

## **WGA Thursday League and Match Play**

### **PREAMBLE**

The WGA Thursday League and Match Play will follow and fall under the exact same guidelines as the WGA Constitution and By-Laws from January 14, 2019. This document was created as a separate guideline for Thursday League and Match Play only.

### **ARTICLE I**

#### **NAME, OBJECT, AND PURPOSE**

- Section A Women's Golf Association shall be hereinafter referred to as WGA.
- Section B Purpose and object:
- (1) Thursday League is an optional part of WGA. Members must first join WGA, then join Thursday League in order to be eligible for Thursday League prizes and awards.
    - a. Thursday League is divided between 9 and 18 Holvers.
    - b. Thursday League play begins the first Thursday in May and continues consecutive Thursdays until cut-off date in September.
    - c. Thursday League members may compete in all WGA events as well as Thursday League Events.

### **ARTICLE II**

#### **MEMBERSHIP, DUES, AND HANDICAP**

- Section A Membership is limited to Lakes of the Four Seasons golf members in good standing.
- Section B
- (1) Dues shall be determined by WGA Board of Directors yearly.
    - a. Member may elect to become a member of WGA and Thursday Women's League by payment of WGA fee, plus yearly assessment of Thursday League dues.
  - (2) Member shall elect for 9 or 18 hole play.
  - (3) All dues are payable to the Treasurer prior to participation in events.
  - (4) WGA dues and Thursday League fees shall remain the same for the entire year.
  - (5) New members joining late in the season must pay a full year's fee.
- Section C Handicaps are determined by a PGA approved Handicap System.
- (1) The Head Golf Professional at the Lakes of the Four Seasons Golf Club shall determine which handicap system will be utilized.
  - (2) All members are required to post their individual scores for each completed 9-hole or 18-hole round of golf that is played in

accordance with USGA rules to the Pro Shop at the earliest opportunity.

- (3) The Head Golf Pro and the WGA Board of Directors, working together, have the authority to arbitrarily assign a handicap to a member if they agree that there is insufficient evidence that an adjustment is warranted. The member shall be notified of the pending action and shall be invited to attend said meeting.
- (4) Handicaps shall be determined "established" when golfer has ten scores computerized and printed on handicap sheet; handicap card will then be issued to golfer in her name with handicap and scores printed thereon.
- (5) Only prior year members of the WGA Thursday League may use established handicap from previous year.
- (6) WGA Thursday League members are not eligible to play in any event requiring a handicap until all fees are paid.
- (7) Thursday League members electing to play 9 holes must play to a maximum USGA Index of 40.4. Thursday League members electing to play 18 holes must play to a maximum USGA Index of 40.3.
- (8) Thursday League member may change from 9 hole to 18 hole play providing the following qualifications are met:
  - a. "Established" 18 hole USGA Index is 40.3 or lower.
- (9) Board of Directors has the right to suggest that 18 hole members move to 9 holes if maximum handicap is not maintained.

### **ARTICLE III**

#### **MEETINGS**

##### Section A

Meetings are scheduled by Board of Directors, April through September.

- (1) Thursday League monthly meetings including 9 & 18 holes are open to all WGA members and will be held once a month prior to play.

### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **GOVERNING BOARD**

##### Section A

Power and Duties of Officers

- (1) President is responsible for participating and calling all meetings the first Thursday of each month one hour before Thursday league starts.
- (2) First Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President.
- (3) Second Vice-Presidents shall be in charge of Thursday League golf events, both 9 & 18 holes, and shall determine event of the day and publicize golf events.
  - a. She shall determine weekly winners according to planned budget.

- b. She is responsible for issuing weekly game prizes, including birdies and chip-ins, at Thursday League monthly meetings.
  - c. 18 Hole Second Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President and First Vice-President.
  - d. 9 Hole Second Vice-President shall operate similar to 18 Hole Second Vice President.
    - i. Family Tees will be used as the Handicap Index at the discretion of the 9 Hold Second Vice-President for weekly league games.
  - e. She is responsible “with Pro” for flighting, recording, and posting Thursday League Championship sheets for 9 and 18 holers.
- (4) Secretary shall keep permanent record of Thursday League meetings in the minute book.
- a. If any vote is needed from the Thursday League meeting, she shall electronically email the membership for the vote. Membership will be granted 3 days to submit their vote back to the Secretary or their vote is forfeited.
- (5) Treasurer shall collect all money due the Association, make monthly reports, and maintain the Association bank accounts.
- a. She shall keep a ledger dividing money as follows: WGA Dues (all members); Thursday League Fees divided for 9 & 18 holes; Ringer Fees; Putt Money; Miscellaneous money derived from raffles, 50/50, donations, etc.
  - b. She shall be responsible for entering disbursements of funds in each category according to the above list.
  - c. At year’s end, she is required to turn over all ledgers and pertinent files to the Auditing Committee.
- (6) Handicap Director shall work with the Pro on posting Handicap sheets and issuing Handicap cards.
- a. She shall be in charge of Match Play for Singles and Doubles.
- (7) Rules Director shall be familiar with USGA Rules and be able to interpret same.
- (8) Constitution and By-Laws Director shall be responsible for reviewing and maintaining an up-to-date Constitution and By-Laws.

## Section B

### Awards

- (1) Most Improved Award is open to 9 & 18 hole members of WGA who have a previous year established handicap. Winner in each category shall be determined on basis of formula published by Golf Digest for Most Improved Player:
  - i. Beginning handicap multiplied by 2.
  - ii. Ending handicap multiplied by 3.
  - iii. Result a negative number.Award is given to least negative number. In case of a tie Award will be given to the player with the lowest handicap. Dates to determine the winner of the trophy shall be taken from the first posted handicap in September of the previous season through the first posted handicap in September of the current season. (ie. Mary is a 15 handicap on first posted handicap in September 2001. On the first posted handicap in May 2002, Mary is a 17. On the first posted handicap in September 2002, Mary is a 14. Mary's beginning handicap is a 15 and her ending handicap is a 14).
- (2) Grace Foley Award. Open to 18 Hole members of Thursday League who have a previous year established handicap. Winner is golfer who has lowered her handicap the most strokes. In case of ties: Award to be given to the golfer with lower handicap. Dates to determine winner will be taken from the handicap posted on May 1 through the first posted handicap in September of the current season.
- (3) Ringer Chairman is responsible for explaining and setting up Ringer Charts. Ringers is a yearly contest for both 9 & 18 hole golfers. Ringers to begin on the first day of league play which is the first Thursday in May and end in the month of September. WGA member's name is entered on Ringer Sheets (9 & 18). Ringers shall be based on an individual's self-improvement on each hole, the beginning entry to be based on the lowest score on each hole after golfer's first three rounds of league golf. Prizes, by class, are awarded to golfer who improved the most strokes on each hole, and shall be determined by totaling differentials between the first posting (after 3 weeks of play) and last posting. Only scores on league Day will be used to determine ringers.
  - a. 18 hole handicap players must play a full 18 holes to register ringer and 9 hole golfers must play a full 9 holes to register (front & back).
  - b. Ringer Chairman will enter all ringers based on scorecard turned in after league play which will have been signed and attested.
  - c. Ringer Chairman shall file and keep scorecard or ringer slips and shall file all subsequent slips turned in for verification.

- d. The Chairman shall divide members into handicap classes at the beginning of the season.
- e. Ringer Chairman shall determine payouts for each handicap class by number of players in each class. Payouts are determined by final handicap class. Players may move from one class to another. In case of ties, award will be given to the player with the HIGHER handicap. Payouts are based on total most improved score. Chairman shall determine number of payouts per class by rank and money in each class.

**ARTICLE V**

**FINANCE, BUDGET, AND ADMINISTRATION**

Section A

Income Revenue Funds shall be dispersed as follows:

- (1) Thursday League fees and revenue, including weekly 50/50, shall be used for Thursday social and golf events and for Thursday trophies. Division of money shall be made between 9 & 18 hole groups according to membership in each.

Section B

Bills, invoices, or copies for Thursday League shall be submitted to the Treasurer before expenses can be approved and paid.

**ARTICLE VI**

**ACTIVITIES.**

Section A

Match Play Tournament, Singles and Doubles

- (1) Match Play will have following rules:

- a. Participation shall be limited to any WGA member in good standing.
- b. Handicap Director shall run and promote.
- c. Trophies by class shall be awarded at the October Meeting.

- (2) Handicaps will be frozen to the most recent handicap posted prior to Match Play.

- (3) Maximum handicap of 42 will be used for 9 and 18 hole players.

- (4) In the event of a tie, a hole by hole playoff will be used to determine the winner.

Section B

Thursday League championship dates of play shall be determined by the Board of Directors.

- (1) Second Vice-Presidents, both 9 & 18 hole, shall flight and pair all eligible Thursday players. Flights will be adjusted according to handicap and number of golfers participating in each class.

(2) Handicaps will be frozen to most recent handicap posted prior to Thursday League Championship

(3) To be eligible to play Thursday League Championship members must have:

- a. All dues paid.
- b. Have an established handicap from the previous season.
- c. New members must have turned in at least 5 Thursday League scorecards so that a handicap may be computed by the Pro.
- d. Second Vice-Presidents shall post complete playoff sheets and immediately after last day of play in tournament shall determine class winner and post.
- e. Thursday League trophies, by class, shall be presented at the October Meeting.

### Section C

Annual Award Meeting will be scheduled in October following final Thursday League play. Second Vice Presidents, both 9 hole and 18 hole will chair this event.

- a. All awards for WGA and Thursday League will be presented at this time.
- b. This event is open to all WGA members.