

# STANDING RULES *revised 2008*

## **I. Membership & Handicaps**

- A.** The Membership Committee consists of the VP Membership Director, the Handicap/Rules Director, and an at large league member appointed by the President. The purpose of the Committee is to review and monitor compliance with the membership standing rules.
- B.** A woman seeking membership or renewal of membership in the WWGC must have an established 18-hole handicap based on ten (10) current scores and play to no more than a 40 handicap (35.7 USGA Handicap Index at the Winnetka Park District Golf Course.) The ten (10) current scores upon which the established USGA Handicap Index is based must be played and posted to a USGA certified handicap system during the golf season immediately preceding the woman's application to the WWGC. At the time of application, the woman must provide evidence of her established 18-hole handicap index.
- C.** Women who were members in good standing for the previous season will be admitted first to membership for the current season. New members will be taken in order of receipt of application until maximum membership, as established by the WWGC Board of Directors, is reached. Priority will be given to Winnetka Park District residents. Priority will then be given to former members of the WWGC who apply for reinstatement, provided they resigned in good standing and meet current membership requirements.

### **D. Application to WWGC**

#### **1. Active Member**

A WWGC member in good standing who applies for active membership at the beginning of the season must submit an application and pay the full WWGC yearly dues. An active member is entitled to participate in all league and social events. (For specific tournament requirements, please see Standing Rule IV.) Earlier tee times are reserved for active members.

## **2. Inactive Member**

A WWGC member in good standing, at the beginning of the season, may apply for inactive status for a maximum period of two years. She must submit an application and pay the inactive fee. An inactive member is not eligible to play in WWGC league events. She is encouraged to participate in social events, such as Guest Day, and the opening and closing dinners. An inactive member may reapply for active membership during the season by paying the remainder of the WWGC annual dues.

## **E. Member in Good Standing**

In order to maintain her status as member in good standing, a member must:

1. Maintain an 18-hole USGA Handicap Index based on ten current scores using the Chicago District Golf Association (CDGA) handicap system. The Winnetka Park District Golf Course must be designated as the home course for handicap purposes. Ten scores from the preceding year must be posted to the CDGA handicap system.
2. Participate in, complete and record a minimum of six WWGC league events during the current season. The maximum handicap allowed for WWGC events and tournaments is 40. All scorecards recording the event played must be signed, attested, dated and turned into the Events Director. All weekly events must be recorded on the Event Sheet. The Event Sheet must be completely filled in to fulfill the playing requirement of six events.

3. Post her 18 hole golf score for WWGC events in the CDGA handicap computer on the day the event is played. The score must be adjusted for Equitable Stroke Control. All members' handicaps are subject to review by the Handicap/Rules Director. If a member does not post an event score to the CDGA computer, the Handicap/Rules Director has the authority to post it for the member.
4. Post at least ten 18-hole golf scores to the CDGA handicap computer system, played during the calendar year at the Winnetka Park District course or away. Two nine hole golf scores may be posted for 18 hole handicap purposes.
5. Follow the USGA Rules of Golf and the Rules of Etiquette.

**F. Review of Membership Status**

1. Active members will be reviewed by the Membership Committee at the end of July, and at the end of the league season for adherence to the above requirements. In July, if a member is not fulfilling the requirements, she will be asked by the Membership Committee to rectify the situation. If a member is found to have failed to meet any of the above requirements, she will be contacted and reminded that she is jeopardizing her membership status. The member can respond to the Committee to explain steps that will be taken to rectify the situation. The member will be reviewed again in late September.
2. At the end of the WWGC season, the Membership Committee will contact any member who consistently fails to meet membership requirements. The Committee will present a report to the WWGC Board of Directors with a review of members who are not in good standing and the Committee's recommendation. The Board has the authority to terminate a player's membership in the league for failure to meet membership requirements. A terminated member will not receive an application to join the league the following year.

## II. Group Procedures

- A. **Tee-off times** for Tuesday events are set by course management. Players starting earlier or later are ineligible for that day's event. At least two members must tee off together in order to participate in the event.
- B. **Prizes for Tuesday events:** Weekly prize money will be awarded as determined by the Events Chair. An event must have 20 participants to award prizes.
- C. **Sign-up sheets:** Only active members in good standing may play during reserved tee times for Tuesday league play. A member is limited to signing up for herself and one other person. The Events Chair will have the following week's sign-up sheet posted on Tuesday morning by 6:30 AM.
- D. **ALL scores**, including those played at other courses, must be posted in the computer with Equitable Stroke Control adjustments.
- E. **USGA rules** are in effect unless golf course management determines that conditions are such that no gas carts can be used, at which time all WWGC players may "lift, clean and place" their ball through the green. This rule applies to all events being played on days other than Tuesday.
- F. **Stroke Limit (Rule of 9):** If a player has taken nine strokes and is on the green, she may attempt one putt. If she is unsuccessful, she picks up her ball, records an 11 on her scorecard, and circles the hole. If she has hit nine strokes and is not on the green, she picks up the ball and records a 12. (This rule does not apply to the annual Club Championship.)
- G. **Procedural questions** should be referred to the Rules Committee comprised of the Rules, Events, and Tournament Chairs.
- H. As a courtesy to all players, **please turn off all cell phones and pagers** while on the course.

### III. Event and Tournament Scoring

- A. To be eligible to win a WWGC Tuesday event you must:
  - i. Play during the event tee-off times.
  - ii. Hole out every putt.
  - iii. Complete the Tuesday event sheet.
- B. Keep two scorecards per foursome or match; sign, date, attest and file one in events folder. Scorecards for matches played should be so marked and placed in correct folder.
- C. **STROKE PLAY ONLY:** In case of a rules question, drop an alternate ball at the point of question; finish the hole with both balls simultaneously; keep both scores for the hole. Immediately after finishing 18 holes, consult with a club professional for a ruling.
- D. **MATCH PLAY:** When questions, disputes or doubts as to rights arise, consult Rule 2 (5) in the U.S.G.A. Rules of Golf.

### IV. Tournaments

- A. Once a tournament sheet is drawn and posted, no one else can sign up. If a player must withdraw from a tournament after the pairing sheet has been posted, she must call the tournament chair and her opponent.
- B. Players must be available to play on the first day of any tournament.
- C. The **President's Cup** pairings will be limited to the low 32 qualifiers based on a player's lowest net in any Tuesday event, WWGC match, or IGL match played at Winnetka during May and June.
- D. The President's **Consolation Cup** pairings are those players who have lost the first round of play in the President's Cup. A player who defaults in the first round of the President's Cup is **NOT** eligible for the President's Consolation Cup.

- E.** To be eligible for the **Club Championship Tournament**, a member must play a minimum of 4 (four) rounds with the WWGC on Tuesdays.
  - i.** In the Club Championship Tournament, first place ties must be played to sudden death.
  - ii.** ALL players in the Club Championship Tournament must keep a scorecard.
  - iii.** The prior year's Club Champion has the right to defend her title.
  - iv.** The Rules Committee and the President must approve the flight divisions for the Club Championship Tournament.

## **V. Matches**

- A.** In order for a match to be counted, it must be played in one day. If a match is interrupted and play is resumed on the same day, play must start on the tee following the last hole completed.
- B.** Every effort should be made to play matches on days other than WWGC League days.
- C.** In sudden death playoffs, strokes are allotted as on the preceding 18 holes.
- D.** The player whose name is on the top line of each bracket should call her opponent to arrange a time to play the match.
- E.** If a player arrives late to a match, she automatically defaults all holes not played.
- F.** Matches must be actually played or defaulted; matching of cards is prohibited.
- G.** In the case of inability to arrange a match, the match will be ruled in favor of the player who is available to play on the most days.
- H.** If a player cannot play her match by the posted deadline, she must be prepared to default the match. A player who defaults a match must write "By Default" under her name.
- I.** The winner always posts the results of a match.
- J.** In any WWGC tournament, a player must have played equal numbers of matches as defaults received in order to reach the finals. If a match is partially played and a player makes a concession, that is not counted as a default.

- K. Every effort should be made to avoid defaults! Out of courtesy to the other participants, a member should not enter a tournament knowing it will be difficult or impossible to complete all the matches (including Consolation Cup matches) as scheduled.

## **VI. Awards**

- A. **Ringers, birdies and approaches** may be posted on Tuesday play days. (No postings are allowed on temporary greens.)
  - i. The flight divisions used for the Club Championship determine ringer winners.
- B. In order to be eligible for the "**Most Improved Golfer**" award, a member must play in 6 (six) weekly events in one season and have been a member of the 18-hole WWGC for at least one year prior to receiving the award.

## **VII. Hole-In-One Club**

- A. **All WWGC active members in good standing are eligible for the Hole-in-One Prize.** Their participation fee is included as part of their annual membership fee.
- B. The Hole-in-One Prize may be won by a member on any day of the regular playing season (from Opening Day to Closing day inclusive) when 18 holes have been played with a witness on the 18-hole course of the Winnetka Park District, but not on a temporary green.
- C. The Hole-in-One kitty shall not exceed \$400. All excess money shall be turned over to the general fund at the end of each season.
- D. A member who scores an eligible hole-in-one will receive \$100. In the event there are multiple winners, the maximum amount awarded each year shall be \$300, which shall be divided equally among eligible winning members.

**WWGC Constitution and By-Laws  
are posted on the WWGC bulletin board in the  
Women's locker room**