

2019 WOMEN'S GREATER KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LINKS



RULES

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Treasurer – LuAnn Riehle

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Handicaps

1. Members must have a verifiable USGA GHIN Handicap Index with a public or semi-private course, member course, or be a member of their Ladies Association, and a paid member of WGKCPLA.
2. Members must have an established 18-hole handicap with a USGA GHIN Handicap Index of no higher than 38.4. Handicaps must be figured with Equitable Stroke Control.
3. Handicap adjustments of any player shall not exceed 40.

Payment of Fees

1. Green fees and cart fees must be paid by check payable to WGKCPLA with play day events and locations on the memo line of the check. One check may be written for multiple play day events. WGKCPLA members will pay the price negotiated by the scheduler for each course unless the member course provides, in writing, that they agree to provide WGKCPLA members who are also members/patrons of that course with a discount in accordance with their membership/patron policy.
2. Checks are to be given to the treasurer or mailed **one week prior to each play day**. Only WGKCPLA members who are eligible for course discounts can pay at the course on the day of play.
3. Players must also notify the Sports Chair **and** Treasurer by telephone and/or email of **intent to play one week in advance of the play day**. Contact information above.

Cancellations

1. If there is need to cancel, players must notify the Sports Chair **and** Treasurer by email or telephone **48 hours prior to an event**. Refunds are not given if notice is provided less than 48 hours prior to an event.
2. In case of an emergency on the morning of play that requires cancellation, players should call the host course and ask them to notify the Sports Chair.
3. Players should assume that play will proceed as planned. Bad weather in one part of the metro area may not be happening in another.
4. In case of inclement weather, cancellation will be decided by members of the Executive Board and the host course professional. Members will be notified as soon as possible by email. If in doubt, players should call the host course.

Rules of Play

1. Unless otherwise specified, all rules are governed by USGA. Course rules apply only to designated out-of-bounds, hazards and ground under repair. All disputed points are decided by the Executive Board and course pro.
2. Players must check in with the Sports Chair at least 30 minutes before tee time.
3. If a player arrives after play begins, USGA Rule 5-3 applies. If the player is at her hole no more than 5 minutes after starting time, she may play with a 2 stroke penalty on that hole. If the player arrives later than 5 minutes, she may play with her group but is disqualified from competition that day. If exceptional circumstances have prevented a player from arriving on time, she should talk with the Sports Chair after completion of the round.

4. All players must play the ball down everywhere. If conditions merit playing otherwise, players will be informed before teeing off.
5. When a course has a legal drop area for a hazard (on the tee side of the hazard), members may use the drop zone after losing a ball in the hazard with a stroke penalty for going into the hazard. If there is not a legal drop area, a player must continue to hit until crossing the hazard or x-out on that hole and be disqualified from that day of play.
6. If there is a disagreement on rules while playing that is not resolved at that time, the player should play alternate ball(s) reflecting different solutions to the dispute and record scores for each. Immediately after play, players should report the situation to an officer who will arrange for all involved to speak with a course pro. The decision of the course pro will be final. The score card should not be signed until this decision has been made.
7. Players are asked to silence cell phones before play begins. If a player must have the phone on in case of an emergency, she should explain the situation to her partners.

Pace of Play

1. USGA Rule 5.6 says a player must not unreasonably delay the pace of play and specifies penalties for breach of this rule. *WGKCPLA expects playing "ready golf" at all times::*
 - a. Take no more than 40 seconds to make a stroke. (Rule 5.6b)
 - b. Have ball mark repair tools, ball markers and tees in your pocket at the first tee.
 - c. Carry a spare ball in your pocket in case you need to hit a provisional ball.
 - d. Limit yourself to only one practice swing.
 - e. Tee off alphabetically on the first hole.
 - f. Limit your search for a lost ball to three minutes (Rule 18.2a.)
 - g. If driving, drop off the other player at her ball and proceed to your ball.
 - h. If a passenger, take more than one club to your shot and walk down the fairway after you hit. Don't wait for the driver to come to you.
 - i. Consider putting before all players get on the green. Leave the pin in for putting, if you wish.
 - j. Study your line of putt while others are putting. Continue putting until your ball is holed, if you desire.
2. A group of four players should take an average of 15 minutes per hole or 4 ½ hours to play 18 holes.
3. Any group not keeping pace with the group in front can be asked to play at a faster pace.

Scoring

1. Scorecards are supplied by the Sports Chair. Put only two scores on each official scorecard.
2. Keep the official score of the opposing twosome and an unofficial score for your twosome.
3. Record scores at the next tee box prior to teeing off.
4. All official scorecards must be legible, signed and attested with three signatures on each card (the scorekeeper and the two opposing players).
5. Members record their own scores in GHIN. Scores are recorded as tournament scores.

Play Day Winners

1. Players must play 18 holes in order to be eligible for prizes.
2. In case of a tie. There will be a scorecard play-off beginning with the most difficult handicap hole.
3. If more than 30 players, prizes will be awarded in four flights—Low Gross 1, 2 and 3; Low Net 1, 2 and 3, plus overall low gross and low net. If less than 30 players, prizes will be awarded in three or four flights – Low Gross 1 and 2, Low Net 1 and 2 plus overall low gross and low net.
4. Players will be awarded prizes for occasional Social Events in all flights.
5. To be eligible for prizes in the two-day Championship event, a player must have played a minimum of 5 play day events in the same season as the championship event.



WOMEN'S GREATER KANSAS CITY PUBLIC LINKS ASSOCIATION

BYLAWS

Article I—Name

The name of this organization shall be the “Women’s Greater Kansas City Public Links Association”.

Article II—Object

The object of this Association shall be to stimulate an interest in golf and promote a spirit of cooperation between the public golf courses.

Article III—Membership

Section 1- Individual Membership. Any woman who meets all of the following requirements may be a member:

1. Pay annual membership dues as set by the Executive Board.
2. Have a verifiable active USGA GHIN Handicap Index no higher than 38.4 through any course.
3. Be at least 18 years old.
4. Be associated with a public or semi-private course in the greater Kansas City area as a course member, league player or regular patron of the course. The Executive Board shall have the ability to rule when there is a question about this eligibility requirement.

Section 2- Course Membership. Any regularly organized public or semi-private golf course in the greater Kansas City area shall be eligible for membership with the following conditions and privileges:

1. A two-thirds vote of the Executive Board is required for a course to become a member.
2. Member courses must be willing to pay dues and host a play day in a manner consistent with the needs of the organization unless they have been members prior to 01/01/2019 and previously approved by two-thirds vote of the Executive Board.
3. Individual members shall be able to redeem WGKCPLA certificates only at member courses.

Article IV—Governance

Section 1- The governing power of this organization shall be vested in the Executive Board which consists of the following elected officers: President, Vice-President, (or Co-Presidents), Secretary, Treasurer, Sports Chair, and Social Chair.

Section 2- Other positions and committee chairmen as are necessary for the proper functioning for the Association shall be chosen by the President/Co-President, in consultation with the Board.

Section 3- The Immediate Past President/Co-President of this Association shall serve as an advisory member of the board for one year following her term in office. Should she be unavailable, the President/Co-President shall, with the approval of the Executive Board, appoint another past president of the Association to serve in an advisory capacity. The advisor shall be an ex-officio member of the Board and shall have no vote.

Section 4- The Executive Board shall have power to act for the Association at all times in carrying on the work of the Association. They shall have authority to fill vacancies caused by death or resignation of officers. They shall pass on the eligibility of courses to membership in the Association and shall ratify all arrangements for handling the Championship event.

Section 5- Two-thirds of the Executive Board members shall constitute a quorum.

Article V—Meetings

Section 1- The business meetings of this Association will be held in the spring and fall.

Section 2- A meeting of the Association may be held on any of the Association play days without notice, for emergency business. A majority vote of those present is required.

Article VI—Duties of Officers and Committee Chairmen

Section 1- It shall be the duty of the President to preside at all meetings of the Association, and of the Executive Board, and special meeting of the Association. Executive Board or any special committees of the Association may be called by the President at her discretion. Upon the written request of one-third of the membership of the Association, she must call a meeting. The President shall appoint all special committees. She, or a member appointed by her, shall set up the schedule of events for the season, including the Championship event. She, or a member appointed by her, shall handle trophies for the Championship event. She, or a member of the Executive Board, shall send out written notices of all general meetings of the Association. In the event of Co-Presidents, they shall assume all duties of the President and Vice President.

Section 2- The Vice-President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned her by the President. She is chairman of the Nomination Committee for next year's officers.

Section 3- The Secretary shall keep a record of the proceedings of the Association and shall handle correspondence as required. She shall furnish copies of all correspondence to the President/Co-President.

Section 4- The Treasurer shall take charge of all funds of whatsoever source received in the name of, or under the auspices of the Association, and shall dispense same subject to the approval of the President/Co-President and/or the Executive Board. She shall report in writing the state of finances when required to do so, and at the fall meeting she shall present a report showing all receipts and expenditures during the year. She shall send a statement during February to each course that the yearly dues are payable. The Treasurer establishes the amount of money available for payouts at the end of the season.

Section 5- The Sports Chair(s) shall conduct all events given by and under the auspices of the Association and shall have the right to appoint an assistant and/or a committee to assist with her duties. The Sports Chair(s) shall make and keep a report of each play day, including all winners, the number of players, and any information pertinent to the course and play of that day. A copy of this report shall be sent to the Treasurer and the Web Master for posting. The Sports Chair(s) shall contact the Host Pro in sufficient time before play and confirm all arrangements. The Sports Chair(s) shall establish the number of year end payouts and the value assigned to each payout.

Section 6- The Social Chair shall plan all luncheons, social events associated with meetings and special events on play days.

Section 7- The Executive Board shall review each year a list of duties of each elected and appointed position to ensure that all operations of the Association are duly assigned. All prizes and gifts are to be determined by the Executive Board.

Article VII—Events

Section 1- The two-day Championship event shall be scheduled whenever appropriate for the most members to participate, and also for the courses hosting the event.

Section 2- Play days shall be held any day of the week at the mutual convenience of the Association and Host Course Pro. Location of play days shall be rotated equally among member courses when possible.

Article VIII—Dues and Fees

Section 1- The annual dues for each course belonging to this Association shall be set by the Executive Board.

Section 2- The individual membership dues shall be set by the Executive Board. These dues entitle a member to enter any event of the Association. Dues are payable to the Treasurer on the date of application for membership in the Association.

Article IX—Individual Membership

Section 1- Application for individual membership shall be submitted in writing to the Treasurer of the Women's Greater Kansas City Public Links Association.

Section 2- The membership roster of this Association must not be used for commercial purposes.

Article X—Rules of Play

All competitions shall be played in accordance with the Rules of Golf as adopted by the United States Golf Association with such special rules as are in force and published on the course over which the competition takes place and such other modifications as the Executive Board of the Association may adopt from time to time.

Article XI—Quorum

A majority of those present at an Association meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Article XII—Bylaws

These bylaws may be amended either by a ballot vote sent to each of the members, or a vote of the members present at the spring or fall meeting; providing previous 30 days written notice of each proposed amendment has been given each member. A simple majority vote of ballots returned or members present at a meeting shall carry.

Article XIII—Parliamentary Authority

This Association shall be governed by “Robert’s Rules of Order, Revised”.

Article XIV—Legal Liability

The Women’s Greater Kansas City Public Links Association, its officers and members, and the Host Course are not liable for any injury or accident occurring during any event.

STANDING RULES

Article I—Rules of Play

Section 1- All flights shall play eighteen (18) holes and each member must have an established 18-hole handicap in order to be eligible for prizes.

Section 2- In case of a tie on play day, there will be scorecard play-off beginning with the most difficult handicap hole.

Section 3- All disputed points shall be decided by the Rules committee, which is composed of the Executive Board.

Section 4- Players in the annual Championship event must be members of the Association and must play Pub Links a minimum of five times in the current season before the Championship event to be eligible for the two-day event prizes.

Section 5- In case of inclement weather, play or cancellation will be decided by the Pro and Executive Board members. Members should assume that play will proceed unless otherwise notified. If play is cancelled, members will be informed as soon as possible by email.

Section 6- Unless otherwise specified, all rules are governed by USGA.

Article II—Handicaps

Section 1- All handicaps shall be governed by USGA and will be figured with Equitable Stroke Control.

Section 2- Handicap adjustments of all players shall not exceed 40. In case of handicap dispute, the Executive Board shall be empowered to figure a handicap for an individual from recorded scores.