

# Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association

## Standing Rules

### A. GENERAL MEMBERSHIP GUIDELINES

1. Format of play: RLGA has been established as an 18-hole Association and encourages 18-hole play. See Section B for an exemption.
2. Annual Membership Dues
  - a. Dues will become payable January 1st. Members will be dropped from the active membership roster if dues are not paid in full by March 1st.
  - b. Dues will not be prorated for a new member or a previous member rejoining RLGA any time after March 1st. Payment of full dues will be required.
  - c. All members must be paid in full to qualify for any RLGA event.
3. Returned check policy: Any returned check to RLGA will result in a \$15.00 charge.

### B. SPECIAL RULES OF PLAY

1. 9-Hole Play– Provisions for 9-hole play is sanctioned by the United States Golf Association (USGA). Posting of 9-hole scores will be permitted under the following guidelines:
  - a. The course must have a 9-hole USGA Course and Slope Rating;
  - b. At least seven holes must be played. (Scores for any 7 unplayed holes shall be recorded as par plus any handicap strokes that the player is entitled to receive on the unplayed holes);
  - c. According to USGA Rules, scores from qualifying 9-hole rounds should be posted. (Note: 9-hole rounds do not need to be consecutive)
  - d. There is no restriction on the number of 9-hole scores posted to a player's record.
  - e. 9-hole scores shall not be designated as T-scores (tournament).

### C. HANDICAPS (Note: the PNGA/WSGA, as governed by USGA)

1. Minimum number of Games– Members not having an established handicap must play a minimum of five (5) 18-hole rounds in order to establish a handicap as provided herein. (Re: Section B, Special Rules of Play)
2. Handicap Limit/Adjustment– Members are responsible for figuring their own equitable stroke control (ESC), which may further adjust their scores.
3. Course Handicap– Handicaps can be figured for any given score if the course rating and slope are available.

### D. SCORE CARDS– Following a qualified round of golf, all members will assume responsibility for:

1. Dating, signing and having their score cards attested for competitions and tournaments.
2. Figuring their ESC, which may further adjust their scores.
3. Posting individual scores on the WSGA Handicap computer system.
4. Retaining their cards until such time as the GHIN figures have been verified as correctly calculated (approximately 4-6 weeks).
5. All scores must be posted within two weeks of the date of the round was played. Failure to do so may result in penalty and/or loss of handicap. Any exceptions to this must be presented to the Handicap Chairperson for approval by the Board.
6. *Score Falsifications.* In the event of score falsification, the member will be disqualified.

## **E. TOURNAMENTS**

1. *Format*– the format of tournaments, including days, times and fees, will be designated by the Tournament Chairperson/Committee, as approved by the Board. Tournaments must be played on the day and at the time scheduled.
2. *General Eligibility*– Tournaments will be open to all paid-up members in good standing. Any member without a handicap or who does not qualify may participate but will not be allowed to win or place in any flight.
3. *Club Championship*– A member must have participated in at least three (3) previous RLGA events (in current calendar year), either competitions and/or tournaments, to be eligible for the Club Championship Tournament. (In this tournament Summer Rules will apply unless otherwise stated.)
4. *Most Improved*– Determined by GHIN results at the end of the calendar year. To be eligible a member must have participated in at least three (3) previous RLGA events (current calendar year), either competitions and/or tournaments
5. *Entry Fee*– Entry Fees for any Tournament event will be:
  - a. Approved by the Board and collected by the Tournament Chairperson/Committee.
  - b. Be due no later than the cutoff date designated by the Tournament Chairperson/Committee. Non-refundable after cutoff date.
  - c. Applied to the prizes given for the event or otherwise determined by the Board.
  - d. Green fees for tournaments cannot be paid using gift certificates or credits awarded from previous competitions or tournaments.
6. *Prizes*
  - a. Total prizes to be awarded for any event will be the sum total collected from the entry fees for that event, unless the Board has deemed otherwise.
  - b. Prizes will be in the form of gift certificates and/or donated or purchased merchandise, at the discretion of the Tournament Chairperson/Committee and as approved by the Board.
7. *Ties*:
  - a. Club Championship: At the Club Championship tournament, in the case of a tie for the Club Champion, a sudden death play-off will determine the winner. For all other flights, scorecards will be matched hole-by-hole, going backwards beginning with hole #18. The first player to score lower will break the tie.
  - b. For all other tournaments in the case of a tie, scorecards will be matched hole-by-hole, going backwards beginning with hole #18. The first player or team to score lower will break the tie.

## **F. COMPETITIONS**

1. *Frequency*– The Competition Chairperson/Committee, with Board approval, shall establish the frequency of competition play.
2. *Eligibility*– Player eligibility for competitions will require that they hold membership in good standing, have a handicap, and compete with at least one other eligible RLGA member.

## **G. RULES OF PLAY**

1. RLGA events and regular play will be governed by RLGA Chairpersons and/or their Committee, and RLGA local rules, those of PNGA/WSGA, USGA and the Standing Rules as outlined here.
2. Members must be ready to tee off at the designated time; failure to do so may make them ineligible to play in that event.
3. The tee designated for ladies are Red and shall be used unless otherwise stated. If other tees are used the slope and course rating must be adjusted when posting scores.

4. All putts must be holed out, except for a maximum of two putts on temporary greens or unless otherwise stated.
5. Cancellation– If the golf course is declared unplayable by the course officials, or the Tournament Committee, the event will be declared cancelled and may be rescheduled.
6. In all RLGA events Summer Rules will apply unless otherwise stated.
7. In case of a rules dispute or question during RLGA tournament play, the Rules Committee consisting of 3 members, including the Tournament Chair, Rules Chair (if in attendance), and the highest ranking officer(s) in attendance shall be consulted and make the appropriate ruling.

#### **H. DRESS CODE**

Cut-offs, short-shorts, and skirts (less than mid-thigh length), halter and strapless tops, and bare midriff tops are not allowed in any RLGA activities.

#### **AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES**

1. Amendments to these Standing Rules may be made and voted upon either by an approval/rejection process by mail or at a scheduled membership meeting or special meeting, whichever, at the opinion of the Board, provides the most expeditious result. Newly amended rules will become effective immediately.