

**NORTHERN NEVADA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
**22+ Handicap Tournament - One-Day SHAMBLE**  
**STANDING RULES**  
**June 2014**

**SECTION 1. GENERAL**

- A. The One-Day SHAMBLE will be an eighteen hole event.
- B. USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play, except as modified by local rules made by the NNWGA Rules Committee before the first tee time.
- C. The Tournament Chairman and/or Future Sites Chairman, with the approval of the NNWGA Executive Board, shall set:
  - 1. Location
  - 2. Date
  - 3. Entry Fee
  - 4. Deadlines
  - 5. Refund Dates

**SECTION 2. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

- A. The Tournament Chairman may designate a Committee to assist in the organization and operation of this tournament.
- B. At least 60 days before the Shamble date, the Tournament Chairman will present a projected budget to the Executive Board for their approval.
- C. The Executive Board reserves the right to approve or amend the projected budget by a majority vote.
- 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 (it) they are incurred.
- E. Entries:
  - 1. At least 45 days prior to the tournament start date, entry forms will be sent to NNWGA member clubs, printed in the NNWGA annual Directory if available, and made available on the NNWGA web site.
  - 2. The field will be filled on a first received basis.
  - 3. Incomplete entries will be considered void and will not be accepted.
  - 4. Entry deadlines will be stated clearly on the entry application.
  - 5. A date for full refund will be stated on the entry application.
  - 6. Play will be suspended or canceled based on USGA Rules of Golf.

**SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY**

- A. To compete in the NNWGA Shamble Tournament, a player must:
  - 1. Be a member in good standing of a member club at least 60 days prior to the tournament.
  - 2. Have a verifiable USGA Handicap index based on twenty eighteen-hole scores.
  - 3. Be 18 years of age before the first day of the tournament.
  - 4. Meet amateur requirements as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf.
  - 5. At the date of tournament, a **player's handicap may not be LOWER than 22 on the competition course.**

6. At the date of entry, a player's **handicap may not EXCEED 50** on the competition course.

#### **SECTION 4. GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION**

- A. The Shamble will be a two-gal team, where both contestants tee their ball. The better drive is selected, then each team member plays their own ball through the green from the location. Both Gross and Net scores per player are to be recorded on the scorecard.
- B. The tournament may be flighted or "over the field". However, due to the fact that handicaps are so close, the preference is to not flight this tournament. If flighted, the number of entries will determine the number of flights. Flights are based on handicaps and shall be divided as evenly as possible. However, when contestants have the same handicap for the competition course, they will be placed in the same flight.
- C. Recommended pairings for Shamble tournament:
  1. Pairings will be by team's lower partners handicap. When multiple teams have same lower handicap, secondary criteria will be the second partners handicap.
  2. The course will be set with the lower handicap teams playing from the first tee.
- D. Ties will be broken by matching score cards from the second 9-hole score, using the USGA recommended method in the USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I.
- E. Any infraction of the USGA Rules of Golf must be presented to the Rules Committee for review immediately after any 9-hole round. The Committee's decision will be final.
- F. Each contestant must check her scorecard for accuracy of name and handicap prior to play. Errors must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Chair before tournament play begins.
- G. Each team shall exchange their scorecard with fellow cart partners prior to play.
- H. Contestants must check their scorecard for accuracy, sign to attest if score is correct, and give to the designated official immediately after play.
- I. Shamble scores will not be posted.
- J. Golf course set-up recommendations:
  1. Hole locations: 6 easy, 6 average, 6 difficult.
  2. NNWGA tee markers should be installed on tee boxes.
  3. Play will be from the **regular** women's tees on the competition course.
- K. A member of the Tournament Committee should check the course set up the day of competition before play commences.
- L. Rules other than disqualification may not be changed or waived once competition has begun.
- M. Scoring
  1. All contestants' names and scores shall be posted on a scoreboard either alphabetically, or by handicap, within flights or "over the field".
  2. Both gross and net scores shall be recorded for the day's play.
- N. Prize Payouts:
  1. Will be distributed "over the field" or by flights. If "over the field", payouts will be equal gross and equal net.
  2. Will be distributed to one-third of the field.
  3. Closest to the hole awards, determined by Tournament Committee, will be distributed to winners.
- O. Clubs and balls used by the players must be on the Conforming Balls or Clubs list of the USGA.

#### **SECTION 5. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY**

- A. A contestant who must withdraw *after* the posted refund date may be given a full refund in the following circumstances:

1. A medical emergency has occurred in her immediate family (proof of such emergency is required).
  2. An injury has occurred to the player that does not allow her to play (proof of such injury is required).
  3. The contestant has become ineligible by not meeting a NNWGA requirement.
  4. If the circumstances are deemed valid by the Tournament Chair.
- B. The Tournament Chair will recommend to the NNWGA Executive Committee if a partial or full refund may be given based on the following:
1. Time of withdrawal.
  2. Ability to fill the spot.
  3. Tournament monetary commitments.

#### **SECTION 6. DRESS CODE**

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

#### **SECTION 7. PLAYER CONDUCT**

- A. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- B. NNWGA 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 NNWGA to determine if further action is warranted.

## SECTION 8. ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CELLULAR PHONES, BEEPERS and DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

- A. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, **if during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is Disqualification**, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used. Any device measuring slope, wind condition or any other condition is disallowed even when those aids are disengaged.
- B. The use of an electronic device (such cellular phone, pager, hand-held computer, calculator, TV or radio) on the competition course is not itself a breach of Rule 14-3. However, players should ensure any device taken onto the course does not distract other players.
- C. The following uses for a cellular phone during a stipulated round **are not a breach** of Rule 14-3:
1. Using a 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).
- D. The following uses for cellular phones during a stipulated round **are a breach** of Rule 8-1 and will result in Disqualification:
1. Using a 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.
- E. 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 9. PACE OF PLAY

- A. Rule 6-7 states in part: "The player shall play without undue delay and in accordance with any pace of play guidelines which may be laid down by the Committee," and thereafter prescribes penalties for slow play.
- B. In the interest of all, the pace of play shall be reasonable and shall be set by the Tournament Committee with due regard to the course conditions, length, slope, rating and the number of players in each group.
- C. Definition of "Out of position" guidelines:
1. The first group to start will be considered out of position if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the allotted time to play as listed on the Pace of Play Time Chart.
  2. Any following group will be considered out of position if it:
    - a. Is taking more than the allotted time to play, **and**
    - b. Reaches the teeing ground of a par 3 hole and the preceding group has cleared the next tee; reaches the teeing ground of a par 4 hole and the hole is open; or reaches the teeing ground of a par 5 hole when the preceding group is on the putting green.
- Except for the first group to start, **both** (a) and (b) must apply for a group to be out of position.
- D. Out of position consequences:
1. Groups out of position will be alerted and requested to play at a faster pace.
  2. Such groups will be monitored – the time each competitor takes to play a stroke.

3. When a group is out of position, each player in the group is expected to play any stroke within 45 seconds after timing of a player's stroke begins. The timing of a player's stroke will begin when she has had reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play, and she can play without interference or distraction.
4. Other than on the putting green, timing of a player's stroke will begin when she has had reasonable opportunity to reach her ball, it is her turn to play, and she can play without interference or distraction. Time spent determining yardage will count as part of the time taken for the next stroke.
5. On the putting green, the timing will begin after a player has been allowed a reasonable time to lift, clean and replace 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 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.
6. Timing will only be performed at the direction of the Tournament Director or the Official-in-Charge.
7. Any player in a group out of position who takes more than 45 seconds to play a stroke on two (2) occasions will be informed as soon as possible that she has been penalized one (1) stroke. If she exceeds 45 seconds on one (1) more occasion (a total of three timings exceeding 45 seconds), she will be informed as soon as practicable that she has been penalized an additional two (2) strokes. Any player who takes more than 45 seconds to play a stroke on one (1) more occasion (a total of four (4) timings exceeding 45 seconds) will be informed as soon as practicable that she has been **disqualified**.
8. The following are the penalties, in sequence, for any player in a group being timed who takes more than 45 seconds to play a stroke after timing of the player's stroke begins:  
 One bad timing of more than 45 seconds - **warning**  
 A second bad timing - **one (1) stroke penalty**  
 A third bad timing – **additional two (2) stroke penalty**  
 A fourth bad timing - **disqualification**
9. If the group in question regains its proper position, any previous timing of more than the allotted time will be carried over for the remainder of that round in the event the group requires additional monitoring.
10. If a ruling or some other legitimate delay occurs which causes the group in question to lose its position, that group is expected to regain its position within a reasonable time.

#### **SECTION 10. PUBLICITY**

- A. A detailed list of all winners must be submitted to the NNWGA Executive Director no later than two days after the tournament.
- B. The Tournament Chair and Executive Director will ensure tournament results are given to the local newspaper for publishing and placed on NNWGA's website.