

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

**ONE-DAY ECLECTIC
STANDING RULES
Revised March 2018**

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- A. The One-Day Eclectic will be an eighteen-hole event whereby, the same nine-holes will be played twice in one day. This is stroke play event. *The object is to try to improve your hole by hole scoring during the second round.*
- 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 Tournament Chairman and/or Future Sites Chairman with the approval of the NNGA 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 Eclectic 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 available on the NNGA web site, www.nnga.org
 - 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. 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.
 - 6. Play will be suspended or canceled based on USGA® Rules of Golf.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

- A. To compete in the NNGA Women's Eclectic Tournament, a player must:
 - 1. Be a female member in good standing of a member club prior to the tournament.
 - 2. Have a verifiable USGA Handicap index based on ten 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 exceed a **50** on the competition course.

SECTION 4. GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION

- A. The competition is the sum of the best hole by hole improvement competition where by 9-holes are played, and then immediately played again trying to improve your hole by hole score.
- B. Play shall be for Gross and Net.
- C. The tournament may be flighted with enough players. Flights will be determined by the course handicap of players, keeping like handicaps in the same flight.
- D. Each player's tournament handicap shall be determined by the most current GHIN revision, unless otherwise specified.
- E. Pairings for eclectic tournament:
 - 1. You are encouraged to sign up with friends to make your foursome. You will play the 9-holes twice with this foursome. Criteria is that your foursome are assigned to the same 9-holes to play. (It is the goal of this competition to have 100 participants broken down into four flights based on handicap whom will then play 1st and 2nd flight on the front or back nine, and the 3rd and 4th flights on the respective other 9 holes.
- F. Ties will be broken by matching score cards from the Eclectic best 9-hole score, Gross or Net depending on which tie is trying to be broken using the USGA recommended method in the USGA® Rules of Golf, Appendix I. If the 9-holes are tied, then last 6 holes, 3 holes, 2 holes, 1 hole. Then, if a tie still exists, lowest handicap holes will be compared until the tie is broken.
- G. Any infraction of the USGA® Rules of Golf must be presented to the Committee for review immediately after any 9-hole round. The Committee's decision will be final.
- H. 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.
- I. Each contestant shall exchange her scorecard with her fellow competitor prior to play.
- J. Each contestant shall keep the score of her fellow competitor unless the Committee has appointed a marker.
- K. Contestants must check their scorecard for accuracy, sign to attest if score is correct, and give to the designated official immediately after play.
- L. Individual scores will not be posted based on the format.
- M. Golf course set-up recommendations:
 - 1. Hole locations: 3 easy, 3 average, 3 difficult.
 - 2. Teeing grounds: Tee markers should be installed so the course will be balanced and play about the same length.
 - 3. Play will be from the regular women's tees on the competition course, 4,800 to 5,600 yards.
- M. A member of the Tournament Committee should check the course set up before play commences.
- N. Rules other than disqualification may not be changed or waived once competition has begun.
- O. Caddies – no caddies are allowed for this tournament.
- P. Clubs and balls used by the players must be on the Conforming Balls or Clubs list of the USGA.

SECTION 5. TROPHIES AND AWARDS

- A. The Prize fund:
 - 1. Will be distributed to one-third of the field.
 - 2. Will be distributed 1/3 gross and 2/3 net places.
- B. All contestants are eligible for qualifying for Gross or Net Awards, and depending on card play offs will receive the highest ranking award with Gross superseding Net.
- C. All contestants' names and scores may be posted on a scoreboard alphabetically, within flights; or disclosed via an electronic tournament system.

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 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. 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 to determine if further action is warranted.

SECTION 8. 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 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 phone for matters unrelated to golf (e.g., calling home);
 - 2. 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 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.
 - c. 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. Flighted Rules for NNGA Stroke Play Championship Approved March 2014 Page 5 of 6
 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. SPECTATOR POLICY

- A. NNGA encourages friends and relatives to follow players.
- B. USGA Rule 8-1 states a player may receive advice only from her caddie or partner (two stroke penalty for advice illegally given to player).
- C. Spectators shall stay 25 yards from the players.
- D. Spectators shall not walk in the fairways.
- E. Spectators shall refrain from conversation with a player or her caddie during play.

SECTION 11. PUBLICITY

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