

# Senior Women's Golf League Standing Rules

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## MEMBERSHIP - DUES:

- Annual Dues must be included upon submitting your signed membership application.
- Membership is open to women golfers any time throughout the year.
- New member must turn 50 within our calendar year of Dec 1st thru Nov 30th.
- Lady pros are allowed to join, but cannot compete for prize money.
- No refund of Membership Dues after April 1st.

## NEW MEMBERS:

*If you were **not** a paid member in the previous season you will now be considered a "NEW" Member.*

Must have an active GHIN # and an established USGA Handicap with the Handicap Index not exceeding 40.4  
GHIN must be paid through NNGA: <https://bit.ly/swgl>

## RETURNING MEMBER FROM PREVIOUS SEASON:

The 40.4 index requirement does not apply to you if you were a paid member in the **PREVIOUS** season.

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## **COURSE SELECTION:**

- All players listed on Course Selection must be a **PAID MEMBER**.
- You must name your playing partners. Course selections cannot be held for unknown players.
- A minimum of \$20 per person, per course must be included with the Course Selection Form even if you're a member of selected course.
- After player limit for each course has been met you will then be placed on a Wait List.

## **MY PLAY DAYS:**

- My Play Days is your confirmation of playing that listed course & to verify payment for each course.
- It is very important that you check My Play Days on the website. My Play Days will be updated weekly.
- My Play Days is **NOT** pairings. Pairings take place a few days prior to the tournament.

## **WAIT LIST:**

- Most people placed on WAITING LIST get to play.
- Wait Lists are created for those courses that have met their player limit.

## **GREEN FEES:**

- Cash, checks or payment through Zelle are the accepted method of payment. Zelle payments are sent to: pay4swgl@gmail.com Always make your check payable to SWGL, not to the course or an individual.
- Remaining balance of Green Fees are due one month prior to play. If your Green Fee is not received by the due date you could be removed from the play list.
- If you are a **MEMBER** of a selected course you still have to pay the \$20 minimum deposit and will be required to pay the remaining green fee. It will then be up to you to work with your home course. SWGL will no longer be the middle woman.
- Pros will need to make arrangement with the course they're playing and let SWGL know not to pay for them on the play day.
- If you are on a Wait List you are not required to pay the balance of the green fee until you are placed on My Play Days.

## **PLAYER COUNT TO COURSE:**

- A player count is given to the course on the Monday **PRIOR** to the actual play day. If a Tuesday is on the play schedule, it will considered the same as the Monday.

## CANCELLATION:

- If a player must cancel her participation in any tournament, she must notify the Assistant Executive Director **PRIOR** to the day the player count goes to the course, to receive a full refund of green fee and prize money paid.
- Notification later than one week ahead will result in forfeiture of green fee and prize money.
- If you cancel on the day the player count goes to the course or after, the course has the option of charging us for your cancellation.
- If you need to **cancel** on the **day of play**, please notify the Assistant Executive Director and /or your group. Ask them to notify us at check-in.

## REPLACEMENT PLAYERS:

- Please do not find a replacement until you check with the Assistant Executive Director.
- A member on the Wait List is first up for placement on a course.
- If SWGL finds a replacement player that does not excuse you from the \$20 Processing Fee.

## REFUNDS/TRANSFER:

- Green Fees paid will be refunded or paid forward if the cancellation policy has been followed.
- Once the count has gone to the course Prize Money cannot be refunded as it has already been accounted for in the payouts.

## FLIGHT SCHEDULE:

- Only those paid into the prize fund will be listed in a flight.
- 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.

## CHECK IN:

- SWGL members are encouraged to arrive no later than one hour prior to play and check-in as soon as possible. Check in will close approximately twenty (20) minutes prior to play. You will be taken to your starting hole so that you are ready to tee off at the designated shotgun time.
- If you are late and not in the staging area prior to movement to your assigned starting hole and/or the SWGL Your scorecard will be left in the pro shop.

## CLOSEST TO THE PIN (CTP):

- Two holes will be designated as Closet to the Pin (CTP) on each play day. Two positions paid on each hole: 1st: \$10; 2nd \$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 prize fund and WD during the round, you remain eligible.

## SCORE CARDS:

- A maximum course handicap of 40.4 shall be used in all SWGL play days.
- The latest course rating as filed with USGA will be used and is not necessarily the rating on the score card.
- You are required to exchange score cards with the other cart Rule 3.3 There is a possibility that you could be disqualified from the tournament if you do not follow this requirement. You're advised to keep a master card.
- Score Cards will be popped. Please do not adjust your score based on these pops. They are to assist the Tournament Committee. Record your Gross Score only.
- Upon completion of your last hole, you must exit to the club house. Do not play any additional holes.
- 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 or not in the tournament.
- 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 new USGA guidelines for posting. "X" means you withdrew yourself from the game. Clearly write WD on your score card.
- Player is responsible for the correctness of her hole-by-hole score. Although you're not required to total your score card it's appreciated if you do, so, **PLEASE DO.**
- Sign your score card and ensure that the marker or markers have signed as well.
- Put score card in the box provided **DIRECTLY** after play & before you go to your car or leave the course.
- No alteration may be made to the score card after you have placed it in the SWGL scoring box. Rule 6-6c.
- If you do not complete a hole(s) a score will be posted for you under the guidelines of USGA Handicapping. See Rule 2.2
- Do not tear off the bottom of the scorecard. If you want a copy for yourself, please take a picture or keep your score on a course score card.

## POSTING OF SCORE:

- Score will be posted by SWGL as an "A" Away Score and will NOT posted as a "C" Competitive score.

## PACE OF PLAY: **PLEASE STAY UP WITH THE GROUP AHEAD OF YOU—PLAY READY GOLF**

- Please select someone from your group as the "Pace of Play Monitor". It is that person's responsibility to keep the group moving and stay up the group ahead.
- 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.

## RULES:

- SWGL will play by summer rules, no bumping the ball.
- 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.
- 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 is 20.1c(3) "Playing two balls when uncertain what to do.") 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.

## PRIZE FUND - PAYOUTS:

- You have the **option** of competing for Prize Money by paying \$5.00 into the Prize Fund. Just like your Green Fees the Prize Money will need to be paid one month prior to play. We do not collect prize money at the course. Cash or checks made payable to SWGL are acceptable and you may pay using Zelle: pay4swgl@gmail.com
- Pros are not allowed to compete.
- Payouts will be made at the end of the season or paid out after your last tournament.
- One third of the prize money in each flight will be gross and two-thirds will be net.
- Ties will be broken for last place position according to USGA Rules of Golf.
- Results will be posted on the website: [www.swgl.org](http://www.swgl.org) under My Play Days.
- If you cancel play after the count goes to the course, prize money you paid is non-refundable.

## GUESTS on a SWGL Play Day: *Always check with Executive Director prior to inviting a guest.*

- **GUESTS PLAYING WITH A MEMBER:** *Appropriate golf attire is required for Guests. **NO DENIM.***
- **NEW 2021:** Based on availability, you may invite a female guest to play with you in your group. Female guests will need to have a GHIN #, established handicap not exceeding 40.4 and must be at least 18 years of age. They are not part of the Tournament, will not have an SWGL score card and will post their own score.
- **GUESTS NOT PLAYING WITH A MEMBER:** *Appropriate golf attire is required for Guests. **NO DENIM.***
- A guest may be of any gender; must be 18 years of age; they are not part of the Tournament.
- Guests need to follow the same cancellation procedure as members.

## WEBSITE:

- The SWGL website is our Official Bulletin Board. [www.swgl.org](http://www.swgl.org)

## MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION:

- **ALCOHOL:** You cannot bring alcohol to a course.
- **COMPLETION OF LAST HOLE:** you must exit to the club house; do not play any additional holes.
- **GOLF ATTIRE:** Appropriate Golf Attire is required at every course we play. **NO DENIM.**
- **GOLF CARTS:** SWGL does not honor requests for singles in a cart.
- **GOLF CLUBS:** 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).
- **GPS:** 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.
- **INCLEMENT WEATHER:** 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.
- **RIDE ALONG NON PLAYERS:** If you are not scheduled to play you may **NOT** ride along with the other players.
- **WALKERS:** All players are required to ride in a cart in order to keep the pace of play.

