

2019 Heron Lakes Women's Golf Club (HLWGC) Standing Rules

1.0 Monthly Newsletter

A monthly newsletter shall be published during the golf season containing a report from the President on the state of the Club, President-Elect on assigned topics, Vice Presidents on day's play results and related activities, Committee Chairs on Handicapping, Rules, and Tournaments, Secretary on membership and Treasurer on finances. Contributors shall meet the newsletter editor's established deadlines.

2.0 Membership

2.1 Our membership web link shall be published and contain information about the following, in language that new members and new players are able to understand:

- List of officers for the current season
- Club Champions – past through present
- Tuesday and Saturday Day's Play Schedules
- How to Sign Up for Day's Play
- Club By-Laws
- Standing Rules
- Local Rules
- Tournament Schedule

2.2 Only members who have paid dues for the 2019 season will appear on the January 1st Handicap Revision.

2.3 If the Board decides that the possibility exists of withdrawing membership for cause of any member, the following procedure will be followed:

- a. 1st notification to member of intention to terminate membership shall be delivered verbally and in writing stating that her past actions have resulted in this warning and that her membership will be withdrawn from the HLWGC if there is one more complaint/infraction received by the Board from any member.
- b. If and when another complaint/infraction is referred to the Board, then the member in question will be again notified verbally and in writing that her membership has now been terminated immediately.

3.0 Hole-in-One Award

The Hole-in-One Award shall be \$100.00 to be awarded to a member scoring a hole-in-one during a complete 18-hole competition on a regular play day and/or Club Tournaments with the HLWGC on the Greenback or Great Blue Golf Course. The award will not be considered valid on a temporary green.

4.0 Most Improved Golfer

4.1 There will be a Most Improved Golfer named for both the Tuesday Team and the Saturday Team.

4.2 The Most Improved Golfer shall be determined by the Handicap Committee for improvement from March 1, 2019 (or date of active membership if after March 1) through October 1, 2019.

4.3 Eligibility for the Most Improved Golfer requires a member to have a current established Handicap Index with a least 20 scores posted and to have played 6 complete 18-hole rounds with the HLWGC in the current season.

5.0 Memorial Best Ball Event

The Memorial Best Ball Event is an event designed to bring all Club members (Tuesday and Saturday) together to meet new friends and have fun. The Event chairs shall share responsibility for planning and conducting this annual event on a Saturday play day.

6.0 Annual Tournaments

- 6.1 The Spring Handicap Tournament is a two-day tournament to be ideally held two consecutive Tuesdays and two consecutive Saturdays. Participant must sign up in advance for chosen days. Players can choose any two out of the four days to play that work best for their schedule.
- a. Eligibility for the Spring Handicap Tournament requires a member to have a current established handicap index.
 - b. In the event of a tie for the Champion of the Spring Handicap Tournament, the winner shall be decided by the score of the last nine holes, if still tied, then the last six holes, the last three holes, and finally, the last hole. One-half, one-third, one-sixth, one-eighteenth handicaps shall be used.
- 6.2 The Club Championship Tournament is a two-day tournament held on consecutive Tuesdays.
- a. Eligibility for the Club Championship Tournament requires a member to have a current established handicap index and to have played 6 complete 18-hole rounds with the HLWGC in the current season, which may include tournaments.
 - b. In the event of a tie for the Club Champion, there will be a three-hole play-off immediately following completion of play. After 3 holes, if there is still a tie, a hole-by-hole play-off will determine the winner. The winner of the Club Championship will be invited to play in the 2020 and 2021 OGA Tournament of Champions.
- 6.3 The Fall Handicap Tournament is a two-day tournament to be ideally held two consecutive Tuesdays and two consecutive Saturdays. Participant must sign up in advance for chosen days. Players can choose any two out of the four days to play that work best for their schedule.
- a. Eligibility for the Fall Handicap Tournament requires a member to have a current established handicap index.
 - b. In the event of a tie for the Champion of the Fall Handicap Tournament, the winner shall be decided by the score of the last nine holes, if still tied, then the last six holes, the last three holes, and finally, the last hole. One-half, one-third, one-sixth, one-eighteenth handicaps shall be used.
- 6.4 The Ringer Tournament is a multi-round eclectic competition and includes play on the Greenback Course on Tuesdays and Saturdays (excluding Match Play rounds) with HLWGC beginning on the first play day of March and continuing through the last play day of September.
- a. Eligibility for the Ringer Tournament requires a member to have a current established handicap index.
 - b. This tournament will be divided into 3 flights based on handicap.
- 6.5 The Tournament Awards for 2019 will be determined by the Golf Committee and adhered to by the Tournament Chairs. Tournament awards will be presented at the Annual Meeting/Banquet.

7.0 Handicap Policy

- 7.1 The Handicap Committee, appointed by officers of our golf club, is responsible for all aspects of the USGA Handicap System. Our Committee includes Valerie Spirit (Saturday Handicaps) and Luan Penner (Tuesday Handicaps), who have been certified by the Oregon Golf Association. We are obligated and committed to ensure the integrity of each Handicap Index we issue. In the interest of fairness, and because we are compelled by our license with the OGA/USGA, we will provide education as well as uphold the rules of the Handicap System. These regulations are required so our club can assure equity in our games.
- 7.2 The Handicap Committee has set forth the following policies and procedures for all members carrying USGA Handicap Indexes:
- Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.
 - All acceptable rounds must be posted by the individual for peer review, including 9-hole scores.

- Scores must be posted within 3 days of the round being played.
 - Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) must be applied to all scores for posting purposes.
 - The principles of the Rules of Golf must be followed.
- 7.3 All acceptable scores must be posted using the following methods (If an error is made in posting a score, contact your Handicap Chairman by email):
- Posting computer at a golf course
 - Posting on-line at www.ghin.com
 - Posting on your phone with GHIN Mobile App
- 7.4 The Tournament Committee has determined that the following events will be posted as tournament Scores by the Handicap Committee:
- The Spring Handicap Tournament
 - The Club Championship Tournament
 - The Fall Handicap Tournament
- 7.5 The Rules Committee has adopted temporary Local Rules for dealing with unpleasant course conditions. When we are in active season, scores still must be posted if using Preferred Lies (Winter Rules)
- 7.6 OGA Season Dates, Handicap Revisions, Active/Inactive Season:
- Handicap Indexes will be updated on the 1st and 15th of each month, as per the USGA National Revision Schedule.
 - OGA active handicapping season begins March 1st. Last day to post a score is November 30th. Last official Handicap Index update of the season is December 1st.
 - No local scores can be posted during the off-season, which is December 1st through the last day of February. Rounds played in sun-belt states must be posted in a timely fashion.
- 7.7 A player must earn a Handicap Index. No player has an inherent right to a Handicap Index without providing full evidence of ability to our club's Handicap Committee. The Committee has the ultimate authority and obligation to adjust or withdraw a Handicap Index if it deems necessary. Disciplinary Actions for failure to post or player manipulating their Handicap Index:
- First failure to post or manipulation of your score will result in a verbal warning.
 - Second failure will result in a written warning.
 - Third failure will result in the appropriate penalty round issued for scores not posted.
 - Fourth failure will result in further disciplinary action to be taken as the Handicap Committee deems fair and equitable.

8.0 Guests

Guests can play with HLWGC for three (3) days before becoming a member. The guest can play in the day's game with a current handicap index.

9.0 Days Play

Members in good standing are required to participate.

10.0 Oregon Golf Association Director

The OGA Director shall be appointed by the President at the first board meeting of the year. The OGA Director will maintain communication between the OGA and the Club and will attend all OGA meetings.

11.0 Appointments for 2019

- 11.1 OGA Director – Janet Elliott
- 11.2 Publicity/Newsletter – Cheryl Ford
- 11.3 OGA Women's Interclub Play – Janet Elliott/Denise Aldridge
- 11.4 Home & Home Exchange – Julie Sander/Luan Penner