

**NORTHERN NEVADA WOMENS GOLF ASSOCIATION**  
**2-GAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT**  
**STANDING RULES**

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**SECTION 1. GENERAL**

- A. The Team Championship Tournament is a two-person team competition.
- B. All participants must be members of NNWGA.
- C. The tournament will be a 36-hole event.
- D. The lower score of the partners is the score for the hole.
- E. The winning teams will be those with the lowest 36 hole total score.
- F. Prizes will be awarded for both gross and net teams.

**SECTION 2. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE**

- A. The NNWGA Director of Tournaments may designate a committee to help in the organization and operation of the tournament.
- B. The NNWGA Director of Tournaments, with the approval of the NNWGA Executive Board, shall set:
  - 1. Location
  - 2. Dates
  - 3. Entry Fee
  - 4. Deadlines
  - 5. Refund date
- C. At least 60 days before the tournament date, the Director of Tournaments will present a proposed budget to the NNWGA Executive Board for approval.
- D. Any expenditure that exceeds the original budget in excess of \$100 must be approved by a majority of the NNWGA Executive Board before they are incurred.
- E. Entries
  - 1. Entry forms will be sent to NNWGA member clubs, printed in the NNWGA annual Directory, and available on the NNWGA web site 45 days prior to the tournament.
  - 2. The tournament field will be filled on a first received basis.
  - 3. Incomplete entries will be considered void and will not be accepted.
  - 4. Entry deadlines must be stated clearly on the application.
  - 5. The full refund date must be stated on the entry.

**SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY**

Each entrant must:

- A. Be female at birth;
- B. Be a member in good standing of the NNWGA;
- C. Have a verifiable USGA handicap;
- D. Be at least eighteen years of age before the first day of the tournament;
- E. Meet amateur status as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf; and
- F. At date of entry, a player's handicap may not exceed 36 on the competition course or courses.

## **SECTION 4. GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION**

- A. Awards will be given for both gross and net play.
- B. At the discretion of the Tournament Committee, the tournament format may be “over the field” or flighted. If flighted, the number of entries will determine the number of flights. Flights shall be divided as evenly as possible, with the exception- when teams have the same combined handicap for the competition course- teams shall be put into the same flight.
- C. Each player’s tournament handicap shall be:
  - 1. Determined by most current GHIN revision; and
  - 2. 95% of sloped handicap for the tournament course.
- D. After determining each player’s tournament handicap pursuant to paragraph C above, a maximum 10 stroke differential between partners will be in effect. Two players with greater than a ten stroke difference between their tournament handicaps may be partners; however, the higher handicapped player will receive a tournament handicap no more than 10 strokes higher than her partner.
- E. Team contestants do not have to belong to the same NNWGA member Club.
- F. Handicap strokes shall be taken in the order assigned on the scorecard of the course being played.
- G. Teams shall be paired on day one of the competition according to the handicap total of the teams.
- H. Teams shall be paired on day two of the competition according to the total gross scores from day one.
- I. A play-off will be held if there is a tie for low gross or low net. If the course does not allow this, then ties will be broken by matching scorecards from the second day’s combined total scores, using the USGA recommended method in USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I.
  - 1. Ties for low gross Champions will be played off to a sudden victory starting from a hole determined by the Committee in conjunction with the golf course staff.
  - 2. Ties for low net Champions will be determined by a three-hole play-off starting from a hole on the course determined by the Committee in conjunction with the golf course staff.
- J. Each team shall have an official scorecard.
- K. Each team shall exchange scorecards with their fellow competitors prior to play and keep their competitors’ scores during play. Immediately after play, each team shall check, attest, sign their scorecard, and turn it in to the designated official.
- L. Individual scores shall be posted for handicap purposes.
- M. Rules Committee.
  - 1. NNWGA Director of Rules will appoint a Rules Committee consisting of the Club Pro and three other people.
  - 2. Any decision needing interpretation of the Rules shall be presented to the Rules Committee immediately after any eighteen hole round.
  - 3. Rules other than disqualification may not be changed or waived once the competition begins.
  - 4. The Committee’s ruling shall be final.

## **SECTION 5. TROPHIES AND AWARDS**

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- A. A perpetual trophy will be awarded to the gross team and the low net team.
- B. A memento will be awarded to each of the winners in the gross and net division.
- C. Prize Fund:
  - 1. Will be distributed equally to gross and net players
  - 2. Will be distributed to one third of the field.
  - 3. All ties except low gross and low net champions, will be combined and paid equally.

## **SECTION 6. TOURNAMENT CANCELLATION POLICY**

- A. A contestant who must withdraw after the posted refund date may be given a full refund in the following circumstances:
  - 1. A medical emergency has occurred in her immediate family (proof of such emergency is required).
  - 2. An injury has occurred to the player that does not allow her to play (proof of such injury is required).
  - 3. The contestant has become ineligible by not meeting a NNWGA requirement.
- B. The tournament committee will recommend to the NNWGA Executive Committee if a partial or full refund may be given based on the following:
  - 1. Time of withdrawal
  - 2. Ability to fill the spot
  - 3. Tournament monetary commitments
- C. The final decision on refunds will be made by a majority vote of the NNWGA Executive Board.

## **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 Committee has the responsibility to inform participants of specific golf course 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 8. PLAYER CONDUCT**

- A. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- B. NNWGA 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 NNWGA Executive Board to determine if further action is warranted.
- E. Cellular phones, beepers, and pagers are not to be used during tournament play, except in case of emergency.

## **SECTION 9. PACE OF PLAY**

- A. The Rules state 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."
- B. In the interest of all, the pace of play shall be reasonable.
- C. The NNWGA Pace of Play Policy shall be in full force and effect. Players shall be

provided with a copy of the Policy before commencement of the Tournament. Players not adhering to the Pace of Play Policy set down by the Committee shall be subject to penalty.

**SECTION 10. SPECTATOR POLICY**

- A. NNWGA encourages friends and relatives to follow players.
- B. The player may only receive advice from her partner.
- C. Spectators shall stay 25 yards from the players.
- D. Spectators shall not walk in the fairways.
- E. Spectators shall refrain from conversation with the players.
- F. Spectators shall not use cell phones, pagers, or beepers during the competition.

**SECTION 11. PUBLICITY**

- A. A detailed list of all winners must be submitted to the NNWGA Secretary no later than 10 days after the tournament.
- B. The Tournament Director will work with the NNWGA Publicity Chairman to encourage media coverage and publishing of tournament results in a timely manner.
- C. The local newspaper will be contacted within one-day of the tournament with results by faxing, e-mailing, or phoning. If faxing, a follow-up call must be made to assure the fax was received.