

## FWGA Standing Rules and Tips for Pace of Play 7/30/2024

### Fairwinds Women's Golf Association

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### Overview

1. The Fairwinds Women's Golf Association (FWGA) is a 7-month, 18-hole women's golf league that plays every Thursday morning at 8:30 am from October to thru April.
2. The board is committed to providing a welcoming, competitive recreational opportunity with an emphasis on fun and fellowship.
3. The 2024-25 annual dues are \$55.00. There is an additional annual fee for your GHIN handicap.
4. A "Player Advantage Card" may be purchased which gives players a discount on green fees and Pro shop merchandise and features a rewards program.
5. Membership dues are used for prize payouts (which begin October 1), an annual luncheon, and other miscellaneous costs and purchases as deemed appropriate by the Board.
6. A dues-free summer league runs from May 1<sup>st</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup> with a nominal weekly entry fee that goes towards prizes.
7. The schedule of games, Pairings and Results, Bylaws, Rules of Play (Local Rules) and Standing Rules can be found online on our FWGA website. Go to [www.fairwindsgolf.com](http://www.fairwindsgolf.com), then click on Events, Women's Golf Association and scroll down to select the information you seek.

### Organization and Oversight

8. The FWGA is governed by a board of directors elected at the Annual General Meeting.
9. Members are to follow the guidelines set forth in our Bylaws, Standing Rules and Local Rules in order to continue as members.
10. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the closing luncheon held the last Thursday in March.

### Handicap, Membership and Dues

11. All players must have (or be working toward) a current USGA GHIN handicap.
12. Members without a current USGA GHIN handicap are ineligible for prizes.
13. A member that has an index higher than 38.6 shall play with maximum of 38.6 index (a Fairwinds Course handicap of 36).
14. All league players must be current with their dues and handicap fees and maintain their current handicap by properly posting all eligible rounds played on USGA rated courses.
15. **Exception- Do not post FWGA rounds.** Our FWGA rounds will be posted by the Pro Shop.
16. The Board will email out membership applications that must be completed and returned with dues payment by October 1.

17. Annual Dues Checks must be made out to Fairwinds Women's Golf Association (or FWGA).
18. Dues will not be refunded if member has played two (2) or more league rounds.
19. New members are approved by the board and memberships may be limited depending on our number of available tee times. Our current limit is set at 80.
20. Applications can also be found on the FWGA Bulletin Board in the club house across from the ladies' room or contact Allison Wakenight, Treasurer at 301.580.7038 [awakenight@gmail.com](mailto:awakenight@gmail.com)

### **Signing up to play**

21. You will receive an email from Mark Cammarene via Golf Genius the weekend before play (typically Saturday) asking if you wish to play in the upcoming Thursday game.
22. It is wise to respond immediately to the email to ensure a place in the roster.
23. Certain game formats may also ask you to name your partner.
24. Guests are permitted once per month on a space available basis, however, members are always given preference over guests and no guests are permitted for the Club Championship or President's Cup rounds. **Please refrain from bringing guests when there is a team format.**
25. Cancellations must be made by Wednesday at 3:00 to allow enough time to notify waitlisted players and re-do the pairings.
26. If you must cancel the day of play, you must call the pro shop 772.462.1955 extension 6 as soon as possible to inform them.
27. "No Shows", meaning no show, no call, (did not show or DNS), will not be tolerated and may result in a 1 week suspension, a second DNS- a 2 week suspension, and after a 3<sup>rd</sup> DNS, player forfeits her right to reserve a slot in advance for the remainder of the season.

### **Day of Play- Shotgun start**

28. **Arrive no later than 8:10** to pay your green fee and take advantage of warming of up on the range - balls are complementary.
29. **Chip In Contest**- There is an optional weekly chip-in contest for \$1.00. There is a sign-up sheet and container for your dollar just inside the Pro Shop on the left. It is the players responsibility to circle their name and write the hole # of their chip-in on the chip-in sheet. **Chip-ins must also be noted on your scorecard.**
30. **Please be back in your cart ready to hear announcements by 8:15** am to be sent out to your hole no later than 8:20 for the 8:30 am shotgun start.
31. There is no penalty for teeing off ahead of the 8:30 start time.
32. **At times we may require each group to record start and end times for their group on their scorecard. When this is required,** please note the time that the first person teed off as well as the time they finish play. (When last ball is holed).

### **Tees**

33. Members may play from the Green, Gold, or Orange tees.

34. Once your tee has been selected, you must continue to play on those tees for the remainder of the Season unless you notify our Board and Mark Cammarene in advance of your desire to change your tee, and your request is granted.
35. All players must play from the Gold tees in order to be eligible to win the overall Club Championship.

### **Returning Your Scorecards**

36. Each tee grouping must turn in 2 signed and attested matching scorecards.
37. Make sure the cards are legible and include chip-in's and the start and finish time (if required).
38. Carefully review and compare your scorecard with your fellow competitors to ensure that you all agree with each hole-by-hole score on each card. Resolve any hole-by-hole score differences and rules questions prior to signing and attesting each card. Please do this after you have returned your cart to the bag drop area.
39. You may be able to find the answer to simple rules questions by using the USGA Rules of Golf App. If you are unsure of a rules question, check with Anita Venner (301)787-1695, or GM, Mark Cammarene, PGA, our Rules Committee. They will be responsible for issuing a ruling.
40. A Scoring Committee- (New) shall be Co-chaired by Lisa Champagne and Pat Mayne for the 2024/25 season. They may name other scoring committee members as deemed necessary to assist them.
41. Return both signed and attested scorecards to one of the Scoring Committee members in attendance. The Scoring Committee will again review both cards to ensure that the hole-by-hole scores match and there are two signatures on each card before one "Official Card" (the white one printed and issued by Mark) is returned to the Pro Shop for posting. The Scoring Committee will keep the second card to check the posted scores of the winners or any other issues.
42. The entire clubhouse is deemed to be the scoring area. Once you have turned in your cards to the Scoring Committee and left the scoring area, your cards cannot be altered except by a ruling on a pending issue. Errors to returned official scorecards may result in a disqualification.
43. The Pro shop staff will enter your score on your GHIN via Golf Genius – do not do this yourself.

### **President's Cup and Club Championship**

44. All current members of the FWGA who were active members (having played 5 rounds) during the previous fall/spring season will be eligible to compete in the President's Cup (Low Net Championship) and Club Championship (Low Gross Championship).
45. All new members in good standing who have played five league rounds with FWGA within the current season are also eligible.
46. Ties for the overall champion of the President's Cup shall be broken by the USGA recommended method of match of score cards. After champion has been determined, all remaining ties shall be paid out equally.
47. There shall only be one President's Cup Champion.
48. Ties for the Overall Champion of the Club Championship shall be broken with a hole-by-hole playoff commencing as soon as possible following the final round as directed by Mark Cammarene.
49. Any playoff player unavailable at playoff time will be defaulted from the playoff.

50. There shall only be one Overall Club Champion.

51. After Club Champion has been determined, all remaining ties will be paid out equally.

### **Prize Pool and Hole-in One**

52. A prize pool will be created each year when the board reviews the upcoming year's budget.

53. The prize payment method used will be for first, second and third in each flight.

54. In regular weekly events, ties will be paid equally.

55. One third (1/3) of the field will be paid for both the President's Cup and the Club Championship.

56. After overall winners have been determined, all ties in these two major events will be paid equally.

57. There is a \$50 pay out for a hole-in-one that occurs during league play.

58. Also, on that day, members who would like to share in the hole-in-one celebration with the player may have one beverage (beer, rail alcohol or non-alcohol) and the FWGA will pay the hole-in-one tab. (Please specify beverage goes to the hole-in-one tab)

### **Bi-County Team- Net Match Play**

59. Fairwinds participates in an inter-club competitive league that typically begins in October and may run through January and February depending on weather and how many teams are involved.

60. To be eligible for this league you must have an FWGA handicap no higher than 24 and be on our membership roster prior to a certain date as determined by the Bi-County schedule and rules.

61. Please contact Cookie Conley if you are interested in being a part of our team.

[Kconley1@charter.net](mailto:Kconley1@charter.net).

### **Challenge Cup Team- Gross Match Play**

62. We have been accepted to rejoin Challenge Cup for Spring 2025. Challenge Cup is gross team match play, typically scheduled throughout the month of April. We will start in Cup 4. Lisa Champagne will be Captain and Pat Mayne will Co-Captain.

## Etiquette and Tips for Pace of Play

- Our pace of play is a **maximum of 4 hours and 15 minutes**, and preferably less.
- Silence your cell phones.
- Be courteous, refrain from talking, pay attention, and watch while each player is hitting.
- Plan your shots while others are hitting- on and off the green.
- If riding, drop off the first player, drive to the second ball. Second player should be ready when the first player has hit. Drive the cart close to your ball, do not leave it behind you!
- Always carry tees, ball mark repair tool, ball markers, and an extra ball in your pocket.
- Limit your search for lost balls. 3 minutes maximum. Don't look for someone else's ball if it's your turn to hit. Help after hitting.
- Always put an identifying mark on our golf ball.
- Be efficient with your pre-shot routine.
- Never leave your cart in front of the green.
- Mark scorecards at the next tee, not next to the putting green.
- Always keep up with the group ahead of you.
- If you have a rules question and are unsure how to proceed, play two balls and request a ruling when you come in and prior to returning your scorecard. Our current rules committee is Anita Venner and General Manager, Mark Cammarene.
- Respect and care for the course- Replace and/or fill divots. Fix your ball mark on the putting green and others, too, if time allows.
- Bunkers- Grab a rake first and take the most level and shortest path to your ball. Offer to help a fellow player rake if she is still away after her shot.
- Take care that you are not standing on another player's line while putting.