

# **-2021 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
- Tuesday and Saturday Day's Play Schedules
- Membership guide
- Club By-Laws
- Standing Rules
- Local Rules
- Tournament Schedule

2.2 Only members who have paid dues for the 2021 season will appear on the January 1<sup>st</sup> 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. 1<sup>st</sup> 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verbally and in writing stating that her past actions have resulted in this warning and that her membership will be withdrawn from the HLWGC if there is one more complaint/infraction received by the Board from any member.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 and Runner Up named each year.

4.2 The Most Improved Golfer and Runner Up shall be determined by the Handicap Committee for improvement from March each year (or date of active membership if after March 1) through September each year.

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 Tournament chair 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 flighted by handicap.

6.5 The annual Tournament Awards 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 and Procedures**

The Handicap Committee of the golf club is responsible for ensuring compliance with the obligations under the World Handicap System in accordance with the Rules of Handicapping and the USGA. As a committee, we will verify that acceptable scores are posted for handicap purposes and made available for peer review. The committee will perform random score audits and review members scoring records at least annually.

In addition, the Handicap Committee provides guidance to club officials and other club committees to ensure players consistently have the ability to use their Handicap Index to compete, or play a casual round, with anyone else on a fair and equal basis. Key committees include the Vice President - Tuesday Team, Vice President - Saturday Team and the Tournament Committee.

The Handicap Committee consults with the Tournament Committee to establish the Terms of the Competition for all applicable events at the club.

The Handicap Committee chairs are appointed by the Vice Presidents. One chair for Tuesday and one chair for Saturday.

The Handicap Committee has set forth the following policies and procedures for all members wishing to establish and maintain a Handicap Index with our club.

- Maintain an active membership with the club.
- Post all acceptable rounds, including 9-hole rounds.
- Scores are to be posted within the same day of the round being played.
- Where applicable, proper adjustments must be applied to all scores for posting purposes, including net par, net double bogey, most likely score or maximum hole score.
- Each player will try to make the best score at every hole in every round, regardless of where the round is played.

What is an Acceptable Score?

- If 14 or more holes are played in an 18-hole round
- If 7 holes are played on a rated 9-holes
- Scores made in match play, stroke play and team competitions
- Scores made under Rule 3.2 when a hole is not played
- Scores made under Rule 3.3 when a player does not hole out
- Scores made if a player is disqualified from a competition but has an acceptable score
- Scores made when played by the Rules of Golf
- Scores made when played on a course during its active season
- Scores made in the company of at least one other person, who can also act as a marker

All acceptable scores are to be posted within the same day of play using one of the following methods:

- Score posting kiosk at the golf course
- Mobile app
- GHIN website
- Returned to the VP Tuesday/VP Saturday/Handicap Committee for posting
- By the competitions committee using tournament software

Disciplinary Actions for failure to post or player manipulating their Handicap Index:

- First failure to post or potential 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.
- After your fourth failure to post your score or continued manipulation of the score file, further disciplinary action will be taken as the Handicap Chair and Committee deems fair and equitable.

A player must earn a Handicap Index. No player has an inherent right to a Handicap Index without demonstrating ability to our golf club's Handicap Committee. The Handicap Committee has the authority and obligation to adjust a Handicap Index if it feels necessary to do so.

## **8.0 Guests**

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

## **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 2021**

11.1 OGA Director – Janet Elliot/Denise Aldridge

11.2 Publicity/Newsletter – Cheryl Ford

11.3 OGA Women's Interclub Play – Janet Elliot

11.4 Home & Home Exchange – TBD