



## *Proposed Event Policies*

### *The 2026, 89<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Iowa Masters Men's Amateur Golf Tournament July 10 ~ 12 George Veenker Memorial Golf Course - Ames*

The Iowa Masters is a men's amateur invitational golf tournament sponsored by Veenker Memorial Golf Course of Iowa State University. It is managed by the Iowa Masters Golf Association (IMGA). The Iowa Masters is one of the Iowa Golf Association's tournaments that determine the IGA Amateur, Senior Amateur and Super Senior Amateur Player of the Year awards.

Entries from Pre-Qualified players (see below) will be given tee time and entry priority if entry is received by Sat. June 13<sup>th</sup> and is one of the first 94 entries received. **Players not pre-qualified must have a valid USGA Handicap Index of 8.0 or less.** Entries from players who are not pre-qualified but have a USGA Handicap Index of 8.0 or less will be accepted on a first come, first served basis following June 13<sup>th</sup>. Entries from pre-qualified players received after the 94 player limit, or after June 13<sup>th</sup> will be accepted in the order received as open spots are available. If the field does not fill with qualified players by Monday June 29<sup>th</sup> additional entries may be accepted at the Committee's discretion.

### *Projected Schedule*

#### *Thurs July 9<sup>th</sup>*

*Practice Rounds ~ Tee Times available until 3:00 p.m. (standard green & cart fees apply)*

#### *Friday July 10<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30 – 3:00 1<sup>st</sup> Round Tee Times Open, Junior, Senior & Super Senior Divisions - 18 Holes  
All rounds to start from the #10 Tee.*

#### *Saturday July 11<sup>th</sup>*

*6:30 – 3:00 2<sup>nd</sup> Round Tee Times Open, Junior, Senior & Super Senior Divisions - 18 Holes  
All rounds to start from the #1 Tee*

#### *Sunday July 12<sup>th</sup>*

*Final Round Open, Junior, Senior & Super Senior Divisions – 18 Holes  
Morning Tee Times starting on both #1 & #10 Tees.  
Start times based on number of players to make the cut in each division.*

*Awards Ceremony & Scholarship Announcement Immediately following play.*

# ***Tournament Policies & Procedures***

## **1. 2026 PRE-QUALIFICATION GUIDELINES**

### **MEN'S SINGLE YEAR PRE QUALIFICATION: (Priority Level 3)**

1. Made the cut in either of the two previous Iowa Masters.
2. Earned Points toward the IGA Amateur of the Year Award (Open, Sr & Super Senior Divisions) in the previous years' Major Iowa Tournaments.
3. A minimum of 5 members of the current Iowa State, Iowa, Northern Iowa or Drake men's golf teams will receive pre-qualification status.
4. Place in the top 3 of any of the current and previous school years' Iowa High School Boy's State Tournament Class Meets (Class 1A, 2A, 3A)
5. Place in the top 4 of the previous school years' Iowa High School Boy's State Tournament ~ Class 4A only.
6. Place in the top 4 of the 16 – 17 Age Division of the previous years' IGA Iowa Jr. Tour Rankings
7. Have been of special service either to the IGA, IMGGA or ISU.
8. Have a Masters average score of 80.00 or better, based on 5 or more rounds of play.
9. Have played in ten or more Iowa Masters and made a cut in the last five years.

### **MEN'S FIVE-YEAR PRE QUALIFICATION: (Priority Level 2)**

1. Finish in the top 10 of the previous years' Iowa Masters.
2. Finish in the top 10 of the previous years' IGA Amateur of the Year standings. (Open, Sr & Super Senior Divisions)

### **MEN'S LIFETIME PRE QUALIFICATION: (Priority Level 1)**

1. Be a previous Iowa Masters Champion with Amateur status.
2. Have played in 10 or more Iowa Masters and have maintained an 82.00 or better average in Master's play.

## **2. MAKING THE CUT**

**The Iowa Masters Golf Tournament is intended to be played over 54 holes, 18 holes each – Friday, Saturday & Sunday. Approximately 50% of the entire field will make the cut in their respective divisions to play the final round.**

**OPEN DIVISION – 50% of the Total Open Division Field + ties will make the cut.**

**THE MASTERS FLIGHT of the OPEN DIVISION** – The Masters Flight will be comprised of the low 35 scoring players, plus ties. The low 20 places will be paid. The low 18 place finishers will be awarded Iowa Masters numbered course flags.

**THE CYCLONE FLIGHT of the OPEN DIVISION** – The Cyclone Flight will be comprised of the remaining Open Division players making the cut. A minimum of 5 places will be paid. Players in the Cyclone Flight may opt to play in the Masters Flight. Players must declare this intention to a scoring official at the scoreboard area before Sunday pairings are made Saturday evening.

**JUNIOR DIVISION (18 years of age or younger as of July 10, 2026)** - The Junior Division competition is contested within the Open Division and is based on the full 54 holes of play. There is not a separate cut for this division. First place in the Junior Division will be awarded a trophy.

## **2. MAKING THE CUT....Continued**

**SENIOR DIVISION (50 years of age and above as of July 10, 2026) –Approximately 50% of the Total Senior Division Field + ties will make the cut.**

Approximately 50% of the field that makes the cut will get paid.

**SUPER SENIOR DIVISION (65 years of age and above as of July 10, 2026) - Approximately 50% of the Total Super Senior Division Field + ties will make the cut.**

Approximately 50% of the field that makes the cut will get paid.

## **3. CANCELLATION POLICY:**

Entries cancelled on or before June 14<sup>th</sup> will be refunded in the amount of \$120.00. Cancellations between June 15<sup>th</sup> and June 30<sup>th</sup> will be refunded in the amount of \$95.00. Cancellations on July 1<sup>st</sup> and after will not be refunded unless the opening is filled with another player in which case a refund of \$85.00 will be issued. Cart fees prepaid, but not used will be refunded in the amount of \$30.00.

## **4. PACE OF PLAY POLICY**

This policy is designed not to rush or penalize players. It is intended to eliminate lengthy rounds and undue delay in the playing of a stroke.

### **UNDUE DELAY**

If a player records three (3) bad times during the round, he will receive a one-stroke penalty for undue delay. Players will be warned immediately after recording one (1) and two (2) bad times.

The player will receive a two-stroke penalty if he records five (5) bad times and the player will be disqualified after seven (7) bad times. Players will be warned after recording four (4) and six (6) bad times. Penalties will be added to the holes in which the 3<sup>rd</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> bad time occurs.

Example: If a player receives his 3<sup>rd</sup> bad time on the 8<sup>th</sup> hole and his 5<sup>th</sup> bad time on the 15<sup>th</sup> hole, 1 penalty stroke will be added to his score for the 8<sup>th</sup> hole and 2 penalty strokes will be added to his score for the 15<sup>th</sup>

*The Iowa Masters Committee reserves the right to adjust this Pace of Play Policy*

A group is OUT OF POSITION (O.O.P) when on any par four or par five hole, the preceding group has left the green and your group has not yet all teed off. A group is O.O.P on a par three hole when the preceding group has left the green and your group is still playing, or putting on the previous hole. Out of Position warnings will be modified for walkers following players who are riding.

When any of these situations occurs a group will be issued an O.O.P warning.

A warning means that every member of the group will be timed. When it is the first player's turn to play they will have a maximum of forty-five (45) seconds to play a shot. Each additional player in the group will have thirty-five (35) seconds to play their shot. This includes time spent in calculating yardage or any other preparations. The group will also be given a reasonable amount of time to get back into position. A reasonable amount of time would normally be two holes.

### **Definition of when it is the "Players Turn to Play"**

It is the players' turn to play when there has been reasonable opportunity to reach the ball, there is no interference from another person or ball, and the player is the farthest from the hole in the group.

## **5. POLICY FOR SUSPENSION / CANCELLATION OF A ROUND**

It is the goal of the Iowa Masters Committee to crown a champion over 54 holes. Every effort will be made to accomplish this goal. The Committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules of the tournament as needed. This may include but is not limited to, suspending play to a following day or cancelling current or future rounds. The decision of the Committee in any of these matters shall be final. The following guidelines will be followed when making decisions to cancel or change the number of holes of the Masters.

- ❖ When even one group has finished a round and turned in an official scorecard that round will be concluded. No scores will be taken off the scoreboard when tournament play can be continued on a following day. The only time scores will be taken off the scoreboard is when the final round of the tournament is completely wiped out.
- ❖ If Friday (first) rounds are partially completed because of a suspension of play: Play will continue on Saturday from the point where players finished on Friday. Saturday (second) rounds will begin as close to assigned tee times as possible. To accomplish the goal of 54 holes the committee may be forced to have groups use their Friday tee times for the second round so play may be completed for both rounds. Players will be notified at the course and information will be posted on the Veenker web site if this situation arises.
- ❖ If the Friday round is completely cancelled, players will tee off at their assigned Saturday tee times and the cut for Sunday's final round will be determined by 18 holes.
- ❖ If Saturday's round (18 or 36) is not completed: The Saturday round will be completed on Sunday. The committee will have the option to reduce the Championship field to a size that will allow play to finish on Sunday. This includes having a shotgun start or playing 9 holes to determine the final placings.
- ❖ If the field is reduced on Sunday, the prize payoffs will remain the same as if it was a full 54 hole event. Awards will be determined by 36 or 18 holes, whichever were completed.

## **6. SUSPENSION OF PLAY POLICY**

### **Suspension of Play for a Dangerous Situation:**

Note: Rule 6-8b is in effect. When play is suspended for a dangerous situation, (one prolonged blast of horn) i.e. lightning, flooding, tornado, all play must be stopped. You may not finish the hole you are playing or begin play on another hole. Notification for stoppage of play will be made with one very long horn blast followed by an announcement over the PA system. Players are to seek shelter and return to the clubhouse area when possible. During the suspension of play all practice areas will also be closed.

Players are allowed to ride in from the course in a Suspension of Play situation with another player, tournament official, volunteer or course staff member.

### **Suspension of Play for Reasons other than Dangerous Situations:**

Ex: darkness, fog. Suspension of play will be made with three (3) short blasts of a horn followed by an announcement over the PA system. Officials will also be on the course to inform groups of the situation. The players in a group may decide whether to finish the hole they are playing but they may not start another hole. The choice to finish the hole is an individual decision. Ex: A player within the group may choose to finish the hole while others choose to wait until play has resumed.

**Penalty for Breach of Either Suspension Policy: DISQUALIFICATION**

### **Reminders for Resumption of Play:**

You must have the same 14 clubs

You may substitute a ball when play resumes (whether or not your ball was lifted at time of suspension)  
6-8d(i). If your ball was lifted, then you replace the ball (substitution permitted) on the spot from where it was lifted

6-8d(ii). If you did not lift your ball, you may do so. You may also clean it or substitute another ball. In either case, the ball (or substituted ball) is replaced on the spot from which it was lifted

6-8d(iii). If the player's ball or ball marker is moved (including by wind or water) while play is discontinued, a ball or ball-marker must be placed on the spot from which the original ball or ball-marker was moved. Note: If the spot where the ball is to be placed is impossible to determine, it must be estimated and the ball placed on the estimated spot.

### **For Play to Resume:**

The Committee will announce the time of restart and players must be back in position to play at that time. Two short horn blasts and an announcement from the PA system will officially restart play.

**7. THE IGA DRESS CODE WILL BE ENFORCED** – Proper golf attire is mandatory. The committee reserves the right to determine whether this requirement is met. Shorts are permitted provided they are Bermuda length or longer. T-shirts, tank tops, sweatpants, and blue jeans are NOT permitted.

**8. SMOKING BAN** - As a part of the Iowa State University campus, Veenker Memorial Golf Course is included in the Iowa law banning smoking on State property.

**9. GOLF CARTS:** Carts will be assigned on a first-come-first-served basis and preference may be given to older age divisions should cart availability become limited. As all groups are three some, 2 players will be required to share a cart while one player will ride alone. Tee times for cart riders will be restricted to tee time options B,C,G & H between 7:40 – 9:30 and 1:00 – 3:00 and corresponding times for Saturday's rounds. **Only player(s) assigned to the cart will be allowed to ride in that cart, with the exception of giving a playing partner a ride back to replay a shot in a penalty situation. In no situation are carts available for spectators or caddies.**