

## **Bright House Networks Challenge Series**

### **Rules and Regulations**

#### **Event Overview...**

The Bright House Network Challenge Golf Series offers a chance of a lifetime for your foursome to win an opportunity to play with a Champions Tour professional in the Laser Spine Institute Challenge during the Tampa Bay Pro-Am (valued at \$25,000). The Laser Spine Institute Challenge will take place on April 11 and 12, 2012 at TPC Tampa Bay.

The Bright House Networks Challenge Golf Series will consist of a qualifier golf tournament that allows advancement into the finals. The qualifier will take place at Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club on Monday, February 27th. The top two foursome teams will compete in the final competition which will be played at TPC Tampa Bay on Friday, March 23rd. A third team will advance to the finals if the field reaches a minimum of 80 players and a fourth will advance if a minimum of 120 players.

At the finals, the winning team will be determined by the group with the lowest net score during a one-day, 18 hole stroke play event at TPC Tampa Bay. The winners of this event will be awarded one foursome in the Laser Spine Institute Challenge.

#### **Rules of Play**

##### **1. Format:**

- a. Each of the qualifying events will be one better ball net of the four player team.
- b. Participants competing in the Bright House Networks Challenge Golf Series tournaments will compete as a four player team. Individuals signing up without a team will be randomly assigned by tournament staff.
- c. Bright House Networks Challenge Series qualifier will also award Day-Of team prizes, as well as prizes to closest to the pin. Prizes to include Official Tampa Bay Pro-Am merchandise,

hospitality (food and beverage) tickets to Green-Hopper Party Pass venues at tournament, and more.

- d. The top two teams will advance to the finals to be held at TPC Tampa Bay. This is a net only competition.
- e. Format for the final will be one better ball net of the four player team.
- f. Format for the Laser Spine Institute Challenge is a foursome competition. One better ball net of the four player team. (See detailed information below)

**2. Play ball as it lies:**

- a. Unless modified in writing by specific Local Rules, there will be no preferred part of the competition.

**3. Male Participants** will play from the Men's Tees. (Approximately 6,300-6,500 yards)

**4. Female Participants** will play from a Forward Tee (Approximately 5,100 to 5,400 yards) - approximately 82% of the Men's tees.

## **Conditions of Competition**

### **1. General**

- a. **Governance:** The Bright House Networks Challenge Series will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA) effective January 1, 2011.
- b. **The Host Professional:** The event will be conducted under the direction of the host Golf Professional at each facility. The host professional will be responsible for all interpretations and rulings on the conduct of the event and such rulings shall be final.
- c. **Scoring:** Each qualifying team shall be issued an official scorecard for the event and shall return same to Scorer upon completion of their round. Each player must enter an actual score on each hole as per USGA guidelines. Scoring will be based on low Net team score by any player on each hole. (All players are required to post their scores promptly as tournament rounds for handicap purposes). The top two scoring

teams will be eligible to advance to the finals. The top scoring team from the final competition will advance to participate in the Laser Spine Institute Challenge.

- d. Handicaps: The maximum allowable course handicap is 18 for each player. Each participant will be required to have a valid verifiable USGA handicap. Official handicaps for the event will be determined using the player's lowest current Index and the slope rating of the course being played as outlined in the USGA Handicap Manual, Section 10-4. All participants in qualifying events will receive 75% of adjusted course handicaps with a maximum of 18. In the final event, all participants shall compete with 75% of THE LOWER OF
  - a) their current Index at review,
  - b) the Index used in the Local Qualifier, or
  - c) the index assigned by the Tampa Bay Pro-Am Handicap Committee.

The Bright House Networks Challenge Series reserves the right to adjust a participant's handicap at any time prior to each tournament.

- e. Tie-breaker: In the event that a qualifier or final event ends in a tie, a "scorecard" playoff will be used to determine the winning team. The "scorecard" playoff will be determined on a basis of the best score for the last nine holes, if the tying teams have the same score for the last nine, the winner will be determined on the basis of the last six, last three and finally the 18th hole. If ties still exist, it will be determined on the first nine holes, holes 1 through 6, holes 7, 8, and finally the 9th hole. If after applying the entire system described above, ties still exist, a match of the participant net scores starting from #18 backward will be used.
- f. Disqualification: Participants found violating USGA rules, tournament rules, falsifying or neglecting handicaps or otherwise engaging in conduct inconsistent with the tournament standards or spirit of fair play may be disqualified without claim or recourse of any type.

- g. Substitution: There will not be any substitutions allowed from one level of the competition to the next.

## **2. Amateur Status:**

Amateurs Only: The Bright House Networks Challenge Series is open ONLY to amateur golfers as defined by the United States Golf Association (USGA).

## **3. Electronic Measuring Devices:**

The Local Rule permitting the use of electronic measuring devices is in effect for all Bright House Networks Challenge Series events. This applies to devices that measure distance only, not any other conditions that may affect a player's game such as wind or gradient. Violation of this rule will result in disqualification and entry fee will not be refunded.

## **4. Pace Of Play:**

All participants will be encouraged to keep a good pace of play during all Bright House Challenge Golf Series events, including the Final Competition. A good and fair Pace of Play is a normal stipulated 18-hole golf round not exceeding five (5) hours. Any foursome who falls behind during the tournament will be allowed up to two warnings regarding pace of play. After two warnings, the competition committee can assess a penalty of two-strokes to foursomes who do not attempt to correct their position and/ or speed of play.

## **5. Inclement Weather Policy:**

The safety of players competing in the Bright House Challenge Golf Series competitions is a top priority. In the event of inclement weather, the Tournament Officials on site will make every effort to suspend play and bring players off the golf course prior to any

approaching inclement weather. In an effort to detect potential inclement weather and lightning, the Tournament Officials will, first and foremost, use any weather or lightning detection systems that are owned and operated by the host facility.

## **Golf Courses**

### **1. Set-Up**

- a. Length: Qualifying golf courses for the Bright House Networks Challenge Series will play a golf course of approximately 6,300-6,500 yards and female contestants will play from approximately 5,100-5,400 yards, but these lengths are guidelines only and will vary from site to site.

## **Miscellaneous Rules**

### **1. Entry Fees:**

- a. Initial Entry: The entry fee is \$150 per player. Each player's entry fee includes a participation gift for playing in the event. There will not be any additional entry fees for those teams qualifying for the final tournament. Entry fees for the qualifier tournament are non-refundable and include all greens/cart fees, range balls, food and beverage, prizes etc. The grand prize winner will not pay an additional entry fee for the Laser Spine Institute Challenge.
- b. Refunds: Refunds will not be made after the start of qualifying play. In the event that a qualifying round is interrupted by weather or other conditions beyond the control of the contestants, the Tampa Bay Pro- Am and Host Professional shall determine if the round shall be resumed where interrupted or from the start. That decision shall be final.

### **2. Foursome Composition**

- a. Foursomes: Teams in the Bright House Networks Challenge Series may be formed by any combination of male and female participants. All participants must be 18 years of age or older. Proper identification required.

### **3. Forfeit of Amateur Status**

- a. The amateur participants that win the Grand Prize foursome of playing in the Laser Spine Institute Challenge will lose amateur status as defined by the United States Golf Association (USGA).

## **Grand Prize Winner Information**

### **1. Detailed Laser Spine Institute Challenge format**

- a. Foursome with one Champions Tour professional. (Different professional each day.)
- b. Best ball, low net format.
- c. 29 groups each day, 2 day competition.
- d. April 11 and 12, 2012.

### **2. Tournament Credentials:**

- a. One (1) amateur participant money clip which allows access to the Billabong Club and Michelob Ultra Watering Hole, Wednesday-Sunday; 11<sup>th</sup> Green Hospitality, Friday – Sunday; and daily grounds admission.
- b. One (1) Laser Spine Institute Challenge Participant Guest Badge, which allow admission into the Billabong Club and Michelob Ultra Watering Hole, Wednesday – Sunday; 11<sup>th</sup> Green Hospitality, Friday – Sunday; and daily grounds admission.
- c. One (1) clubhouse valet parking pass, valid Wednesday and Thursday.
- d. One (1) preferred parking pass, valid entire week.
- e. One (1) invitation to the Tuesday evening Bash. This party will feature entertainment, heavy hors d'oeuvres and an open premium bar. (Each invitation admits two)
- f. One (1) amateur package (available at registration).

By participating in the Bright House Networks Challenge Golf Series, each participant agrees to the following:

1. Participation in possible media interviews including, TV, radio, print etc.
2. Photo opportunities, including television camera at finals.

Any and all questions/rulings are subject to the decision of the tournament committee.