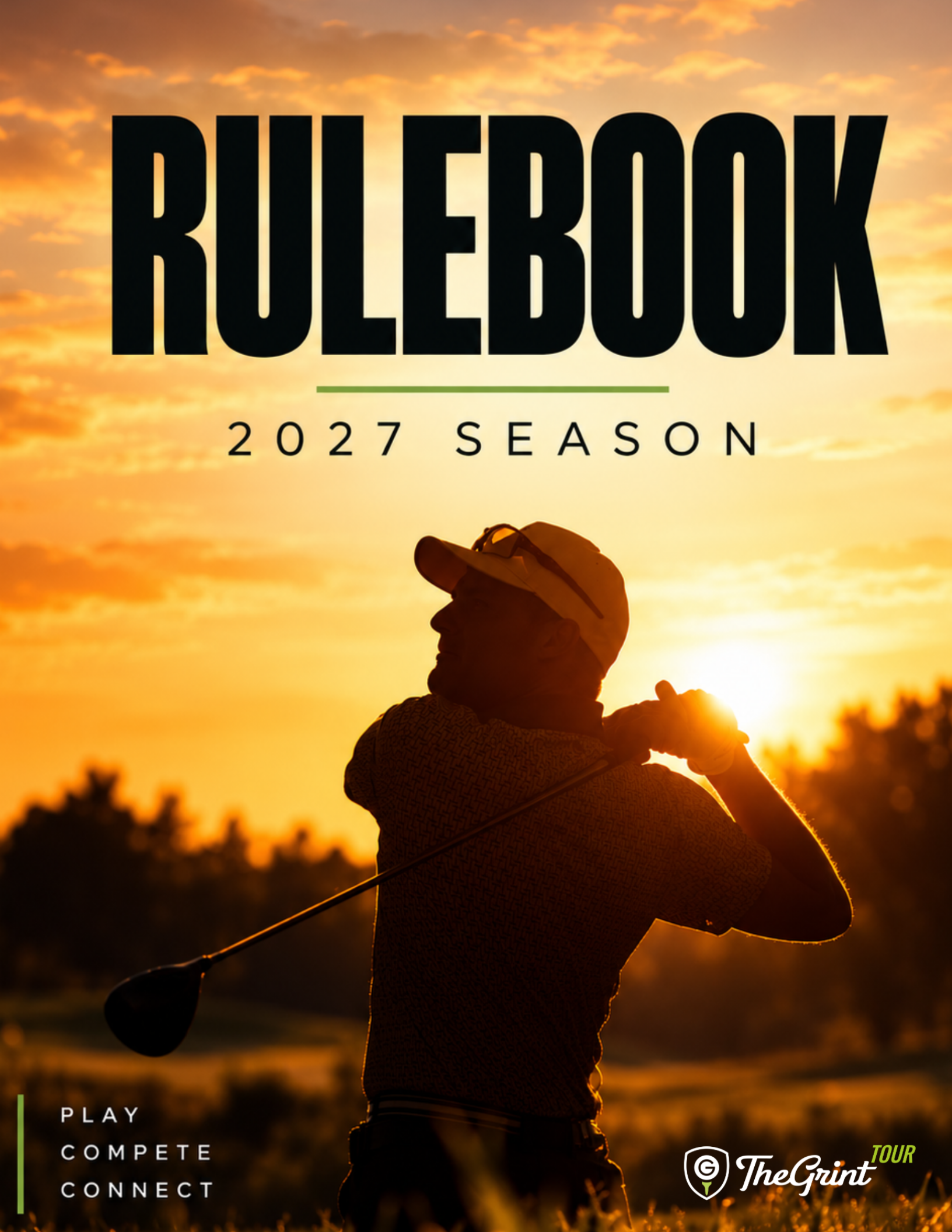
# RULEBOOK

## 2027 SEASON



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*Operated by Sandy Birdie LLC, Coral Gables, Florida*

## 01 — Membership Eligibility

TheGrint Tour is operated by Sandy Birdie LLC and is open to amateur golfers. To compete in Tour events, a player must have at least six (6) completed scorecards entered in the TheGrint app, a valid GHIN/USGA Handicap Index, or approval from the Tour Director(s). A player who has not met any of these requirements will compete with an index of 0.0 until the requirement is satisfied. Register at TheGrintTour.com.

## 02 — Membership Fees and Benefits

Annual membership is $150, or $125 for players with an active TheGrint Pro membership. Benefits include discounted event entry and unlimited referral credits, eligibility for Race prizes and regional competition, a $75 TheGrint.Shop gift card, early-bird pricing where available, and any partner/sponsor offers. Membership is on auto-renewal; auto-renew can be turned off in the My Account section of TheGrintTour.com.

## 03 — Junior Participation

Players younger than 18 must obtain a participation waiver by contacting TheGrintTour@TheGrint.com before competing. Juniors are not eligible for cash prizes or cash-based side games. A parent or guardian is responsible for confirming the junior's school, collegiate, and amateur-status eligibility, and for completing all required participation, liability, media, and prize waivers on the junior's behalf.

## 04 — Assumption of Risk and Release from Liability

By becoming a member of TheGrint Tour, or by entering and playing in any TheGrint Tour event, the participant acknowledges that golf carries inherent dangers, including but not limited to being struck by lightning, being struck by a golf club or ball, heat exhaustion, heart attack, or injury from uneven terrain. The participant assumes and accepts all such risks and releases TheGrint Tour and Sandy Birdie LLC from all claims of injury to body or property. This release extends to any guest, relative, or other person affiliated with the participant who is present at a Tour event. The participant agrees to indemnify and hold harmless TheGrint Tour and Sandy Birdie LLC from all related claims or liability.

## 05 — Lost or Damaged Property

TheGrint Tour and Sandy Birdie LLC are not responsible for the loss, theft, or damage of any personal property brought to a Tour event, including golf clubs, bags, rangefinders, electronics, mobile phones, apparel, or vehicles and their contents. Players and guests are solely responsible for securing their own belongings while on course property, in parking areas, and in clubhouse facilities. Any property left behind after an event concludes will be held for a reasonable period at the host facility's discretion, but the Tour does not guarantee recovery of unclaimed items.

## 06 — Player Conduct

All participants are expected to uphold the highest standards of integrity, respect, and sportsmanship. The following are strictly prohibited: verbal or physical abuse toward players, staff, or course personnel; harassment, intimidation, or discriminatory behavior of any kind; cheating, score manipulation, or intentional rules violations; excessive or disruptive intoxication; damage to golf course property or Tour equipment; and unsportsmanlike conduct, including club throwing, profanity directed at others, or disorderly behavior. Consequences may include a warning, stroke penalties, disqualification, loss of prize or points eligibility, suspension, or permanent removal from the Tour. Disciplinary decisions by authorized Tour officials are final within their authority.

## 07 — Anti-Discrimination and Inclusion Policy

TheGrint Tour is committed to providing a welcoming, safe, and inclusive environment for every golfer, volunteer, sponsor, and staff member. Discrimination, harassment, or retaliation of any kind is strictly prohibited on the basis of race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, gender identity or expression, sexual orientation, age, disability, religion or creed, veteran or military status, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law.

This policy applies to all interactions at or connected to a Tour event, including on the course, in the clubhouse, in online forums and leaderboards, and in communications among players, officials, volunteers, and sponsors. TheGrint Tour will make reasonable accommodations for players with disabilities upon advance request to the Tour Director(s), consistent with maintaining fair competition.

Any player, guest, or staff member who believes they have experienced or witnessed a violation of this policy should report it to the Tour Director(s) or Tour Supervisor as soon as possible, either in person, by phone, or by email to TheGrintTour@TheGrint.com. All reports will be reviewed promptly and in good faith. Violations may result in a warning, disqualification, suspension, or permanent removal from the Tour, at the discretion of the Tour Director(s) and Rules Committee. Retaliation against anyone who reports a concern in good faith is itself a violation of this policy.

## 08 — Registration and Payment

Players register online at TheGrintTour.com. Entries are accepted first-come, first-served, subject to field capacity, payment, and the published entry deadline. Entry fees may be paid by credit card through the website, or by other means (Venmo, PayPal, Zelle, etc.) with Tour Director approval. A confirmation email and receipt are sent once registration and payment are complete. Event pricing is subject to change based on venue, and the price posted on each event's registration page controls. Late registrations (inside 7 days of the event) are subject to added fees.

## 09 — Referral Credits

Active members earn a $25 credit for each referral who completes a new Tour membership registration. The referral must not have been a prior member or played a previous Tour event, and must enter the referring member's correct account email at registration. Referrals are subject to verification by the Tour Director(s). Referral credits expire October 1 at the end of the season unless otherwise published.

## 10 — Credit Redemption

Eligible online credits are applied automatically at registration and may be used only toward regular member or non-member pricing — not early-bird pricing. Referral and tournament credits expire 120 days or four (4) events after being awarded, whichever comes first, and may be used only on the local Tour where they were earned. All credits are non-refundable and non-transferable.

## 11 — Withdrawals, Cancellations, and No-Shows

Each event publishes its own cancellation and withdrawal fee schedule on that event's official registration/info page — players should review the specific terms for the event they are entering before registering, as policies may vary by venue, format, and date. In general, a standard local event withdrawal made more than 7 days before the event date will be refunded less any applicable fees; withdrawals made after that window are subject to a cancellation fee plus any green fees or other charges passed through by the host course. Majors, Playoffs, and National events may carry different terms, published on their respective event pages. A registered player who does not show and does not contact the Tour Supervisor on the day of the event forfeits their entry fee and may have future playing privileges reviewed. All withdrawals must be communicated to the Tour Director(s) in writing (email or text); the timestamp of that communication determines which fees or credits apply.

## 12 — Substitute Player Policy

A player who can no longer play an event they are registered for may arrange for a substitute to take their spot, provided the substitute holds a valid GHIN/USGA Handicap Index or a TheGrint App account with at least ten (10) completed scorecards. The Tour Director(s) must be notified of the substitution in advance of the event so the field, flight assignment, and billing can be updated. Substitutions are not guaranteed and remain subject to Tour Director approval and field capacity.

## 13 — Flights and Combined-Flight Formats

Standard flights are assigned by Handicap Index:

| Flight | Handicap Index |
|---|---|
| Champion | 3.9 or lower |
| Albatross | 4.0 – 7.9 |
| Eagle | 8.0 – 11.9 |
| Birdie | 12.0 – 15.9 |
| Par | 16.0 or higher |

**A maximum index of 20.0 is used for Race calculations and net event results; players above 20.0 may compete, but their index is capped at 20.0 for these purposes.**

**Alternative two-flight format:** some events may instead use Augusta Race players (Champion and Albatross) and Pebble Race players (Eagle, Birdie, and Par) as the two on-site flights, with winners determined by Net Score Over Par. This format must be announced on the event registration page.

**Minimum flight size:** any flight with fewer than four (4) registered players will be combined into the next-nearest flight for that event, with the combined flight's winner determined by Net Score Over Par. Alternative and combined-flight formats affect event-day results only and do not change a player's season-long Race assignment.

## 14 — Event Flight Placement

A player's current, valid Handicap Index as of the event's published lock date is the primary basis for flight placement at that event. Placement for a single event is not, by itself, an official season-long promotion. The Rules Committee may review placement at any time to maintain fair competition.

## 15 — Promotion and Return to a Prior Flight

Three wins in a season, or two consecutive wins, triggers a Rules Committee review; neither results in automatic promotion. The Committee evaluates index trend, scoring history, performance relative to the field, and other relevant context. An exceptional single win may also be reviewed.

A player officially promoted remains in the promoted flight for the rest of the regular season. Before playoff events, the Committee may review whether the player is eligible to return to their prior flight; eligibility requires an index at least 0.5 above the upper limit of the promoted flight (for example, a player promoted to Albatross needs an index of at least 8.4 to be eligible to return to Eagle). Meeting this threshold does not guarantee a return — the Committee makes the final call. No promotions take place during playoff events, though this does not limit integrity reviews or disciplinary action.

## 16 — Rules Committee

The Rules Committee consists of five (5) designated Tour owners. The Committee may consider TheGrint and GHIN records, scoring history, event performance, field strength, and any other relevant evidence when making a ruling. A Committee member with a direct personal, family, or financial conflict of interest regarding a specific ruling must recuse themselves from that decision; the remaining members will decide. Submit review requests to TheGrintTour@TheGrint.com. Committee decisions are final.

# 17 — Event Prizes

The minimum prize allocation for each event will be determined by the event format as follows:

- **Regular Season Events:** Minimum of **$20 per player** allocated to the prize pool.
- **Playoff Events & Signature Majors:** Minimum of **$25 per player** allocated to the prize pool.
- **Two-Day Events:** Minimum of **$40 per player** allocated to the prize pool.

Sponsors may contribute additional prizes or funds to increase the total prize pool.

**Flight Champions:** Winners are determined by **Gross Score**, except in announced two-flight or combined-flight formats, where **Net Score Over Par** determines the winner.

| Players in final flight | Typical paid places |
|---|---|
| 4 – 8 | 1 |
| 9 – 13 | 2 |
| 14 – 18 | 3 |
| 19 | 4 |
| 20 or more | 5, or as announced |

# 18 — Optional Side Games

Events may offer optional cash buy-in side games, which may include: **Deuces** (split pot for any gross "2" on a par-3), **Soaring Eagles** (split pot for a gross eagle on any hole, carries over if unclaimed), **Par-3 Skins** (low gross across the par-3s), **Flighted/Super Skins** (lowest gross with a birdie or better per hole, no ties, carries over if unclaimed), and **Closest to the Pin / Hole-in-One contests** (sponsor-funded, open to all players at no extra fee when offered). Entry, eligibility, scoring, and payout terms for each game must be published on the event page. Juniors may not participate in any cash-payout side game.

## 19 — Scoring and Ties

Event flight results use gross scoring except in announced two-flight or combined-flight net formats. Race standings always use Net Score Over Par within the applicable Race field:

**Net Score Over Par = Gross Score – ((Handicap Index × Slope Rating) ÷ 113) – Course Rating**, using a Handicap Index capped at 20.0.

**First-place ties are resolved by sudden-death playoff when course availability and conditions permit; all tied players must be present or they forfeit the tie.**

Otherwise, or for ties in other places, the published scorecard procedure applies in order: best back nine, best back six, best back three, handicap-hole #1 then #2 and so on, then a coin toss — unless the event publishes a different procedure.

## 20 — Scorecard Responsibility

Players must review and verify both their own and their marked playing partner's score before signing. A returned score lower than actually taken results in disqualification under the Rules of Golf; a higher returned score stands as recorded. Once submitted, scorecards are final. The official, attested paper scorecard controls over the Live Leaderboard in case of any discrepancy.

## 21 — Tee Assignments

TheGrint Tour maintains three standard tournament tee sets:

| Tee Set | Target Distance | Assignment |
|---|---|---|
| Gold | 6,400 – 6,700 yards | Champion / Albatross flights |
| Blue | 6,100 – 6,400 yards | Eagle / Birdie / Par flights / Senior Champ and Albatross |
| White | 5,800 – 6,100 yards | Women with a Handicap Index of 7.9 or lower / Senior Eagle / Birdie and Par |

**Women's tees:** women with a Handicap Index of 7.9 or lower play TheGrint Tour White tees. Women with a Handicap Index of 8.0 or higher play the host course's

forward tee markers (commonly red, or the closest comparable forward tee the course offers), with a target distance of 5,000 – 5,400 yards. Net scoring is always calculated using the Course Rating and Slope Rating of the tees actually played.

**Seniors:** players age 60 or older may request one forward tee set from their assigned flight tees, subject to approval and age verification (valid driver's license). After a senior wins an event from a forward tee, their forward-tee eligibility will be reviewed to determine whether they may continue playing from that tee or must return to their regular assigned tees; a win does not automatically change a player's tee or flight. The most forward available tee set at a course is never permitted in tournament play.

## 22 — Local Tour Season Schedule

Each local Tour must offer at least eight (8) Race events per season, including one Signature Major (one-day format), up to two additional Majors, and two to three Playoff events, one of which is the Tour Championship.

## 23 — Augusta and Pebble Races

The Augusta Race consists of Champion and Albatross players. The Pebble Race consists of Eagle, Birdie, and Par players. A player's first eligible flight establishes their season-long Race assignment, which does not change after a mid-season promotion — for example, an Eagle player promoted to Albatross remains in the Pebble Race.

## 24 — Race Standings and Eligible Results

Race standings are calculated within a player's applicable Race field using their top event performances. Both Home and Away Tour results count toward the Race, subject to the Home Tour's published event-count limits, which are posted on the local points schedule.

## 25 — Race Champion Qualification

To qualify as a **League/Race Champion**, a player must participate in a minimum of **four (4) Home Tour events** during the current season, including:

- At least **one (1) Major Event**.
- At least **one (1) Playoff Event**.

Only events played within the player's designated Home Tour will count toward these minimum participation requirements, unless otherwise specified in the local race rules.

**Local Race Rules & Requirements**

Each local tour may have additional rules, qualification criteria, points structures, or event participation requirements specific to its Year-Long Race.

Players are responsible for familiarizing themselves with the rules governing their respective race, including any additional eligibility requirements for race standings, championships, prizes, and season-ending awards.

**IMPORTANT:** Players should review their **Local Race Rules** or contact their **Local Tour Operator** for complete details and clarification regarding the specific rules, requirements, and qualification criteria applicable to their race.

Meeting the minimum national participation requirements does not automatically override any additional eligibility conditions established under the applicable local race rules.

## 26 — Tour Championship Eligibility

To be eligible for the season-ending Tour Championship, a player must hold an active Home Tour membership at the time of the event and have either played more than four Home Tour events (including Playoffs) or won a Home Tour event during the current season.

## 27 — Event and National Event Points

Flight winners are determined by gross score except in announced two-flight or combined-flight formats, where Net Score Over Par applies. Race points are always awarded based on Net Score Over Par within the applicable Race.

| Finish | Classic | 1-Day Major | Signature / Playoff | 2-Day National |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 150 | 225 | 350 | 500 |
| 2 | 125 | 190 | 300 | 435 |
| 3 | 115 | 175 | 275 | 400 |
| 4 | 105 | 160 | 250 | 365 |
| 5 | 95 | 145 | 225 | 330 |
| 6 | 85 | 130 | 200 | 295 |
| 7 | 75 | 115 | 175 | 260 |
| 8 | 65 | 100 | 150 | 225 |
| 9 | 55 | 85 | 125 | 190 |
| 10 | 45 | 70 | 100 | 155 |
| 11 | 35 | 55 | 75 | 120 |
| 12 | 25 | 40 | 50 | 85 |
| 13 | 20 | 40 | 40 | 40 |
| **Winner Bonus** | 25 | 25 | 50 | 50 |

## 28 — Year-End Race Pot

Each local Tour collects a $5-per-player, per-round allocation toward year-end awards. A local Tour may use this allocation for announced top-three Race awards, or to fund an approved local Ryder Cup event, including its costs, prizes, and participant benefits. The intended use should be disclosed before playoffs where practical.

Year-end awards are not paid in cash. Awards may include PGA or Amazon gift cards, Tour credits, memberships, merchandise, or other announced benefits, and may extend to the top five finishers when announced. Race Champions additionally receive TheGrint Tour Championship Trophy and a complimentary

one-year Tour membership; top-five finishers in each Race receive a one-year membership extension.

## 29 — Rules of Golf and Handicap Integrity

The Rules of Golf, applicable local rules, and published event rules govern play, with these standing exceptions: GPS and laser rangefinders are permitted (slope-measuring functions must be disabled where prohibited); the one-ball rule does not apply; and course-specific local rules apply as posted.

Handicap or score manipulation, falsified scorecards, or any action intended to gain an unfair advantage may result in disqualification, loss of prizes or points, suspension, or permanent removal from the Tour. The Tour may request past scorecards, GHIN verification, or other documentation at any time, and all handicap-integrity decisions are final.

## 30 — App Scoring

Each event has a Live Leaderboard on the TheGrint App. At least one member of each playing group must enter scores hole-by-hole; failure to do so may result in a warning and disqualification from flight winnings. The Live Leaderboard is reconciled against the official attested paper scorecard after the round, and the paper scorecard controls in case of any discrepancy.

## 31 — Pace of Play

Groups are expected to keep pace with the field and stay within one hole of the group ahead at all times. A group that falls more than one hole behind may receive a warning (issued in person, by text, or by cart message) during their first nine holes; on a group's final nine holes, a stroke penalty may be assessed directly without a prior warning. Slow play can be reported to the Tour Supervisor/Director(s) by phone, text, or email during the round. Penalty assessments are at the sole discretion of the Tour Director(s) or Supervisor(s) and are final.

## 32 — Check-In and Starting Times

All registered players must check in, in person, at the event's designated check-in area. Players should arrive at least 45 minutes before their tee time and report to their starting hole at least 10 minutes prior. Pairings and tee times are posted on TheGrintTour.com and emailed in advance but remain subject to change up to the day of the event; it is the player's responsibility to confirm their assigned time. A player who arrives after their group has completed hole #1 is disqualified; a player who arrives after their group has teed off on hole #1 but before the hole is completed is assessed a 2-stroke penalty but may play.

## 33 — Rules Questions and Rulings

If a question arises during play, players should play a provisional ball and raise the issue with a Tour Director or Tour Supervisor as soon as possible. Officials may consult the host course's Head Professional before ruling. Rulings are final, though the Tour Director(s) may revisit a decision after the event concludes at their discretion — any resulting change affects Race/Cup standings only, not the posted event result.

## 34 — Media Consent

By entering any TheGrint Tour event, participants consent to being photographed or filmed while practicing, playing, or otherwise participating. TheGrint Tour may use this media for marketing, social media, and informational purposes, subject to the junior media-waiver requirements in Section 03.

## 35 — Weather and Interrupted Play

TheGrint Tour prioritizes player safety while making every reasonable effort to complete the full prescribed holes. Play is suspended for lightning within 10 miles, hail, or unsafe/unplayable greens; rain and wind alone are generally playable. If play is delayed, players must remain on-site at the host facility and await instructions from the tournament committee; if the delay occurs mid-round, players should mark their ball's position, return to the clubhouse, and await further direction.

An official tournament round is considered complete at 9 or 18 holes per the event format. If a flight cannot finish, results are based on the last fully common set of holes completed by that flight. Where an event must be shortened or cancelled outright, the Tour's default is to offer an alternate make-up date within 30 days when feasible, or otherwise an event credit; cash refunds, partial refunds, or other arrangements remain at the discretion of the Tour Director(s) based on the specific circumstances and the host course's own policies.

## 36 — Non-Race (Local) Events

From time to time a Tour may offer events outside the season-long Race — including team formats, open (non-flighted) competitions, skins-only events, and match play. These events may carry different membership/entry pricing and do not award Race points. Each such event's format and terms are published on its own event page.

## 37 — Amateur Status

TheGrint Tour events and prize structures are designed for amateur golfers. Players are responsible for understanding how their participation, including any prizes won, may affect their standing under the USGA/R&A Rules of Amateur Status or the rules of any other governing body or competition they participate in. Questions about amateur status should be directed to the player's own governing body; TheGrint Tour does not provide amateur-status rulings.

## 38 — Data Privacy

TheGrint Tour collects certain personal information through TheGrintTour.com and the TheGrint App — including contact information, handicap and scoring history, and payment details — in order to administer membership, registration, and the season-long Race. This information is used only for Tour administration, communications, and reporting, and is not sold to third parties. Players may request to review or update their information by contacting TheGrintTour@TheGrint.com.

## 39 — Updates and Contact

TheGrint Tour may amend this rulebook as needed to address integrity, safety, legal, technology, or administrative requirements. Material updates will be communicated via the website, email, app notification, or event-specific notice.

**Questions and review requests:** TheGrintTour@TheGrint.com

**Registration and event information:** TheGrintTour.com