

**NORTHERN NEVADA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
STROKE PLAY CHAMPIONSHIP STANDING RULES**

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SECTION 1. GENERAL

- A. The Championship will be a thirty-six-hole stroke play event.
- B. USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play, except as modified by local rules made by the NNWGA Rules Committee before the first tee time.
- C. The Tournament Chairman and/or Future Sites Chairman with the approval of the NNWGA Executive Board shall set:
 - 1. Location
 - 2. Date
 - 3. Entry Fee
 - 4. Deadlines
 - 5. Refund Dates

SECTION 2. TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

- A. The Tournament Chairman may designate a Committee to assist in the organization and operation of the Championship.
- B. At least 60 days before the Championship date, the Tournament Chairman will present a projected budget to the Executive Board for their approval.
- C. The Executive Board reserves the right to approve or amend the projected budget by a majority vote.
- D. Any single or combined expenditure that exceeds the original budget in excess of \$100.00 must be approved by a majority of the Executive Board before (it) they are incurred.
- E. Entries:
 - 1. At least 45 days prior to the tournament start date, entry forms will be sent to NNWGA member clubs, printed in the NNWGA annual Directory, and available on the NNWGA web site.
 - 2. The field will be filled on a first received basis.
 - 3. Incomplete entries will be considered void and will not be accepted.
 - 4. Entry deadlines will be stated clearly on the entry application.
 - 5. A date for full refund will be stated on the entry application.
- F. Play will be suspended or canceled based on USGA Rules of Golf.

SECTION 3. ELIGIBILITY

- A. To compete in the NNWGA Stroke Play Championship, a player must:
 - 1. Be a female at birth.
 - 2. Be a member in good standing of a member club at least 60 days prior to the first day of the Championship.

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3. Have a verifiable USGA Handicap based on twenty eighteen-hole scores.
 4. Be 18 years of age before the first day of the tournament.
 5. Meet amateur requirements as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf.
 6. Those wishing to compete in the Senior Division must be 55 to 64 years of age before the first day of play.
 7. Those wishing to compete in the Super Senior Division must be 65 years of age or older prior to the first day of the competition.
 8. At the date of entry, a player's handicap may not exceed 40 on the competition course or courses.
- B. Junior Girl Eligibility:
1. Junior Girls who will not reach their 18th birthday before the first day of competition of the tournament may be invited to play..
 2. The NNWGA President, at the recommendation of the Northern Nevada Junior Golf Association, shall extend this invitation.
 3. Junior Girls who are invited to play:
 - a. Shall be a member in good standing of a local Junior Golf Program at least 60 days prior to the first day of the tournament.
 - b. Shall have been a resident of Nevada for 90 days prior to the invitation being extended.
 - c. May not take the place of a member of the Association in the tournament;
 - d. Shall compete in the Gross division only;
 - e. Shall have their entry fee reduced by ½ of the portion of the entry fee designated for prizes.
 4. If the Defending Champion is a Junior Girl, she shall be invited to play provided she meets all other requirements.

SECTION 4. GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION

- A. The Champion will be a contestant recording the lowest 36 hole total gross score. In case of a tie after 36 holes, the winner shall be determined by a sudden death play-off.
- B. The tournament 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 contestants have the same handicap for the competition course - contestants shall be put in the same flight. The flights based on handicaps for the competition course will not affect the Senior and Super Senior Divisions.
- C. Recommended pairings for flighted tournament:
 1. Day one - paired by the most recent USGA handicap index within flights. Should handicap indexes be identical, the pairings shall be decided by lot.
 2. Day two - paired by day one gross scores within flights in order of finish.
- D. Recommended pairings for "over the field" tournament:

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1. Day one-paired by most recent USGA handicap index. Should handicap indexes be identical, lot shall decide the pairing.
 2. Day two- paired by day one gross scores in order of finish.
 3. It is recommended that on the final day of the tournament, players with the lowest gross scores are sent off in the final groups from the first tee.
- E. When using tee times, at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman, the first and tenth tees may be used. Shotgun starts are also acceptable.
- F. A play-off will be held if there is a tie for low gross, low gross runner-up, or low net. Should a course not allow this, then ties will be broken by matching score cards from the second days' combined total scores, using the USGA recommended method in USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I.
- G. Ties will be determined as follows:
1. Ties for Low Gross Champion 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 Gross Runner-up will be played off to a sudden victory starting from a hole determined by the Committee in conjunction with the golf course staff.
 3. Ties for Low Net Champion 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 using 1/6th of each player's handicap.
 4. Should the first Low Net be tied for Low Gross Runner-up, she shall be given the choice of playing off the tie before accepting the Low Net award. Should she elect to play off and lose, she will forfeit her Low Net position and become 3rd gross.
 5. All other ties will be paid equally.
 6. Ties for the position of Senior Champion, Senior Net Champion, Super Senior Champion, and Super Senior Net Champion will be determined by the Committee using the recommended method in USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I.
 7. All play-offs will be conducted in accordance with the procedures set forth in the current issue of the USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I.
- H. Any infraction of the USGA Rules of Golf must be presented to the Committee for review immediately after any 18-hole round. The Committee's decision will be final.
- I. Each contestant must check her scorecard for accuracy of name and handicap prior to play. Errors must be brought to the attention of the Tournament Director before tournament play begins.
- J. Each contestant shall exchange her scorecard with her fellow competitor prior to play.
- K. Each contestant shall keep the score of her fellow competitor unless the Committee has appointed a marker.
- L. Contestants must check their scorecard for accuracy, sign to attest if score is correct,

- and give to the designated official immediately after play.
- M. Individual scores shall be posted for handicap purposes after each days' round
- N. Golf course set-up recommendations:
1. Hole locations: 6 easy, 6 average, 6 difficult.
 2. Teeing grounds: Tee markers should be installed so that the course will be balanced and play about the same length each day.
 3. Course length shall be between 5200 and 5900 yards.
 4. Daily hole location sheets should be provided.
- O. A member of the Tournament Committee should check the course set up each morning before play commences.
- P. Rules other than disqualification may not be changed or waived once competition has begun.
- Q. Caddies
1. Any player may have a caddie provided the host club permits their use.
 2. The caddie's name must be submitted on the player's entry form.
 3. The player is responsible for the conduct of her caddie.
 4. The Tournament Committee reserves the right to disallow any caddie at any time.
 5. A caddie may be excused from the golf course if he/she interferes with the rights of other players.
 6. Caddies must conform to the tournament site dress code.
 7. The player and her caddie must walk.
 9. The clubs of the player must be carried or pulled on a trolley (provided they are permitted by the host club) by the player or her caddie.
 10. A player may walk and carry her own clubs, or pull them on a trolley provided the host club permits.
 11. A junior player's caddie shall not be the player's parent, guardian, brother, sister, golf coach, or professional player.
- R. Trophies and Awards
1. The Prize fund:
 - a. Will be distributed equally to gross and net players.
 - b. Will be distributed to one-third of the field;
 - c. Ties, with the exception of gross champion, net champion, and runner-up, shall be combined and distributed equally for each place.
 2. The Champion shall receive the highest monetary award. She shall also receive an engraved award and the Championship Revolving Trophy. In the event a Junior becomes Champion, the perpetual trophy will remain in the possession of NNWGA.
 3. The Runner-up and Net Champion shall each receive the 2nd highest award and it shall be equal in value. They will also be awarded engraved trophies.

4. Any contestant qualifying for both Gross and Net Awards will receive the highest ranking award with Gross superseding Net.
5. Contestants are entitled to only one prize. (Exception: Senior and Super Senior mementos may be awarded to a player who has won in those divisions as well as in another flight).
6. In the Senior and Super Senior divisions, a memento will be given for the Lowest Gross and Lowest Net scores only.

S. Scoreboards

1. All contestants' names and scores shall be posted on a scoreboard either alphabetically, or by handicap, within flights or "over the field". A separate list shall be posted for those competing in the Senior and Super Senior Divisions.
2. Both gross and net scores shall be recorded for each day's play.

SECTION 5. TOURNAMENT FEE REFUND 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 an emergency may be required.
 2. An injury has occurred to the player that does not allow her to play. Proof of such injury may be required.
 3. The contestant has become ineligible by not meeting NNWGA eligibility requirements.
- B. The Tournament Committee will recommend to the NNWGA Executive Board if a partial or full refund may be given based on the following:
 1. Time of withdrawal.
 2. Ability to fill the spot in the Tournament
 3. Tournament monetary commitments.
- C. The final decision on refunds will be made by a majority vote of the NNWGA Executive Board.

SECTION 6. 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 host 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 7. PLAYER CONDUCT

- A. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- B. The USGA Rules of Golf, NNWGA Bylaws and Standing Rules will guide player conduct.
- C. The Tournament Committee may disqualify any player whose conduct before, during or after the tournament is deemed unsportsmanlike.
- D. Cellular phones and pagers/beepers shall not be used on the golf course during competition, except in case of emergency.

SECTION 8. PACE OF PLAY

- A. Rule 6-7 states 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 Tournament Committee will be subject to penalty.

SECTION 9. SPECTATOR POLICY

- A. NNWGA encourages friends and relatives to follow players.
- B. Spectators shall stay at least 25 yards from a player.
- C. Spectators may walk on cart paths or in the rough, but shall not walk within the fairway.
- D. Spectators may not ride in carts.
- E. Spectators shall refrain from conversation with a player or her caddie during tournament play.
- F. Spectators shall not use cell phones, pagers, or beepers during the competition.

SECTION 10. POST TOURNAMENT/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, Director of NNWGA, and/or Director of Publicity (if appointed) will work together to encourage media coverage of tournament and publishing of tournament results.
 - 1. Tournament Director shall ensure newspaper is contacted by phone, e-mail, or fax with tournament details and results in a timely manner.
 - 2. Tournament Director shall ensure newspaper is called after faxing results to newspaper to make sure fax has been received.