

Papago Women's Golf Association Standing Rules

Membership

Regular members

Regular members pay dues for the Papago Women's Golf Association (PWGA) season, which is September through May. The membership application can be downloaded from the PWGA web site, (<http://papagowga.com>), and should be sent, along with a check made payable to Papago Women's Golf Association, to the Membership Chair listed on the application. Regular members are eligible to participate in all PWGA events. The dues include:

- Play of Day (POD) and Closest to Pin (CTP) payouts.
- Major tournament payouts.
- Season-long Ringer Tournament entry fee.

Regular members must also maintain an Arizona Golf Association (AGA) membership for the Papago WGA. The AGA membership includes a GHIN handicap and is for the calendar year January through December. It is activated and paid online via the AGA web site. (See below for more information.)

Associate members

Associate members do not pay PWGA dues but must maintain an AGA membership for the Papago WGA. Associate members may play a maximum of 5 times per season but are not eligible for payouts. During major tournaments, Associate members must play "after the field".

Junior members

Junior members (18 and under) do not pay PWGA dues but must maintain an AGA membership for the PWGA. Junior members are not eligible to play in PWGA events.

AGA Membership and Handicap Fee

All PWGA members - Regular, Associate, and Junior - use the Online JOIN/RENEW (OJR) function on the AGA website (<https://www.azgolf.org>) to pay their AGA dues. These dues include the handicap fee for the PWGA and are in addition to any PWGA dues. Instructions for logging on and paying the AGA dues are on the PWGA web site. Those who have not logged onto the AGA website in the past will need to create an account.

AGA memberships for the PWGA are for the calendar year January through December. AGA offers a discount for prepayments made between October 1 and December 31. After June 30, dues are prorated. Note: The JOIN/RENEW function is not available during the month of September.

Returning members are paid through December 31. Between October 1 and December 31, members must **Renew** their AGA membership and pay the dues for the upcoming calendar year. If a Regular member's AGA membership lapses, she may not compete in PWGA events until it is re-activated.

New members must **Join** the AGA as a Papago WGA member. This can be done after October 1 and includes the upcoming calendar year.

Prior to October 1, new Regular members with established GHIN handicaps are eligible to compete in PWGA events. New Regular members without GHIN handicaps may choose to Join the AGA for the current year in order to begin posting scores to establish a handicap as soon as possible. However, members who join AGA prior to October 1 will need to Renew before December 31 in order to have a PWGA handicap for the upcoming year.

Individuals must maintain an AGA membership and handicap index for each club to which they belong. If a PWGA member belongs to another club that allows OJR, the OJR system will adjust the dues for multiple memberships. If a PWGA member belongs to another club that does not allow OJR, the member can request a discount through the AGA website.

Hole in One Fund

Regular members can pay \$5 in addition to dues if they want to participate in the Hole-in-One Fund each season. If the \$5 is not paid along with the dues, it can be paid any time during the season but must be paid prior to having a hole in one. It can be paid by check or cash and given to the PWGA Treasurer. At the end of the season, the pot will be divided among all participants who got a hole in one at Papago on a PWGA play day. If no one gets a hole in one in a season, the pot will be carried over to the next season.

Tournament and Weekly competitions

Play is on Friday mornings at Papago Golf Course unless otherwise shown in the season schedule. Members pay their own greens fee and optional electric golf car or pull cart. The schedule of all competitions is sent to members at the beginning of the season and is posted on the web site (PapagoWGA.com).

Score cards, which are prepared by the pro shop, are to be exchanged amongst players, completed, attested, and promptly returned to the pro shop after play. You must count every stroke until you hole out. If you pick up, you are out of the competition unless the hole does not count towards the game of the day. On holes not completed

or not played, scores should be preceded by an X. You are still eligible for the Closest-To-Pin competition even if you have picked up.

The pro shop posts adjusted scores to the GHIN system except for End-of-Field players during major tournaments. End-of-field players should post their own scores utilizing the Equitable Stroke Control procedure, which is two strokes above net par.

In addition to score cards, a golf scoring application called Golf Genius is used on play dates and tournaments. Golf Genius can be downloaded from your smart phone application site. One person in each foursome logs into the Golf Genius App using the ID (GGID) on the scorecard and then enters scores for the group after the round or after each hole is completed.

It is important to return your scorecard, even if your score is not eligible for that day's game. While incorrect, incomplete, or unattested cards will be disqualified from winning, they will help determine the total day's payout, which is based on the size of the field.

Sign up to play

Members of PWGA receive email "Invites" from PapagoWGAPairings and Tee Time Helper to sign up for each event. RSVP "Yes" and, if applicable, select a tee-time and/or foursome of your choice. RSVP "No" and you will not receive additional messages for that event. Detailed instructions for Tee Time Helper are on the PWGA web site.

Weekly Play of Day (POD)

The invitation is sent about one week prior to play. The tee sheet is locked at approximately 8 AM two days prior to the event. After that, members must contact the pro shop directly to sign up. The PWGA pairings person and the Papago pro shop staff reserve the right to adjust pairings to make efficient use of tee times. Please be prepared to tee off at least one tee time earlier than your time as listed on Tee Time Helper after the "event" is Locked.

Major Tournaments

A major tournament is one that is at least two days of competition.

The invitation is sent approximately two weeks before the first day of the tournament. The tee sheet is locked at approximately 8 AM Saturday, 7 days before the tournament.

Cancellations

Before an event is "Locked", members can cancel by "editing" their RSVP.

Weekly POD

After an event is locked, cancellation must be made directly to the pro shop (602-275-8428) no later than noon on the day before the play day.

Tournament Cancellations

After the signup deadline, cancellations for major tournaments must be made directly to the tournament chair.

Cancellation Fee

The board reserves the right to impose a cancellation fee up to \$15 for abuse of the cancellation policy for both POD and major tournament events.

Mixed tees

All POD events allow players a choice of playing from the gold or green tees. Players specify the tee they wish to play from by “editing” their Name field in Tee Time Helper during the RSVP process. (The name field should appear as either “Jane Doe - Green” or “Jane Doe - Gold”.) Scorecards will reflect the player’s handicap from her selected tee. If for any reason, a player does not play from the tee indicated on her scorecard, she should clearly mark the tee used so that her handicap can be adjusted.

The State Medallion Gross winner and the Club Champion must play from the green tees. Tees used for other major tournaments will be decided by the Tournament Chairs. Tournament rules distributed prior to signups will explain how players indicate their preferred tee.

Guests

Invited guests may play during the season but are not eligible for payouts. Tee Time Helper instructions on the web site include how to sign up a guest. On major tournament days, PWGA members have priority over guests for end of field spots.

Posting Scores

Unless otherwise specifically stated, the pro shop will post scores each week when the event's results are complete. If you suspect an error, contact the Handicap chair.

Prizes

Prizes are in the form of Golf Cash on the Papago Golf Course App, which can be downloaded from your smart phone application site. You must set up an account in order to see your balance and use the funds. Funds can be used for greens fees and merchandise in the pro-shop, and for food and beverage on the course and at Lou's restaurant. You can also transfer funds to another person who has a Golf Cash account. This feature is often used to pay the entry fee for the State Medallion competition.