned may also be disqualified (along with the player) for entrapment.

The time to bring up any Rules question is at the time the question occurs. Then the question can be resolved before any further strokes have been taken.

This should not be thought of as confrontational, but rather as providing assistance in order to keep any competitor from being disqualified. Also, each player has an obligation to protect the rest of the field.

Any player seeking a ruling must contact the Golf Professional at that day's course prior to returning their score- card. Please re-read the previous information titled Doubt as to Procedure (Second Ball).