

**NORTHERN NEVADA GOLF ASSOCIATION
WOMEN'S DIVISION**

**WINNEMUCCA PARTNERS TOURNAMENT
STANDING RULES
Revised March 2018**

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- A. The Tournament is 36-hole **stroke play** team competition; Day 1 is Four-Ball (Better Ball) and Day 2 is Foursomes (Alternate Shot, with selected drives permitted)
- B. USGA® Rules of Golf shall govern all play, except as modified by local rules made by the NNGA Rules Committee before the first tee time.
- C. The winning teams will be those with the lowest 36-hole total score.
- D. Prizes will be awarded for both gross and net teams.

SECTION 2. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- A. The Tournament Chairman may designate a Committee to help in the organization and operation of the tournament.
- B. The Tournament Chairman and/or Future Sites Chairman with the approval of the NNGA Executive Board shall set:
 - 1. Location
 - 2. Dates
 - 3. Entry Fee
 - 4. Deadlines
 - 5. Refund date
- C. At least 60 days before the tournament date, the Tournament Chairman will present a proposed budget to the NNGA Executive Board for approval.
- D. Any single or combined expenditure that exceeds the original budget in excess of \$100.00 must be approved by a majority of the Executive Board before the expense(s) is incurred.
- E. Entries
 - 1. At least 45 days prior to the tournament start date, entry forms will be available on the NNGA web site, www.nnga.org
 - 2. The tournament field will be filled on a first received basis.
 - 3. Incomplete entries will be considered void and will not be accepted.
 - 4. Entry deadlines must be stated clearly on the application. (Entry deadline may be extended without notice to attract a full field). Deadline for paper entries is three (3) days prior to entry deadline.
 - 5. A date for full refund will be stated on the entry application and NNGA website.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

- A. In order to be eligible to play, each entrant must:
 - 1. Be an active, female member of an NNGA member club as least 60 days prior to the first day of the tournament.
 - 2. Have a verifiable USGA Handicap Index.
 - 3. Be at least eighteen (18) years of age before the first day of the tournament.
 - 4. Meet amateur status as specified in the USGA® Rules of Golf.
 - 5. At date of entry, a player's handicap may not exceed 36 on the competition course or courses.

SECTION 4. GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION

- A. Play shall be for gross and net.
- B. At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, the tournament may be flighted based on the number of entries. Flights shall be divided as evenly as possible, with the exception - when teams have the same combined handicap for the competition course - teams shall be put into the same flight.
- C. Format:
 - a. Day 1 - Four-Ball (Better Ball of Partners) Both partners will play their own ball and record the best Gross and Net score on every hole.
 - b. Day 2 - Foursomes (Alternate Shot with selected drives permitted) Both partners will hit a tee shot on every hole, then select the preferred drive and alternate shots until the ball is holed out.
- D. Each player's tournament handicap shall be:
 - 1. Determined by most current GHIN revision, unless otherwise specified.
 - 2. Day 1 – Four Ball: Players will receive 95 % of the Course Handicap.
 - 3. Day 2 – Foursomes: Forty (40%) allowance of the partners' combined Course Handicaps, rounded to nearest integer. For example: $(20 + 26) \times 40\% = 18.4$ is Rounded to 18
- E. Handicap strokes shall be taken in the order assigned on the scorecard of the course being played.
- F. Day 1 Team Pairings will be by the team's lower handicap, after the 95% reduction.
- G. Day 2 Team Pairings will be based on the Day 1 gross results, within flights.
- H. All ties will be broken by matching score cards from the second day's better ball scores, using the USGA® recommended method in USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I.
- I. Each team shall have an official scorecard. Scorecards shall be exchanged between competitor teams.
- J. Individual scores will not be posted for this tournament.
- K. Rules Committee.
 - 1. The Tournament and Rules Chairmen shall designate a Rules Committee for this competition.
 - 2. Any infraction or decision needing interpretation of the USGA® Rules of Golf must be presented to the Rules Committee immediately after any eighteen-hole round.
 - 3. The Rules Committee's ruling shall be final.
- L. Rules other than disqualification may not be changed or waived once the competition begins. Team contestants do not have to belong to the same Club.
- M. Clubs and balls used by the players must be on the Conforming Balls or Clubs list of the USGA®. However, The Rules of Golf defining Club Groove and Punch Specifications, effective January 1, 2010, are not in effect for this tournament. These Rules were adopted for the highest levels of amateur golf and competitions with expert players.

SECTION 5. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- A. A trophy will be awarded to the low gross team.
- B. A trophy will be awarded to the low net team.
- C. A memento will be awarded to each of the winners in the gross and net division.
- D. Prize Fund
 - 1. Will be distributed to one third of the field.
 - 2. Will be distributed to 1/2 gross and 1/2 net places.

SECTION 6. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY

- A. A contestant who must withdraw will be able to do so using the online Tournament pairing program. If the tournament entry was by paper, the contestant must call the NNGA office to withdraw.
 - 1. Cancellation or withdrawal up to 72 hours before first tee time: Full refund less \$5.00 service fee
 - 2. 72 hours or less from first tee time: No refund

SECTION 7. DRESS CODE

- A. Proper golf attire is
- B. required: no blue denim, cut-offs, short shorts, lycra/spandex type shorts or halter-tops,
- C. The Tournament Committee has the responsibility to inform participants of specific golf course requirements such as soft spikes.
- D. The Tournament Committee has the authority to disqualify any competitor who does not meet the dress code requirements.

SECTION 8. PLAYER CONDUCT

- A. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- B. NNGA Bylaws and Standing Rules will guide player conduct.
- C. The Rules Committee may disqualify any player whose conduct before, during, or after the tournament is deemed unsportsmanlike.
- D. A player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct will have the incident reviewed by the NNGA Executive Board to determine if further action is warranted.

SECTION 9. ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CELLULAR PHONES, BEEPERS AND DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

- A. In accordance with USGA Rules of Golf, the Note under Rule 14-3 for all NNGA Championships and tournaments is in effect. A Committee has established a Local Rule allowing players to use a device to measure or gauge distance only (see the Note to Rule 14-3). However, if a distance-measuring device has additional functionality that can gauge or measure other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g., elevation change, wind speed, etc.), the use of any such additional function would be a breach of Rule 14-3, and in Match play would be loss of hole; Stroke Play – Two stroke penalty. For subsequent offense -Disqualification.
- B. The following uses for a cellular phone during a stipulated round are not a breach of Rule 14-3:
 - 1. Using phone for matters unrelated to golf (e.g., calling home);
 - 2. Accessing information on advice related matters published prior to the start of the player's round (e.g., yardage book, swing tips);
 - 3. Obtaining information related to the competition being played (e.g., leader board, projected cut).
- C. The following uses for cellular phones during a stipulated round are a breach of Rule 8-1 and will result in **disqualification**:
 - 1. Using phone to ask for or give advice is breach of Rule 8-1 (e.g., calling a swing coach);
 - 2. Accessing information on advice-related matters not published prior to the start of the round.
- D. If the use of a cellular phone consistently disregards the etiquette guidelines (outlined in the Rules of Golf), the offending player will be issued a warning. If the player repeatedly distracts or offends an opponent or fellow competitor by using a cellular phone the player will be disqualified under Rule 33-7.

SECTION 10. PACE OF PLAY

- A. RULE 6-7 "The player must play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines that the committee may establish. Between completion of a hole and playing from the next teeing ground, the player must not unduly delay play." The responsibility for maintaining the pace of play belongs with the player. If you keep up with the group in front of you, there will be no pace of play issue. If you fall behind, you are expected to play efficient golf and get back into position. If you have a lost ball or a ruling gets you out of position, it is your responsibility to get back into position as soon as possible.

B. OUT OF POSITION:

1. A group is out of position if: when approaching the tee on a par 3 hole, there is an empty hole ahead of you; when approaching the tee on a par 4 hole, the hole is empty or the preceding group is leaving the green; when approaching the tee on a par 5 hole, the preceding group is on the green.
2. When a group is out of position, they will be given a verbal warning that they are out of position and are expected to get back into position within the next two holes. If a group doesn't get back into position, individual players may be monitored or timed for failing to comply with the pace of play policy. Each player is expected to play any stroke within 45 seconds during timing of the player's stroke. Timing will begin when a player has had a reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent walking backward or forward to determine yardages, taking practice swings or changing clubs once one has been selected for play, will count as part of the time taken for the stroke.
3. On the putting green, timing begins after a player has been allowed a reasonable amount of time to lift, clean and place or re-place her ball, repair her ball mark and other ball marks on her line of putt, and remove loose impediments on her line of putt. Time spent taking practice strokes and looking at the line from beyond the hole and/or behind the ball will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.

C. PACE OF PLAY PENALTIES:

1. Any player in a group being timed who exceeds the applicable time to play a stroke, will be advised as soon as possible. The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player being timed who takes more than 40 seconds to play a stroke when it is her turn to play.
2. **1st** timing of more than 45 seconds **Warning**
3. **2nd** timing of more than 45 seconds **One stroke**
4. **3rd** timing of more than 45 seconds **Two strokes**
5. **4th** timing of more than 45 seconds **Disqualification**, if the committee deems there is an extreme case of abuse of the pace of play policy which warrants such action.

- D. A player who disputes the penalties assessed by a rules official may take the issue to the rules committee upon completion of the round and before signing and returning her scorecard.

SECTION 11. SPECTATOR POLICY

- A. NNGA encourages friends and relatives to follow players.
- B. The player may only receive advice from her partner.
- C. Spectators shall stay 25 yards from the players.
- D. Spectators shall not walk in the fairways.
- E. Spectators shall refrain from conversation with the players.

SECTION 12. PUBLICITY

- A. A detailed list of all winners must be submitted to the NNGA Executive Director no later than 10 days after the tournament.
- B. The Tournament Director and the Executive Director of NNGA will work together to encourage media coverage and publishing of tournament results.