



WEST SEATTLE WOMEN'S GOLF CLUB
STANDING RULES
November 25, 2021

COMPETITION

Definitions:

Weekly competition – Weekly games scheduled through the season. The schedule is generally pre-set and winners posted monthly. Start of the weekly competition will be determined by the Captain and Weekly Competition Chair.

Special competition – Competitions outside of weekly competition that are typically over a defined period of time. Examples include Best Ball or Match Play competitions over several months.

Tournaments – Competition associated with an event such as Club Championship or Field Day. Scores shall be posted as a tournament score, as a “C” in the GHIN system.

1. Weekly 18 hole competition may be played any day of the week including holidays. Because of variable course conditions, the beginning date of the weekly competition will be determined by the Weekly Competition Chair in consultation with the Captain and club pro. Separate competition will be held from the green tees, purple tees and from the gold tees. Weekly competitions will continue until 10/31.
2. New members without a handicap, become eligible for weekly competitions and tournaments after a handicap index is established, typically after 5 cards are posted and the next handicap revision is posted.
3. Winnings from all competition to be paid in credit at the Pro Shop. All weekly competition and tournament ties are to be paid. All ties will be paid in accordance with the Tournament Guidelines.
4. In figuring weekly competition, divisions may be made after play is completed based on which tees are played, a distribution of handicaps and the number of players for that week.

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5. In weekly competitions only one prize will be paid for any one round in a week. If multiple cards are submitted for the weekly competition, the best score will be used.
6. A member will have her competition sheet attested by another playing partner which may include another WSWG member or a West Seattle Golf Club (aka West Seattle Men's Club) member.
7. To be eligible to enter the Club Championship, a member must have joined the club by July 1 of the current year and have a USGA handicap index by the sign-up deadline date for the tournament.

RULES

1. Rules of Golf as established by the USGA shall govern all play except as noted in #2.
2. To assist in maintaining an appropriate pace of play, the following local rules may be utilized at the player's discretion except for item b. Scores generated in utilizing the following local rules can be submitted **in weekly competitions only**.
 - a. Gully hole 7 is to be played according to the USGA rules of golf for hitting over penalty areas. A player would hit until the gully is cleared or until a maximum of 10 strokes (including penalty strokes) has been reached.

For holes 3, 12 and 13, there will continue to be a drop zone and an amended local gully rule as follows:

If a player hits a shot into the gully (Penalty Area) on holes 3, 12 or 13, in addition to the options for relief under Rule 17.1.d the player may take a drop under penalty of one stroke at the designated dropping zone and is now hitting 3.

Dropping zones are:

#3 – below the bunker to the left of the green, where the temporary green is usually placed

#12 – on the ~~most~~ forward tee box, may not re-tee

#13 – on the most forward tee box, may not re-tee

Reminder: This local rule can only be used in our weekly competition and may not be used in tournament play.

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b. Members must pick up and record “10x” on their weekly competition sheet once they have reached 10 strokes on any one hole.

c. If a provisional ball has inadvertently not been played and a member's ball is deemed to be lost, or out of bounds, instead of following the stroke and distance rule (which requires returning to the previous point of play), FOR 2 PENALTY STROKES a player may drop a ball in accordance with 2019 USGA local rule #E-5 in the fairway, 2 club lengths from a point where the ball is deemed to be lost, no nearer the hole. The player may take relief by *dropping* the original ball or another ball in the *relief area specified in Rule 14*.

d. Ball in Extremely Muddy Areas Lost or Plugged

When “winter rules” are in effect, if the Captain or her designee, in consultation with the Head Pro or his designee, determines extremely muddy conditions on the course interferes with pleasant and fair play, the following rule shall be in effect:

If it is known or virtually certain that a ball not found is completely covered by mud in an extremely muddy area such that it cannot be seen by the player and her fellow competitors after a thorough search, that area is deemed Ground Under Repair and the player may take free relief pursuant to Rule 16.1 The player, together with her fellow competitors, must first determine where the ball last crossed the outer most limits of the extremely muddy area and the ball is deemed to lie at that spot. The player may then drop a substituted ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief from that spot, no nearer to the hole.

e. Ball Lost in Area Covered by Fallen Leaves

During the Fall/Winter months when there are areas covered with leaves and a player cannot find a ball that landed in the leaves, she may take relief as noted below.

If it is known or a preponderance of the players in the group are virtually certain that a ball not found is completely covered by leaves such that it cannot be seen by the player and her fellow competitors after a thorough search, that area is deemed Ground Under Repair and the player may take free relief pursuant to Rule. 16.1. The player, together with her fellow competitors, must first determine where the ball last crossed the outer most limits of the area and the ball is deemed to lie at that spot. The player may then drop a substituted ball within one club length of the nearest point of relief from that spot, no nearer to the hole. No Penalty stroke will be awarded.

This ruling shall **not** be utilized under the following conditions:

1. The ball hit a tree/tree limb and it is not certain where the ball landed.

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2. The ball landed in any part of the course that is not covered in leaves and the player cannot find the ball.
3. The ball landed on a cart path and it is not certain where the ball finally landed.

Under the conditions above, the player must declare the ball lost and proceed in accordance with the lost ball rule.

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GENERAL

1. Membership in the Greater Seattle Women's Public Golf Association (GSWPGA) will be paid by the Club which may include Team membership.
2. Membership in the Washington State Women's Public Links Association (WSWPLA) will be paid by the Club.
3. The Club will give no gifts or donations except as required for WSWPLA and GSWPGA.
4. Additional Executive Board positions may include:
 - a. The Membership Chairman who promotes WSWG, field inquiries from prospective members and processes paperwork for all members and sends membership dues to the Treasurer. In addition, she will maintain the Membership Directory and provide it to the Captain.
 - b. The Tournament Chair who is responsible for conducting special monthly tournaments, including the Club Championship and any other special tournaments.
 - c. Handicap Chairman who maintains club records in the GHIN system, communicates necessary handicap information to club members and works with the handicap committee to ensure handicaps are fair and accurate.
 - d. The Representatives for WSWPLA and GSWPGA who will communicate the competition schedules and encourage members to represent WSWG in these tournaments.
 - e. The Sunshine Chair who will send cards for the Club and encourage members to remember these members individually.
 - f. The Online/Sign-Up Coordinator Chair who will create and maintain the online tee time software and email signups, weekly to WS pro shop.
 - g. The Team Captain who coordinates the team activities with participating team members and the City Team Administrator.
 - h. The Weekly Competition Chair who posts the weekly competition and reviews entries and posts the results.
 - i. The Website Coordinator Chair will create and maintain the West Seattle Women's Golf Club website. This will also include any future web applications proposed and voted by the club members.

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5. The Low Net Award shall be awarded at the end of the year to the member with the lowest net of the year. To be eligible for low net, a member must have a permanent handicap and be entered in the regular weekly competition at West Seattle a minimum of 5 times during the period from March 1 to October 31. Awards will be made for green, purple and gold tees. Ties will be awarded.
6. Meal reservations must be cancelled before stated date or member will be billed by the treasurer for full amount.
7. Each officer and committee chair shall maintain a notebook with relevant forms and information regarding their duties, actions completed for the year and pass that notebook along to their successor. Prior year books should be retained in the club room.
8. A Membership Directory will be provided to members at least annually.

HANDICAP

1. GHIN - The Club shall belong to the GHIN system, and the assessment for that system will be included as part of the Club dues.
2. A prospective member must pay her dues before posting her scores to establish her handicap. Once dues have been paid, prior scores may be used to establish handicap.
3. As determined by the USGA GHIN system, the Most Improved Golfer Award will be given to the member with the highest Improvement Factor from March 1 to October 31 of the current year. A member must turn in ten 18-hole competition cards which includes weekly competition and special monthly competition and tournament cards played at West Seattle in the current year, to be eligible for this Award. Transferred members will use March 1 handicap from previous club. New members will use first handicap index from which to calculate any decrease.
4. The maximum handicap allowed in WSWG competition is a 40.4 index, as recommended by USGA. According to the West Seattle course rating as of August 2017, this equates to a 43 handicap from the green tees, 41 handicap from the purple tees and a 39 handicap from the gold tees.

HOLE-IN-ONE

Any member making a hole-in-one on any course will be honored at the annual year end awards luncheon and will be presented with an award or West Seattle pro shop credit.

Signed – Captain Shari K Lewis 11/25/21. Approval via emails.

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