

THE GOLF TRAILS OF THE WOODLANDS AND LAKE WINDCREST WGA

STANDING RULES

1. **PLAYERS** shall have paid membership dues to compete for prizes in WGA events.
2. **PLAY DAYS.** Play days are held Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays at the courses of The Golf Trails of The Woodlands and Lake Windcrest, referred to as the club in this document. Each player is responsible for signing up online a minimum of two (2) days prior to the play day to secure a spot. Occasional play days may be scheduled at other courses and the membership will be notified and responsible for signing up online
3. **MONTHLY COMPETITION PLAY DAYS**
 - A. A minimum of four (4) players will constitute all Monthly Competition play days.
 - B. The monthly competition play days will be a low net game (Monthly Medal) and a Stableford game. Extra points will be awarded on the Monthly Medal and Stableford play days based on the number of players participating.
 - C. The player with the low gross score on a competition day will be awarded an extra 5 points.
 - D. In the event the required number of players is not met, the competition may be rescheduled one time within the same month. If the number is not met on the rescheduled date, that monthly competition will be cancelled for that month. This rule will apply to inclement weather days as well. The rescheduled date shall be determined by the play day chair.
 - E. Each player is responsible for signing up online by the appropriate deadline to secure a spot on a play day.
 - F. Players shall sign up online a minimum of two (2) days prior to the play day. If the player needs to cancel after that cutoff date, they must contact the appropriate play date representative.
4. **HANDICAPS**
 - A. In order to compete for prizes in WGA events, golfers shall have an established GHIN handicap, requiring a minimum of five (5) scores, or a documented handicap index from another club or handicap service. All players will be flighted by handicap index on monthly competition days.
 - B. Any golfer whose 18-hole handicap is greater than forty (40) may compete in the WGA, but will be limited to a 40 handicap maximum.
 - C. Any golfer in difficulty may pick up and mark a 10 on play days and a 3 for putts.
5. **USGA RULES** shall govern all play with the exception of local rules. If in doubt about the interpretation of a rule, a player shall play a second ball and get a ruling from the Tournament Chair(s) upon completing the round.

LOCAL RULES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- A. *The embedded ball rule shall be in effect through the green.*
- B. *When "Cart Paths Only" and any other special conditions designated by the golf professional are in effect, the ball may be lifted, cleaned and placed within six (6) inches of your own fairway, not nearer the hole.*

6. MONTHLY COMPETITION AND TOURNAMENT PROCEDURES

- A. Players must check-in before teeing off to be eligible for competition in any WGA event.
- B. To compete in stroke play events, scores must be complete on all holes, with the exception of team play and any other events specified by the Tournament Committee.
- C. All putts must be "holed out" unless otherwise specified by the Tournament Chair(s).
- D. Scorecards should show name, handicap, gross and net scores, and total putts. Any scorecards that do not include total scores and putts will be ineligible for additional points.

7. AWARDING POINTS

- A. Points will be awarded to WGA members on all eligible play days. For a play day to be eligible, at least 4 WGA members must play at least 9 holes. Each play day will maintain its own accounting of points however; a player can only receive a points award for one play day. Players must play one-quarter (1/4) of their individual play day to be eligible for a points award.
- B. Additional points will be awarded for birdies, chip-ins and eagles on all eligible play days.
- C. A player must play a minimum of nine (9) holes and turn in a scorecard to earn a point on any play day
- D. Points may be taken away from any player who repeatedly signs up and is a no-show. This is at the play day representative's discretion
- E. Points will be awarded for attending quarterly General Meetings
- F. The tournament committee or board may award points for playing in WGA sponsored tournaments or for other activities. The WGA will be notified when this occurs.

8. **CANCELLATION OF RESERVATIONS.** Members will be charged for meal reservations for tournament that were not cancelled by the cancellation deadline. The pro shop may also charge members a cancellation fee if they are a repeat offender of the no-show policy.

9. **ANNUAL AWARDS ELIGIBILITY.** A member shall have played in at least one-quarter (1/4) of monthly competition and regular play days combined, through the last scheduled event of the current season to be eligible for any annual awards.

10. **ANNUAL AWARDS.** Annual Awards shall be given for various achievements as noted below. Awards will be presented to golfers breaking 100, 90 or 80 for the first time on monthly competition and regular play days. Awards will be presented for Eagles and Hole-in-One's made at any time during the year. Committees, as appropriate, will be established to keep records and determine winners.

- A. **RINGER:** There will be one (1) winner in each flight, for each of the club courses. The winner will be the golfer who has the lowest total gross score on a hole by hole basis. Scores will be taken from the WGA play days, including monthly competitions, except team or match play.
- B. **PUTTING:** There will be one (1) winner per flight, based on the average putting scores on monthly competition and regular play days in each flight. Two (2) or more prizes will be awarded in the event of ties.
- C. **BIRDIES:** There will be one (1) winner per flight for the golfer making the most birdies during the golf year. Two (2) or more prizes will be awarded in the event of ties.
- D. **CHIP-INS:** There will be one (1) winner per flight for the golfer making the most chip-ins during the golf year. Two (2) or more prizes will be awarded in the event of ties.

- E. **MOST IMPROVED GOLFERS:** This will be awarded to the golfer in each flight who shows the best “adjusted” reduction in handicap.
 - F. **GOLFER OF THE YEAR/ MEMBER OF THE YEAR.** This will be awarded to the golfer who the tournament committee deems to earned this award by their exemplary play and/or service to the WGA.
11. **COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES:** The President shall appoint a chair of the following standing committees noted below to serve one (1) year. Other committees may be formed and chairs appointed at the president and board’s discretion.
- A. The **FALL FESTIVAL INVITATIONAL COMMITTEE** will set rules and conditions for play for the annual Fall Festival Invitational event. The committee will keep the board informed of the budget and all major decisions regarding the tournament.
 - B. The **INTERCLUB REPRESENTATIVE** will be responsible for setting up Interclub events at the club, setting dates on the calendar at the Pro Shop, taking names for each play day and sending the pertinent information to each club on the appointed day. Appointment of the representative will be consistent with the interclub season.
 - C. The **LADIES CHALLENGE CUP REPRESENTATIVE** will be responsible for setting up Challenge Cup events at the club, setting dates on the calendar at the Pro Shop, taking names for Challenge Cup play days and sending pertinent information to each club on the appointed day. Appointment of the representative will be consistent with the Challenge Cup season.
 - D. The **PLAY DAY CHAIRS** shall be responsible for setting up play days, determining the game of the week, and notifying the Pro Shop of any changes in tee times. They shall also report all scores and game winners to the Tournament Chair(s).
 - E. The **HANDICAP CHAIR** will be responsible for assuring all scores for WGA sponsored events are entered in the computer. She will assure the accuracy of the handicaps, and will provide up-to-date computer listings to the Tournament Chairs and ensure that they are distributed to the members. She will assist new members in establishing their handicaps and inform them of their handicaps until they are included on the computer listing.
12. **HOLE-IN-ONE CLUB.** WGA members are automatically enrolled in the Hole-in-One club run by the club. This membership will remain in effect until there is a written cancellation. If a hole-in-one is made at any time during a round, and witnessed by one other adult golfer, you will receive pro shop credit equal to the number of hole-in-one members times \$5.00.
13. **GENERAL MEETINGS** shall be conducted quarterly. The president and the executive board will schedule the general meeting and determine an appropriate location.

These Standing Rules may be changed by a majority vote of the members at any meeting of the WGA general membership; a quorum being present or by electronic means.

ETIQUETTE

The pleasure of the majority of players is frequently destroyed by the unnecessary deliberation and slowness of a few. In recognition of this fact, the following shall apply:

1. A group which fails to keep its place on the course and loses one clear hole on the players in the front, shall be passed. It is the duty of the players causing the delay to promptly give notice to come through, without waiting for a demand to be made from the group following.
2. Players shall assert their rights from those in front. A group which fails to assert its rights and keeps another group back shall allow the latter to pass.
3. Players looking for a lost ball should signal the players following to pass. Having given such signal, they shall stand aside and cease play until the players have passed and are out of range.
4. Players should fill fairway divot holes with sand, when applicable; rake bunkers (if you get in one) and repair ball marks on the green.
5. If a player is not on the green in 9 strokes, they should pick up and record a 10/3 for the game score.
6. Please walk to your next shot with a club or two in hand and get your distances while the rest of your tee group is hitting.
7. Please line up your putt and read the green while the rest of your tee group is putting.
8. Please take advantage of continuous putting when possible – if your putt is less than 18" from the hole, please finish the hole instead of marking your ball and waiting for your next turn.

POINTS SYSTEM SUMMARY

GENERAL

- Points will be awarded to CWGA members on all eligible play days. For a play day to be eligible, at least 4 CWGA members must play.
- Awards are given at the End of the Year to the players on each play day with the highest amount of points. Separate awards are given for each play day (TU, WE, SA). However, a player can only receive a points award for one play day.
- Players must play 25% of their individual play days (TU, WE, SA) to be eligible for the end of the year awards
- All players that complete at least 9 holes and turn in a complete scorecard will be eligible to earn one (1) point per play day
- Extra points will be awarded for:
 - Birdies 2 points
 - Chip In 2 points
 - Eagle/ Hole in One 5 points
- There will be two competition play days per month (per play day) – Monthly Medal (low net) and Stableford
- Extra points will be awarded on each of the competition days based on the number of players participating.

4-6 Players

1st	5 pt
2nd	3 pt

7-11 Players

1st	7 pt
2nd	5 pt
3rd	3 pt
4th	2 pt
5th	1 pt

12-20 Players

1st	10 pt
2nd	8 pt
3rd	6 pt
4th	5 pt
5th	4 pt
6th	3 pt
7th	2 pt
8th	1 pt

- Ties are broken by taking the best net score on the back nine, followed by best net score on the 1st 5 holes on the back, ... until the tie is broken
- The Player with the low gross score on a competition day (Monthly medal or Stableford) will earn an extra 5 pts
- Points will be awarded for the following activities. These will be added to the players play day points total at the end of the year
 - WGA General Meetings – 5 points
 - WGA sponsored tournaments – 5 points
- The Tournament committee or Executive Board can award additional points for exceptional circumstances or other events. The CWGA membership will be notified when this occurs.
- Play Day reps can request that any player who signed up and was a no-show without a call or email be docked 5 pts.
- If a player repeatedly is a no-show for play days, the pro shop will be notified and their account will be charged for the no-show
- Players that do not sign up either via the web link or through the play day rep and show up and play will not receive any points