



Senior Women's Golf League Standing Rules & Procedures

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A MEMBERSHIP / HANDICAP:

1) MEMBERSHIP:

- a) Membership is open for amateur women golfers any time throughout the year with the following requirements:
Must turn 50 within our calendar year of Dec 1st thru Nov 30th.
- b) No refund of dues after May 1st.
- c) Paid membership gives you the right and privilege of belonging to and playing with SWGL. We provide great courses at a reasonable prices & are completely organized so that you may enjoy your golf.
- d) New members will have to have membership dues paid when Course Selections are made.

2) HANDICAP:

- a) The following applies to new members - returning members that have an index exceeding 40.4 are grandfathered (or grand mothered) in.

Members must have an active GHIN # & USGA Handicap established with an NNWGA Golf Club with the Handicap Index not to exceed 40.4
- b) All members in good standing may participate in any SWGL play days. A maximum course handicap of 40 shall be used in all SWGL play days.
- c) The latest course rating as filed with USGA will be used and is not necessarily the rating on the score card.

B PROCESS OF COURSE SELECTION:

1) COURSE SELECTION:

- a) Course Selection must be postmarked by March 31st to be eligible for My Play Days or the Random Draw. Please verify with all of your playing partners before you send in the Course Selection.
- b) Course Selections received after April 1st will be posted as first come first served.
- c) All players listed on Course Selection must be a **PAID MEMBER**.
- d) You must name your playing partners. Course selections cannot be held for unknown players.
- e) A minimum of \$20 per person, per course must be included with the Course Selection Form.

2) GREEN FEES:

- a) We accept cash or checks only. Always make check payable to SWGL not to the course or an individual.
- b) Paying early does not guarantee your placement on a course nor does it give you advantage over anyone else. You may pay for Course Selections on March 31st and still be eligible for My Play Days or the Random Draw on April 1st.
- c) Remaining balance of Green Fees are due one month prior to play. If your Green Fee is not received by the due date you may be removed from the play list.
- d) If you are a **MEMBER** of a selected course you must still pay \$20. SWGL will contact the member course to see if they charge for members playing. If they do not, then if you play you will receive a \$20 refund after play or it can be transferred to another course. You still must follow the Cancellation Policy.
- e) If you are on a Wait List you are not required to pay the full green fee until you are placed on My Play Days.

3) RANDOM DRAW:

- a) On April 1st the number of selections for each course will be reviewed.
- b) A random draw will be used to alleviate Course Selections for those courses that become over selected.
- c) It is a statistical possibility that some members may be bumped more than once.
- d) If you are bumped you have the option of moving to the opposite course/date if it is not full or staying on the Wait List. Wait Lists will be posted on the website.
- e) Random Draw from previous years cannot be taken into consideration for current year.

4) WAIT LIST:

- a) Course Selections received after April 1st will be taken in order received by postmark date and either given an available spot on the course(s) or placed on the Wait List. Wait Lists will be posted on the website.
- b) Most people placed on WAITING LIST get to play.
- c) WAITING LIST from previous years cannot be taken into consideration for current year.
- d) When we need to fill a course, a guest can be of any gender. However; said guests cannot play with members, they must play with other guests at the appointed place on the course, which is usually at the end of the field. Guests are not part of the tournament and must be at least 18 years of age.

5) INCLEMENT WEATHER:

- a) SWGL cannot cancel play due to inclement weather. The golf course is the only one who can cancel play. The tournament will progress as usual and continue to pay out 1/3 of the field regardless of how many players participate.

5) MY PLAY DAYS:

- a) My Play Days is your confirmation of playing that listed course & to verify payment for each course.
- b) If a course is **not over selected** by April 1st you &/or your group will be placed on My Play Days.
- c) It is very important that you check My Play Days on the website.
- d) My Play Days is **NOT** pairings. Pairings take place a few days prior to the tournament.
- e) All of the courses SWGL is playing requires proper golf attire.

C	COUNT TO COURSE: CANCELLATION; PROCESSING FEES; REFUND-TRANSFER; REPLACEMENT PLAYER; NO SHOW
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- 1) A count is given to each course the Monday prior to play.
(If a Tuesday is on the play schedule we will consider it the same as the Monday to play prior for cancellation purposes.)
- 2) If you cancel that day or after, the course has the option of charging us for your cancellation.
- 3) After play if the course does not charge us for you, you will be assessed a \$30 Processing Fee and the remainder of the green fee will be transferred or refunded. You will be notified.
- 4) If a player must cancel her participation in any tournament, she must notify the Executive Director prior to the day the count goes to the course, to receive a full refund.
- 5) Replacement player does not excuse you from the \$30 Processing Fee.
- 6) Please do not find a replacement until you check with the Executive Director. A member on the Wait List is first up for placement on a course.
- 7) If you need to **cancel** on the **day of play**, please notify your group and ask them to notify us at check in. If we do not hear anything you will forfeit your complete green fee.

D PROCEDURES FOR DAY OF PLAY :

1) CHECK-IN:

- a) SWGL members are encouraged to arrive no later than forty-five (45) minutes prior to play and check-in as soon as possible. Check in will close approximately twenty (20) minutes prior to play. Procedures for Day of Play announcements will begin close to the Check in "Closing" Time. Then you will be taken to your starting hole so that you are ready to tee off at the designated shotgun time.
- b) If you are late and not in the staging area prior to movement to your assigned starting hole and/or the SWGL Check In Station is closed you are not eligible to pay into the prize fund and therefore would not be eligible to compete for prize money. Your scorecard will be left in the pro shop.

2) CLOSEST TO THE HOLE:

- a) There will be two holes designated as Closest to the Hole on each play day.
Payout is: 1st: \$15; 2nd \$10; 3rd \$5. Everyone is eligible for this competition. There is no requirement to pay into the prize fund to be eligible. Even if you paid into the kitty and WD during the round, you remain eligible.

3) PACE OF PLAY will be monitored. PLEASE STAY UP WITH THE GROUP AHEAD OF YOU—PLAY READY GOLF

- a) **PACE OF PLAY MONITOR:** Please select someone from your group as the "Monitor". It is that person's responsibility to keep the group moving and stay up the group ahead. "Monitor" will be in charge of gathering score cards and turning them in directly after play and before going to your car.
- b) If you are two holes behind the Marshal will give you a warning to speed up play. When he comes around a second time & you have not caught up with the group ahead of you, he will then ask you to pick up your ball and move forward to catch up with the group ahead. If you paid into the Prize Fund you will NOT be eligible to win.

4) TEE MARKERS:

- a) SWGL uses our own Red Tee Markers at each course as a point of reference for course tee box. Do not tee off a tee box if the SWGL Red Tee Marker is not there. If you do tee off the wrong tee box you will incur a two stroke penalty which must be recorded on your score card. Failure to record this penalty will result in disqualification.

5) FLIGHT SCHEDULE:

- a) Flights will generally consist of 18-20 players based on participation not to exceed six flights. The most current GHIN Revision for calculating handicaps will be used allowing sufficient time to process the score cards.

6) SCORE CARDS:

- a) Please exchange score cards with the other cart. Designate one person in your group to keep a master card.
- b) Upon completion of your last hole, you must exit to the club house. You cannot play out any additional holes.
- c) You must turn in your score card after each game. We have to post a score for you even if you have withdrawn yourself from the game. "Monitor" will be in charge of gathering score cards and turning them in directly after play and before going to your car.
- d) If you pick up (do not finish the hole) put an "X" on the score card for that hole. You **will not** be eligible for the prize money if you paid; however, your score will be posted using ESC. "X" means you withdrew yourself from the game. Clearly write WD on your score card.
- e) Player is responsible for the correctness of her hole-by-hole score. Although not required to total your score card, complete NET score and make any adjustments as per Equitable Stroke Control (ESC), SWGL does appreciate the full completion of the score card.
- f) Sign your score card and ensure that the marker or markers have signed the score card.
- g) Put score card in the box provided **DIRECTLY** after play and before you go to your car or leave the course.
- h) No alteration may be made on a score card after you have placed it in the SWGL scoring box. Rule 6-6c.

7) PRIZE FUND - PAYOUTS:

- a) You have the **option** of competing for Prize Money by paying \$5.00 cash into the Prize Fund on the day of play during check in. We cannot accept checks - please bring correct amount.
- b) Pay outs will be made over one-third of the field (one-third gross and two-thirds net). Ties will be broken for last place position according to USGA Rules of Golf. All winners in each flight will receive cash which will be stapled to their score card at the next tournament they're playing.
- c) Results will be posted on the website: www.swgl.org
- d) You may apply your winnings to your green fee. Email the Executive Director.

8) POSTING OF SCORES:

- a) Scores will be posted by SWGL.
- b) Scores are NOT posted as a "T" score.
- c) Rounds where 13 or more holes are played for an 18-hole round and 7 or more holes are played for a 9-hole round will be posted. For the holes not played, the player shall record a score of par plus any handicap strokes to which she is entitled on each hole per ESC guidelines.

E	TOURNAMENT DAY PROCEDURE:
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1) RULES:

- a) SWGL will play by summer rules, no bumping the ball.
- b) Competition in any tournament is based upon the USGA Rules. It is the responsibility of every member to know and enforce the USGA Rules for the protection of the field. Any rules question determined by the Rules Coordinator and Tournament Coordinator shall be final.
- c) When there is a question about the application of the rules or a penalty, the member is encouraged to hit a second ball and note the scores for each ball (Rule 3-3 Doubt as to Procedure) on her score card. The marker and the member should not sign the card until the ruling is made on the appropriate score and penalty, if any. Disqualification of a competitor will be guided by USGA Rule 6-6, which states that a member shall be disqualified if she marks a score lower than she actually received or should have received based upon any penalties assessed.
- d) "**Accidental Movement of a Ball on a Putting Green**" Rules [18-2](#), [18-3](#) and [20-1](#) are modified as follows: When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced."

2) GPS:

- a) SWGL will allow players to use devices that measure distance only. However the use of devices that gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play is not permitted. GPS on carts is also allowed.

3) GOLF CLUBS:

- a) You are not allowed to try other players golf clubs during a round. Each player must have their own set of clubs not to exceed fourteen (14).

4) WALKERS: All players are required to ride in a cart. Walking the course is not allowed in order to keep the pace of play

5) NO RIDE ALONG NON PLAYERS:

- a) If you are not scheduled to play you may **NOT** ride along with the other players.

6) GUESTS: SWGL welcomes guests to play - male or female, but must be 18 years or older.