

GREENVILLE METROPOLITAN WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION (GMWGA) STANDING  
RULES – Updated January 2020

Tournaments:

Section 1. Tournaments of this organization shall be held on the third Tuesday, March through October and on the first or second Tuesday in November. Shotgun start time shall be 9:30 a.m. April through October; and shall be 10:00 a.m. for March, November and the championship (September or October).

Section 2. The designated web master, under the direction of the vice president, will post tournament information and results to the GMWGA website.

Qualifications:

Section 1. All women golfers who are 18 years or older, hold membership in the Women's Golf association of a member club and have a current USGA handicap are eligible to play.

- A. A maximum GHIN handicap index of 40.4 is allowed for eligibility to sign up for a GMWGA tournament, and 36 is the maximum handicap used for tournaments, regardless of the host course slope.
- B. Players must post a minimum of five (5) 18-hole rounds within the past 12 months in order to play in any GMWGA tournament.
- C. Each tournament participant is expected to post all tournament scores for handicap purposes.

Reservations:

Section 1. Each GMWGA club representative is to collect entry fees from participants of her club. She will submit the list of registrants and their current handicap index, along with one check for all entrants, to the host club rep by the Tuesday one week before the tournament. Date of handicap being used for tournaments will be determined by the host club when host club is setting up flights.

Section 2. Players from each club may be limited to ten (10) if the field is full (100). If an event has more than 100 entrants, we will first reduce any club to their first 10 signed up, and then do an equal percent reduction for each club.

Section 3. Club reps are to monitor their members' posting of GMWGA tournament scores and work with them if they have not posted to GHIN by the next handicap update. Individuals not posting tournament scores by the second GHIN update are warned that if they have not posted by the third GHIN update that they will not be eligible to register for GMWGA tournaments until they post the score in question and it is reflected in their GHIN handicap.

Section 4. All club representatives are required to have email.

Tournament Cancellation:

Section 1. If the monthly or championship tournament needs to be cancelled, the host club rep, along with the GMWGA president will make the decision.

Section 2. Any changes to scheduled tournament information should be emailed to all board members and posted on the GMWGA website by the web master.

## Rules:

A Rules Committee of up to 3 individuals is to be set for each tournament. It should be comprised of the host club professional, the GMWGA rules chairperson, if present, and one of the following: host club's rules chair, women's association president, or the GMWGA club representative. Any questions or disputes concerning rules shall be brought to this committee for settlement.

## Prizes for Monthly Tournaments:

Section 1. No player shall receive more than one prize, either field or flight. The dollar amount of prizes will be determined by the amount of money paid in entry fees, giving prizes proportionately.

- A. Field prizes (Low Gross, Low Net, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net) will be valued one dollar (\$1) more than flight prizes for the same type of win.
- B. The championship flight (Handicaps 0-10) will have one flight prize for Low Gross, of equal value to other flights' Low Gross prize.
- C. Prizes for all other flights are Low Gross, Low Net, and 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net. Low Gross and Low Net of each flight will receive the same prize value; 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net will be valued one dollar (\$1) less.
- D. For 4 ball tournaments – Players that wish to sign up as a single in a 4 ball tournament will be matched up with a partner if possible and will forfeit their \$5 entry fee if no match is found. When a tournament has teams (2 or 4 members) the team will be treated as a player for prizes and flighting. Every player pays the entry fee and prizes are split equally between team members.

Section 2. If a player has a hole-in-one during a GMWGA event, the host club professional may, at their discretion, award the player a prize of their choice, not to exceed twenty-five dollars (\$25). GMWGA will recognize the hole-in-one and if an officer is present, she may give the individual \$10 as recognition. The officer will be reimbursed by the GMWGA treasury.

## Championship Tournament:

Section 1. The vice president will keep records provided by host club reps of each monthly tournament's entrants to assist with questions regarding eligibility to sign up for the championship.

Section 2. To play in the championship tournament, a member must meet the criteria for other tournaments and have played in at least one (1) monthly tournament after the prior year's championship, thru the month prior to the present year's championship. Should a player sign up and the monthly tournament is cancelled, it will count as "played" for championship qualification purposes. Also, should a player sign up to play at a GMWGA tournament at her local club, and she is cut because of a full field, this will also count as "played".

Section 3. If a club member has had extenuating circumstances during the season which have precluded her from participating in golf activities and GMWGA tournaments, but now is interested in registering for the championship, the member's GMWGA club representative is to take the situation to the officers, who will make a determination as to whether the individual can play in the championship.

Section 4. Officers have responsibility for adjusting tournament assignments. If a club has a specific year conflict, that club will be assigned another year. There is a 4 year deadline for the club requesting the change to host the championship.