

# Sequoia Woods Women's Golf Club

## Standing Rules

Updated October 2019

**PURPOSE:** The Purpose of Standing Rules is to augment the By-Laws wherever change is likely to occur.

**DUES:** Dues for new members shall be the annual fee. The annual membership renewal fee is \$30.00.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** An official issue of the "FORECAST" shall be published at the discretion of the Board of Directors to communicate with the members. The Captain is responsible for submitting the articles.

**HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE:** Insurance is available to members of the Women's Club for both home and away hole-in-one eventualities. There are two pots of money available to the members. One is mandatory and one is voluntary for all Women's Club members.

- **Mandatory:** The cost of the insurance is \$5.00 and is only good if the hole-in-one is accomplished at Sequoia Woods. This premium is automatically billed to each member of the Women's Club by the management of Sequoia Woods. It will be added to the cost of the WGANC dues that are billed each year. This fund will cover one drink per person in your group/event at SWCC on the day of your hole-in-one.
- **Voluntary:** The cost of the insurance is \$5.00 and includes both home and away. The premium must be paid in advance yearly with the SWWGC Membership Application/Membership Renewal. The award for a hole-in-one will be \$100. When the fund drops below \$100, a new fund will be established giving all members opportunity to enroll at the cost of \$5.00. The establishment of the new fund may take place at any time during the year.
  1. It is the custom for a member making a H.I.O. on a play day to buy refreshments for club members on the day of the H.I.O. Members who do not accept this tradition should not participate in H.I.O. insurance.
  2. Hole-in-one insurance at home is applicable at any time an attested hole-in-one is made; eighteen holes of golf must be played. Any witness may attest a hole-in-one.
  3. Hole-in-one insurance is applicable on any regulation, USGA sanctioned golf course. An eighteen hole attested scorecard must be turned in.

**TOURNAMENTS:** Play day at SWCC for the Women's Club is designated as Wednesday. Tee off time will vary with the weather, but it shall be set by the Tournament Chairman. If a member feels the tee off time should be changed, she should contact the Tournament Chairman so that a suitable time can be agreed upon and posted. Entry sweeps are \$5.00 and must be paid for all 18 hole play days and are not refundable if a player does not complete 18 holes. Incorrect handicap use means forfeiture of sweeps, and disqualification. Closest to the Hole prizes will be awarded from the sweeps pool. Typically, there will be a Closest to the Hole award on Low Gross/Low Net days, as well as Sundays. On other play days, Closest to the Hole Awards will be announced and awarded at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman.

All funds collected for sweeps on play days, special events or tournaments must be paid in the form of a merchandise or prize voucher not to exceed a retail value of \$750. Cash awards are not allowed (cash prizes of any amount are a breach of Rule 3-1 of the Rules of Amateur Status). The exceptions are hole-in-one, and year end ringer/birdie awards.

Members will voluntarily contribute to a “Chip-in pot” at the beginning of the “year”. On an official play day, a participating member who makes chip-ins will receive an award from the “Chip-in pot”. The deadline for sign-up is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Exception: New members may pay when they join. Chip-ins will not be paid when the tournament format is a scramble.

Members will voluntarily contribute to the “Birdie and/or Ringer Board pots” at the beginning of the “year”. All official play day scores will be used on both the Birdie and Ringer Boards. The deadline to sign up is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Exception: New members may pay when they join. Awards will be presented at the October Awards meeting.

You must be a member of SWWGC in good standing to participate in tournaments. Members who sign up for any tournament that requires advanced sign up such as Sadie Hawkins, Host Sequoians, Women vs. Men, Saturday or Sunday Ladies Play and fail to give at least 24 hours notice of cancellation or are a no show (except in an emergency), will be fined the entry fee for that tournament. The tournament committee will determine what an emergency is on a one-on-one basis. The member must pay the fine before being eligible to participate in another SWWGC event.

For all of our events, we allow the pro shop to post play days and special events at the discretion of the handicap committee.

At the Tournament Chairs discretion from January 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31st each year the club will play under Winter Rules (Preferred Lies) which means a player may mark, lift, clean and place her ball within 6 inches of its original location, not nearer the hole, through the green. At any other time of year, the club will play Summer Rules unless specified by the Tournament Chairman on the day of play.

The Club Tournament Chairman will assist in any way possible with the County Championship Chairman for the SWCC play day of this tournament. This tournament is usually held once a year, each club alternating as host.

**CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP:** This tournament is under the direction of the Club Championship Chairman and will usually start in mid-August. This is a two day event with days to be determined by the Chairman. This tournament determines the Low Gross Champion, the Low Gross Runner-up and the Low Net Champion over the entire field. These winners cannot compete in the Flight Awards.

**Qualification for Club Championship Play:** An entrant must be a paid member from October 1 to September 30 in good standing (exceptions may be made by the Board of Directors).

**Club Championship Awards:**

The Tournament Chairman will give out the following awards:

Low Gross: Gift card

Runner-up: Gift card

Low Net: Gift card

Any other awards are at the discretion of the Tournament Chairman, but shall be by Net Scores rather than Gross. If there is more than one flight, all flight winners will receive awards.

**Club Championship – Ties**

Low Gross: Sudden death starting on the first tee. Second place to be awarded to the Runner-up.

Low Net: Tie to be broken starting with the #1 Handicap hole. Strokes to be taken as they fall on the card. The card from the second day of play shall be used, then the card from the first day if necessary.

**MATCH PLAY TOURNAMENT:**

Match Play is to be under the direction of the Match Play Chairman. This tournament is usually held in July on dates to be determined. The format for the tournament will be decided by the Chairman in accordance with accepted Match Play Rules.

**WGANC LOW NET PINS:**

In accordance with the WGANC guidelines, the Tournament Chairman will designate 6 play days from 3 separate months and choose the player or players with the 3 lowest combined net scores on those days to win this award. For every 30 players in our club we receive 1 pin. Pins will be awarded at the Annual Awards Luncheon

**GUESTS:**

All guests must have an 18 hole handicap to compete in the sweeps on play days. Guests may not compete in the chip-in sweeps. Green fees and cart fees will apply.

**SPECIAL AWARDS:**

“Break Pins” will be awarded to members breaking 100, 90, 80, and 70 gross scores at Sequoia Woods. Eagle Pins will be awarded to members having an Eagle at Sequoia Woods. This includes a hole-in-one.

Break and Eagle pins will be awarded at the first general meeting after the event has occurred and are the responsibility of the Captain.

**YEAR END AWARDS:**

Birdie Board, Ringer Board, Match Play and Club Championship prizes will be awarded at the Annual Awards Luncheon which is held annually in honor of the Club Champion.

*Most Improved Golfer of the Year Award:* The most improved golfer will be figured from the period of the April 1<sup>st</sup> handicap through the October 1<sup>st</sup> handicap. To be eligible for the award, the golfer must be a member in good standing as of January 1, and play three play days beginning April 1. The Most Improved gift card will be presented at the Annual Awards Luncheon.

**EVENTS:**

*Invitational:* Awards and luncheon to be held after the tournament. The Invitational Chair will plan the event jointly with Tournament and Social Chairmen. Awards will be presented at a special luncheon determined by the Tournament Chairman.

*Christmas Party:* Planned and executed by the Social Chairman of the nine and eighteen holers (every other year), one of the Social Chairman assumes most of the responsibility for this party. The party is for the members of the Men's and Women's Clubs, put on by the Women's Clubs and held before Christmas. The Men's Club Social Chairman may be asked to help with this party. It is usually a dinner-dance.

**TRAVEL:**

Personnel traveling on club business may be reimbursed at the current recommended IRS rate. A car pool shall be organized by the Captain or her designated representative. Anyone refusing the car pool would not be eligible to receive funds for travel.

Any member requested to attend a WGANC meeting will be reimbursed for any required meals. Voluntary attendance does not qualify for reimbursement.

**SPECIAL MEETING:**

Special general meetings may be called by the Captain if requested in writing by at least three members at large. Other meetings are in accordance with the By-Laws.

**GIFTS:**

A Captain's gift will be presented at the end of the term of office of the outgoing Captain. Said gift will be determined by the Co-Captain in accordance with the budgeted amount.

**CHANGE OF THE STANDING RULES:**

Changes may be made in accordance with the By-Laws.

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