



## 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. Guests are not eligible to compete for prizes during weekly play.
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. 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 low net games, Monthly Medal, and Stableford. Points will be awarded for participation and placement in the Monthly Medal and Stableford competitions. Prizes will be awarded for WGA members who win the Monthly Medal game. Ties are broken by taking the best net score on handicap hole #1, followed by the best net score on handicap hole #2, etc. until the tie is broken.
  - C. 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.
  - D. Each player is required to sign up online a minimum of two (2) days prior to the playday. Failure to do so will not guarantee a spot on that playday.
  - E. If the player needs to cancel after the cutoff date, she 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 three (3) 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. On playdays, any golfer in difficulty may pick up and mark a maximum score of 10 for the hole, with 3 putts.
- C. The new World Handicap System allows for a maximum handicap index of 54. Therefore, the WGA will adopt 54 as the maximum handicap for Playdays and WGA tournaments.

- 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. PLAYDAY, 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 PRIZES AND POINTS**

- A. Prizes are awarded for participation, performance and outstanding achievement for WGA members who participate in Playdays and WGA Tournaments.
- B. Additional prizes 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 enter her score into the online system to earn participation credit on any play day.

- D. A player must play in a minimum of 10 playdays to be eligible for annual awards.
  - E. Two (2) points will be awarded WGA members attending General Meetings of the membership.
8. **CANCELLATION OF RESERVATIONS.** Members will be charged tournament fees for cancellations within 24 hours. The pro shop may also charge members a cancellation fee if they are a repeat offender of the no-show policy.
9. **WGA CUP**
- A. Only participation in the Monthly Medal, Stableford, General Meetings and the WGA Tournaments will count towards your eligibility in this tournament.
  - B. Top 10 finishers of Monthly Medal, Stableford and WGA Tournaments will be given additional points on top of participation points. (See Awards System)
10. **ANNUAL AWARDS.** Annual Awards shall be given for various achievements as noted below.
- A. The following prizes will be awarded to 1 winner for each flight. Two prizes will be awarded in the event of a tie:
    - Lowest average number of Putts
    - Highest number of birdies
    - Highest number of Pars
    - Highest number of Chip-ins
    - Most improved golfer – Golfer who shows the best “adjusted” reduction in handicap
  - B. The following prizes will be awarded for the overall membership:
    - Golfer of the year/Member of the year
    - Eagles/Holes-In-One made throughout Playday season
    - Milestone achievements – breaking 100, 90, 80, 70 **for the first time ever**
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 day groupings, printing scorecards, determining the second game of the week, and notifying the Pro Shop of any changes in tee times. They shall also report all Monthly Medal and Stableford scores and game winners to the Tournament Chair(s).
  - E. The HANDICAP CHAIR will be responsible for assuring all scores for WGA sponsored tournaments are entered into GHIN, with assistance from the Proshop. She will assure the accuracy of the handicaps and will be the WGA representative on the Club's Handicap Committee. She will assist new members in establishing their handicaps as necessary.
12. **GENERAL MEETINGS** shall be conducted a minimum of two times per year. 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:

- A. 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.
- B. 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.
- C. 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.
- D. If a Player misplaces equipment, including but not limited to clubs or range finders, and goes back to retrieve equipment, Player shall not hold up play of her group or the following tee group. When Player returns to her tee group, she must skip the hole and take a 10 stroke/3 putt game score per item F below for the delay. Player may then rejoin play with her group on next tee box.
- E. Players should fill fairway divot holes with sand, when applicable; rake bunkers (if you get in one) and repair ball marks on the green.
- F. If a player is not on the green in 9 strokes, they should pick up and record a 10/3 for the game score.
- G. 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.
- H. Please line up your putt and read the green while the rest of your tee group is putting.
- I. 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.

# Prize and Award System for GTWWGA

## Overview

Prizes are awarded for participation, performance and outstanding achievement for WGA members who participate in Playdays and WGA tournaments.

## Administration

- Only applies for WGA members when they participate on a Playdays (start and end dates will be posted by Board) and WGA tournaments
- Every player who participates in a playday or WGA tournament will be required to post her score to the recommended online form to be eligible for awards and prizes
- NOTE: This information does not replace the GHIN system; you still must post your Gross score in that system on the day of play (as recommended by the World Handicap System.)
- The information gathered could include:
  - Date of play
  - Gross Score
  - Net Score
  - Handicap (for the course)
  - Course Played
  - Number of Putts
  - Number of Pars
  - Number of Birdies
  - Number of Chip Ins
  - Number of Eagles/HIO
  - Etc.
- For the Monthly Medal and Stableford competitions, Playday rep(s) will inform the Tournament chair(s) of the placement of everyone who participated.
- For WGA tournaments, the placement of those who participated will be captured by the tournament chair(s)

Prizes will be awarded by tournament committee on a monthly basis for monthly awards and at the end of the year for yearly awards.

## **Participation Prizes**

- For each day a member participates in a WGA event (that has been entered into the online form), the player will be given 1 entry into a drawing.
- On a monthly basis, a drawing will be held to pick 1 name for each play day of week (Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday) and a prize will be awarded.

Limitation: an individual can only win the participation prize once per year. If a name is drawn and that individual has already won, another name will be drawn.

## **Monthly Medal Prizes**

- The winner of each Monthly Medal tournament (played on Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday) will be awarded a prize at the end of the competition month. A player may win any day she plays.

## **Chip-In and Birdie Prizes**

- Based on your gross score only
- For each flight:
  - o those who achieved a birdie over the last month will be given 1 entry into a drawing.
  - o those who achieved a chip-in over the last month will be given 1 entry into a drawing.
- At the end of the month, for each flight:
  - o A drawing will be made from all the entries of birdies
  - o A drawing will be made from all the entries of chip-ins
- Limitation: an individual can only win the birdie or chip-in prize once a quarter

## **WGA Cup**

- Participation in the Monthly Medal, Stableford, General Meetings and the WGA tournaments prior to September will generate points that will count towards your eligibility in the WGA cup.
- Point breakdown for competitions are as follows:
  - o 1 point for all participants
  - o up to the top 10 finishers will be awarded the following additional points.
    - 1st place - 4 points
    - 2nd to 4th place - 3 points
    - 5th to 7th place - 2 points
    - 8th to 10th place - 1 point
- WGA members attending General Meetings of the membership will receive 2 points.
- Format and award system within WGA cup to be determined by Tournament Chair(s). Number of participants will be determined once format is determined.

## **Outstanding achievement awards**

- From all entries made for the year, the following awards will be given for the predetermined handicap flights:
  - o Lowest average number of putts
  - o Most chip-ins
  - o Most pars
  - o Most birdies
  - o Eagles / HIO
  - o Most Improved (handicap at start of year compared to end of year)
  - o Member of the year
  - o Milestone achievements – breaking 100, 90, 80, 70 for the first time ever
  - o etc
- These prizes will be awarded at the year-end tournament