

FWGA Standing Rules 9/23/2025

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. We also offer a dues-free summer league which runs from May 1st – September 30th with a required nominal weekly entry fee of \$2 that goes towards prizes and an optional chip-in sign up. New Summer players wanting to join for the Fall/Spring must submit an application and be placed on our waiting list.
3. The 2025-26 annual dues are \$60.00. If you do not already have a USGA GHIN handicap, there is an additional annual fee for your Fairwinds 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. 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, then click on Events, Women's Golf Association and scroll down to select the information you seek.

Organization and Oversight

7. The FWGA is governed by a board of directors elected at the Annual General Meeting.
8. The Board is committed to providing a welcoming, competitive recreational opportunity with an emphasis on fun and fellowship.
9. Members are to follow the guidelines set forth in our Bylaws, Standing Rules, USGA Rules of Golf and Local Rules 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. New members must have a current verifiable USGA GHIN handicap index of no more than 40 and have played at least five (5) 18-hole rounds.
12. Members without an active current USGA GHIN handicap are ineligible for prizes and any contests. Failure to maintain/renew your USGA GHIN handicap in a timely manner may result in forfeiture of membership.
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), in our events (two strokes per hole).

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 in August that must be completed and returned with dues payment by October 1 and no later than October 31.
17. Please inform the Board if you know in advance you will not be renewing your membership.
18. Failure to renew your membership before the October 31 deadline (including payment) may result in loss of your membership.
19. Past members who renew after October 31 must re-qualify to be added to the waiting list.
20. On November 1, we will determine if new memberships are available, and if so, begin to invite qualified applicants to join, in order of their position on our waiting list.
21. Our President, Mina Ketchie will be in charge of maintaining our waiting list if and when we have one, (which we currently do).
22. New members are approved by the board and memberships may be limited depending on our number of available tee times. Our current membership limit is set at 70.
23. Annual Dues Checks must be made out to Fairwinds Women's Golf Association (or FWGA).
24. Dues will not be refunded if member has played two (2) or more league rounds.
25. 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

Signing up to play

26. 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.
27. It is wise to respond immediately to the email to ensure a place in the roster.
28. Certain game formats may also allow you to name your partner.
29. Guests are permitted once per month on a space available basis; however, members are always given preference over guests. Please refrain from bringing guests when there is a team format. No guests are permitted for the Club Championship or President's Cup rounds. Guests are ineligible for prizes and any contests (such as chip-ins and CTP's if any).
30. Cancellations must be made by Wednesday at 3:00 to allow enough time to notify waitlisted players and re-do the pairings.
31. **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.**
32. "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 3rd DNS, player forfeits her right to reserve a slot in advance for the remainder of the season.

Day of Play- Shotgun Start

33. **Arrive no later than 8:10** to pay your green fee and take advantage of warming up on the range - balls are complementary.
34. **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. The pot will be divided equally for each chip-in. If there are no chip-in's, the pot will roll-over to the next Thursday. (Guests and members without a current USGA GHIN handicap are ineligible).

- 35. **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.
- 36. There is no penalty for teeing off ahead of the 8:30 start time.
- 37. Our Pace of Play is 4 hours 15 minutes max. Record the start and end times for your group on your scorecard. The time the last person teed off is your start time and the time the last player holed out is your end time.
- 38. If one player in a group wants or needs to stop play for any reason, the player may call the Pro-Shop and request a shuttle.

Tees

- 39. Members may play from the Green, Gold, or Orange (Red) tees.
- 40. 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 our General Manager, Mark Cammarene, in advance of your desire to change your tee, and your request is granted.
- 41. All players must play from the Gold tees in order to be eligible to win the overall Club Championship (Gross).

Rakes

- 42. Fairwinds' rake policy is to leave rakes in the bunker. Please be thoughtful about where you leave them- perhaps off to the side of most approach shots and preferably not in a position where it will stop a ball on a downslope that will be impossible to replace without penalty. (See USGA Rules Clarification 14.2e- Player must take Penalty Relief When Spot Where Ball Will Remain at Rest is Nearer the Hole).

Scoring – How to Mark Your Scorecard

- 43. For most of our formats, you simply write your gross score in each box.
- 44. Failure to hole out on any hole may result in a DNF (Did Not Finish) and render you ineligible for prizes, depending on the format. **We do not use Maximum Scoring for every event.** For example, "picking up" during individual low gross and low net events will result in a DNF, while point events (such as stableford and quota) and some team events, allow you to pick up if you will not score any points or contribute to your team. If you do "pick-up", mark your scorecard as described below:
- 45. Maximum Allowable score (Net Double Bogey)- Make sure you write an "X" or "X + your maximum number" if you have reached your maximum allowable score for posting (net double bogey).
- 46. Most Likely Score- Write an X + your most likely score if you would most likely score less than your maximum. This often happens in a team event or match play when your partner holes out before you.
- 47. Incomplete Round- If you stop play and do not complete your round, write a Dash (-) on your card for any hole you do not play, (never started). A blank will be entered when posting, but the dash tells us you didn't accidentally forget to enter a score. Record your ending time. Make sure you still

turn in your attested scorecard. Nine holes completed will be posted for a 9-hole score, 11 holes completed will be posted for an 18-hole score.

48. See our separate FWGA Rain Policy regarding inclement weather.

Returning Your Scorecards

- 49. Each tee grouping must turn in 2 signed and attested matching scorecards. The white card issued by Mark Cammarene is deemed to be the Official Card. Please set up a second card to replicate the Official Card, including order of names, handicaps, and quota points if any, before you begin play.
- 50. Make sure the cards are legible and write an "O" next to the players playing from the Orange/Red tees, and the start and finish time.
- 51. During and after your round, 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.
- 52. You may be able to find the answer to simple rules questions by referring to our Local Rules sheet or using the USGA Rules of Golf App. If you are unsure of a rules question, raise your question with the Scoring Committee so they can seek a ruling in a timely manner. Anita Venner (301)787-1695, and GM, Mark Cammarene, PGA, are our Rules Committee. They will be responsible for issuing a ruling.
- 53. Handicap and Scoring Committees- TBD for the 2025/26 season.
- 54. Return both signed and attested scorecards to one of the Scoring Committee members or a Board Member 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. The Scoring Committee will attempt to reconcile any inconsistencies between the cards by consulting with the players if available. They will bring any unresolved issues to the attention of the Board for further attention. They will return the white Official Card to the Pro Shop for posting and turn the second, unofficial card over to the Handicap Committee (or board member in attendance) to later verify posted scores are correct.
- 55. 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.
- 56. 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

- 57. All current members 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).
- 58. All new members in good standing who have played five league rounds with FWGA within the current season are also eligible.
- 59. Ties for the overall champion of the President's Cup shall be broken by the USGA recommended method of match of score cards – Day 2 total, then Back 9, 6, 3, 1, hole 18, then front 9, 6, 3, 1. After champion has been determined, all remaining ties shall be paid out equally.
- 60. There shall only be one President's Cup Champion.

- 61. 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.
- 62. Any playoff player unavailable at playoff time will be defaulted from the playoff.
- 63. There shall only be one Overall Club Champion. After the champion has been determined, all remaining ties shall be paid out equally.

Prize Pool and Hole-in One

- 64. A prize pool will be created each year when the board reviews the upcoming year's budget.
- 65. The prize payment method used will be for first, second and third in each flight.
- 66. One third (1/3) of the field will be paid for both the President's Cup and the Club Championship.
- 67. In regular weekly events, ties will be broken in accordance with a match of cards, back 9, 6, 3, 1, 18, then front 9.
- 68. There is a \$50 pay out for a member scoring a hole-in-one during league play.
- 69. Hole-in-One beverage- Also, on that day, members who would like to share in the hole-in-one celebration may have 1 beverage (beer, rail alcohol or non-alcohol) and the FWGA will pay the hole-in-one tab. (Please write your name and beverage on the list at the bar if your beverage goes to the hole-in-one tab). Cheers to a great shot! Mark will want to hear the details and so will we!

Bi-County Team- Net Match Play

- 70. Fairwinds participates in an inter-club competitive league that typically begins in November and may run through February, depending on weather and how many teams are involved.
To be eligible for this league you must have an active FWGA GHIN handicap no higher than 28 and be on our membership roster prior to a certain date as determined by the Bi-County schedule and rules. Please contact Cookie Conley if you are interested in being a part of our team.
kconley1@charter.net.

Challenge Cup Team- Gross Match Play

- 71. We rejoined Challenge Cup for Spring 2025 and succeeded in moving from Cup 4 to Cup 3 for 2026. Challenge Cup is gross team match play, scheduled various days during the month of April. To be eligible for this league you must have an active FWGA GHIN handicap and be on our membership roster prior to a certain date as determined by the Challenge Cup schedule and rules. Lisa Champagne will Captain and Pat Mayne will Co-Captain this team.

Florida State Golf Association (FSGA) Interclub Team- Net Match Play

- 72. FSGA Interclub- (Treasure Coast Region). We have one Interclub team, new in Winter/Spring, 2025. Florida State Golf Association runs this Interclub statewide. FSGA charges a fee of \$100/team to join. Each team is entered into a region with 3 other teams. You must have an active FWGA GHIN at Fairwinds, (40 max) and be at least 22 years old. There are 3 home matches and 3 away matches. Matches are held between January-March which include playoffs and State Championship. Two teams of 2 play each match. Host teams generally charge just a cart fee or a reduced rate to play. Scoring format is net Four-ball matches - Nassau Scored - 2 pts for Front, Back and Total each. Joanne St. Pierre is the Team Captain.