



Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association

Constitution 2018

NAME

ARTICLE I

The name of this Association shall be the Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association. The Association will be operated as a non-profit organization at 2019 W. Meeker St., City of Kent in the County of King, State of Washington.

PURPOSE

ARTICLE II

The purpose of this Association shall be to promote the interest of golf among women, to hold regular golf competitions, to hold tournaments for annual championship, and to conduct social activities for the mutual pleasure and recreation of its membership.

MEMBERSHIP

ARTICLE III

Membership in this Association shall be open to women and juniors (17 years and under) who desire to establish and maintain a handicap, particularly in golf competitions, and play golf for the pleasure of the game.

Membership in the Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association shall be unlimited. Applicants for membership in this Association must be approved by the Board of Directors. Any member whose conduct is deemed detrimental to the welfare of the Association shall have her membership terminated by a majority vote of the Board of Directors.

OFFICERS

ARTICLE IV

The officers of the Association shall be Captain, Co-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee(s), all of whom will be nominated as outlined in the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules of this Association. Any officer or Chairperson may be removed by a majority vote of the full Board of Directors, whenever in its judgment the best interests of the Association would be better served. Only paid-up members of the Association shall be eligible to hold office, be a chairperson, or participate as a committee member, except as allowed for in the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules of this Association

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE V

The Board of Directors shall consist of Captain, Co-Captain, Secretary, Treasurer, and Trustee(s). The board shall include all committee Chairpersons who shall be appointed as outlined in the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules of this Association. The immediate past Captain shall be a member of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall have such powers and duties as defined by the Constitution, By Laws and Standing Rules of the Association.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE VI

The Constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the paid members present at a scheduled meeting of the Association. Notice of any proposed amendments shall be posted on the bulletin board

and/or website of the Riverbend Ladies' Golf Association not less than thirty (30) days prior to a scheduled meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VII

By Laws of the Association may be adopted, amended, or rescinded at any scheduled meeting of the membership by a two-thirds vote of the paid members present. Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board and/or website no less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

AMENDMENTS TO CONSTITUTION ARTICLE VIII

The Standing Rules of the Association may be adopted, amended, or rescinded at any scheduled meeting of the membership by a two-thirds vote of the paid members present. Notice shall be posted on the bulletin board and/or website no less than thirty (30) days prior to the scheduled meeting.

DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS LIABILITY ARTICLE IX

An officer of the Association shall not be held personally liable to the Association or its members for monetary damages while carrying out her explicit duties as an officer. Exceptions to this include:

1. Acts or omissions involving the intentional misconduct of an officer where she knowingly violates Section 23A.08.450 of the Washington Business Corporation Act as so amended.
2. Transactions from which she will personally receive a benefit or money, property, or services to which she is not legally entitled.

Should the Washington Business Corporation Act be amended to authorize corporate action that would further eliminate or limit the personal liability of officers, then the liability of any officer of the Association shall be eliminated or limited to the fullest extent permitted by that Act as so amended. Any repeal or modification of the foregoing paragraph by the membership of the Association shall not adversely affect any right or protection of an officer of the Association existing at the time of such repeal or modification.

TERM OF EXISTENCE ARTICLE X

The term of existence of the Association shall be perpetual.

DISSOLUTION ARTICLE XI

In the event of dissolution of the Association, any net assets of the Association will be donated to a charitable organization as voted upon by the Board of Directors.

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 \$35.00 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.
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 four (4) previous RLGA events (The eligibility year is the 1st day after the Club Championship until the day before the Club Championship), either competitions and/or tournaments.

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 Eligibility*– *A member must have participated in at least four (4) previous RLGA events, either competitions and/or tournaments, to be eligible for the Club Championship Tournament. The eligibility year is the 1st day after the Club Championship until the entry deadline of the next Club Championship.*
4. 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.

5. 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 submitted to the Pro Shop to be added to the player's account.

6 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, starting with the # 1 Handicap hole going forward. In the case of ties in Net Score, a player's hole by-hole Net Score will be used. 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, starting with the #1 Handicap hole going forward. In the case of ties in Net Score, a player's hole-by-hole Net Score will be used. The first player to score lower will break the tie.

7. Posting Tournament Scores – The Tournament Committee will post all Tournament scores into the GHIN system within one (1) week following a tournament (ESC scores will be posted)

F. COMPETITIONS

1. Frequency– the Co-Captain, 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 who must attest your scorecard. A Player may enter a competition multiple times.

3. Competitions will be closed during RLGA Tournaments. (playing in a Competition during an RLGA Tournament is not allowed.)

4. Enter your name, the date and your current course handicap on the sign-up sheet before your start your round.

5. Enter your first and last name, the date and your course handicap on your scorecard.

6. After completing your round, check your scorecard entries and have another RLGA member attest your scorecard.

7. Put your completed scorecard in the RLGA drop box in the Pro Shop.

8. Post your real score (after ESC adjustment) in the computer. Competition scores are NOT to be posted as tournament scores.

G. PLAYER RECOGNITION

1. BIRDIE RACE – Submit a PR form attested by an RLGA member for each birdie made at Riverbend.

2. BROKE 100, 90, 80, 70 – (for the first time at Riverbend) Submit a PR form attested by an RLGA member when achieving one of these milestones for the first time at Riverbend.

3. CHIP-IN and EAGLE – Submit a PR form attested by an RLGA member for each chip-in or eagle made at Riverbend.

4. MOST ROUNDS PLAYED and LOWEST AVERAGE NET SCORE – Submit a PR form attested by an RLGA member for EVERY ROUND played at Riverbend showing the gross and net score. One form per foursome; Initialed by each player; Attested by one. Rounds must be played with a minimum of 2 RLGA members (including tournaments).

(Partner events when a score is shared will be excluded from the Lowest Average Score competition.) Minimum 5 rounds must be submitted to qualify in the competition.

5. PERSONAL BEST – Individuals' Lowest Gross score achieved at Riverbend to date. Recognition in The FORE! Monthly newsletter.

H. 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 Gold 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 shall be consulted and make the appropriate ruling.

I. 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 email 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.

BYLAWS

DEFINITIONS

ARTICLE I

Fiscal year: The fiscal year wherever stated in the Bylaws shall mean the current period of twelve months between January and December.

Quorum of membership: The total paid members present at a scheduled meeting will constitute a quorum of this Association.

Quorum of Board of Directors: No less than 51% of the full Board shall constitute a quorum of the Board of Directors.

Majority: More than half of the votes cast at a scheduled meeting where a quorum is present shall constitute a majority.

MEETINGS

ARTICLE II

Membership meetings shall be scheduled by the Board. Special meetings shall be called by the Captain or any member of the Board. An Election meeting shall be held the last meeting of the current fiscal year. At said meeting all members of the Board shall provide an annual report covering their activities of the past year. Meeting notices shall be sent to the membership via email and posted on the website no less than 30 days prior to the date of the meeting.

ELECTION

ARTICLE III

Sixty (60) days before the date of the annual/election meeting, the Captain shall appoint a Nomination Chairperson who will form a committee of no less than three (3) club members. This committee shall place in nomination at the annual/election meeting at least one nominee for each office to be filled as provided in the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules. The Captain shall, within one week after appointing the Nomination Chairperson, post on the bulletin board and/or website, or provide by email

the names of all members of the Nomination Committee. The Nominating Committee shall at least two weeks prior to the election meeting post on the bulletin board and/or website or provide by email the names of all nominees accepting nomination.

The Nominating Chairperson shall present the nominating committee a report at the election meeting. Additional nominations for each office and for Trustee(s), when applicable, shall be made, in writing, to the Nominating Chairperson, no less than two weeks prior to the election meeting. The election of officers and trustee, when applicable, shall be by written ballot; however, if only one person is nominated for any office or as a trustee, the Captain may instruct the Secretary to cast a unanimous ballot for such nominee. There will be no proxy votes.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

ARTICLE IV

The Board of Directors shall consist of all Officers, Immediate Past Captain and Standing Committee Chairpersons, as defined in the Constitution and herein. The Board shall approve the proposed annual budget as submitted by the Captain and Treasurer. The Board shall approve all other expenditures. Provisions are made for non-members serving as consultants due to some expertise they possess which is of value to the membership, provided such consultations are with the consent of the Board. These individuals will have non-voting privileges.

The Board shall approve the Schedule of Events presented by the Competition Chairperson and the Tournament Chairperson. Vendors and selection of prizes shall also be approved by the Board of Directors.

All members of the Board of Directors are responsible for providing a description of prior years events, duties & responsibilities to next person taking over their position.

OFFICERS

ARTICLE V

Each Officer shall keep a record of her responsibilities in a notebook with any information pertinent to her position. All Officers shall perform their duties as stated in the Constitution and herein.

Only paid-up members of the Association shall be eligible to hold office, be a Chairperson, or participate as a committee member, except as allowed for in the Constitution and herein.

Only those who have served at least one term on the board of Directors shall be eligible to serve in the office of Captain or Co-Captain. The officers, except the Immediate Past Captain, shall be elected annually for a term of one year, the Trustee(s) for two years, or until their successors are elected and assume office. The term of office shall begin at the close of the annual/election meeting in November.

CAPTAIN

1. Preside at all meetings and be familiar with Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised.
2. Co-sign checks with either the Treasurer or Co-Captain.
3. Appoint all Standing Committee Chairpersons and Special Committees, except as may be otherwise stated in the Constitution herein.
4. Keep the Co-Captain informed of all the matters pertaining to the business affairs of the Association.
5. Be some ex-officio of all Committee Chairs, except the Nominating Committee.
6. Along with the Treasurer, present a proposed annual budget for approval by the Board of Directors.
7. Appoint a PNGA Representative.
8. Shall appoint any other Special Committee Chairperson as deemed necessary.

CO-CAPTAIN

1. Perform duties of Captain in her absence.
2. Assume the position of Captain should the Captain's position becomes vacant.
3. Serve as an alternate in co-signing checks with the

Treasurer or Captain

4. Assist any Standing Committee Chairperson as needed.
5. Plan and conduct all Association Competitions
6. Prepare a schedule of Competitions for the season no later than February 1st for approval by the Board of Directors.
7. Post instructions and sign-up sheets for all competitions on the RLGA bulletin board a minimum of two weeks prior to the event.
8. Prize monies will be submitted to the Pro Shop to be added to the winners' accounts in an accurate and timely manner.
9. Email results to the Newsletter Publisher for publication in The FORE!

SECRETARY

1. Record all minutes of Association's meetings.
2. Provide copies of the minutes of Board Meetings to all Board members and furnish to general membership upon request.
3. Post a copy of the minutes of General Meeting on the Bulletin Board for the general membership.
4. Be responsible for the correspondence of the Association

TREASURER

1. Present a monthly Treasurer's report to the Board members.
2. Be accountable for all funds of the Association and maintain an accurate set of records.
3. Collect all membership dues and other funds.
4. Pay all approved expenses of the Association promptly.
5. Co-sign all checks with the Captain or Co-Captain.
6. Prepare and file Association taxes in a timely manner.
7. Prepare and present with the Captain a proposed annual budget for approval by the Board of Directors.

TRUSTEE(S)

1. Hold term of office for two consecutive years.
2. Attend all meetings as the Association's representative to all organizations to which the Association belongs except where provided herein.
3. Be responsible for posting information on tournaments sponsored by all organizations to which the Association belongs.
4. Prepare required information necessary to enter our Association's participants in Tournaments the organization belongs to, including handling of funds in connection therewith.
5. Appoint representative(s) as needed to assist in completion of duties. Any such appointee(s) shall be approved by the Board.
6. Prize monies for all winnings from Association member participation in affiliated organization tournaments will be submitted to the Pro Shop to be added to the winners' accounts in an accurate and timely fashion.

STANDING COMMITTEES

ARTICLE VI

Committee Chairpersons shall appoint members as needed to their committee to perform the duties of their respective positions. In addition to attending all Board meetings, the duties of the Standing Committee Chairperson shall be:

TOURNAMENT CHAIRPERSON

1. Plan and conduct all Association tournaments.
2. Prepare a schedule of events for the season no later than February 1st for approval of the Board of Directors.

3. Prepare tournament entry form at least two months prior to entry deadline.
4. Keep records of members entries, fees paid and results for each tournament.
5. Prize monies will be submitted to the Pro Shop to be added to the winners' accounts. The prizes are funded by entry fees with the exception of Club Championship or as otherwise directed by the Board.
6. Assure prize monies are accurately and timely dispersed to winners.
7. Conduct the Awards portion of the RLGA Tournaments.
8. Immediately following a tournament, provide a copy of the results to the Co-Captain.

HANDICAP CHAIRPERSON

1. Maintain GHIN data and send GHIN information to the WSGA or its affiliate.
2. Present an overview of GHIN scoring rules to the general membership at the first scheduled membership meeting.
3. Assist new members with GHIN scoring as needed.
4. Chair the Handicap Committee.

NEWSLETTER PUBLISHER

Prepare "The Fore", the RLGA Newsletter to be posted on the RLGA website.

BYLAWS AND RULES CHAIRPERSON

1. Prepare and present proposed amendments of the constitution, Bylaws and Standing rules to the Board of Directors for their approval.
2. Present a revised copy of the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules for presentation of the general membership.
3. Provide a current copy of the Constitution, Bylaws and Standing Rules, to any member upon request.
4. Have available current USGA Rules of Golf and provide answers to members' rules questions.
5. Contribute Rules articles for publication in RLGA newsletters.
6. Serve on Rules committee when convened to resolve disputes during RLGA tournaments (if in attendance). Committee consist of the appointed Rules Committee for that tournament.

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRPERSON

1. Maintain and distribute an updated roster of the Association's membership.
2. Provide the Handicap Chairperson and Co-Captain pertinent information on new members.
3. Provide a copy of the Association's Constitution, Bylaws, Standing Rules, ESC Scoring Sheet, Membership Booklet and other items the Board deems necessary, to new members.

PLAYER RECOGNITION CHAIRPERSON

1. Plan and conduct the Association Player Recognition Program.
2. Provide updates to the Board of Directors.
3. Prepare periodic updates and publish to the members the ongoing Player Recognition Program races.
4. Prize monies for all scheduled Association Player Recognition will be submitted to the Pro Shop to be added to the winners' accounts in an accurate and timely fashion.

IMMEDIATE PAST CAPTAIN

1. Serve in an advisory capacity.
2. Perform such duties as pertain to this office.

DUES

The annual dues shall be recommended by the Board of Directors and shall be presented and voted upon by the general membership.

ARTICLE VII

AUTHORITY

Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall be the parliamentary authority on all matters pertaining to RLGA. All RLGA events shall be governed by the most currently published USGA, PNGA/WPGA rules and RLGA local rules.

ARTICLE VIII

AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

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

ARTICLE IX

Local Rules and Conditions of Competition

Revised January 2018

The Rules of the United States Golf Association govern play. See applicable tournament entry form and Notice to Competitors/Players for additional Local Rules and Conditions. Complete text of rules and Appendix I may be found in the current Rules of Golf. Unless otherwise indicated, the penalty for breach of a Local Rule or Condition is: Match Play -Loss of Hole Stroke Play -Two Strokes

OUT OF BOUNDS – Is defined by inside points of white stakes or fence posts at ground level. When out of bounds is defined by a white line on the ground, the line itself is out of bounds. Holes: **4, 5, 6 & 7** by the boundary fence posts and lines. Holes **13, 15** by the boundary fence posts. For hole **#10** by the boundary fence posts left of the tee, then white stakes to the inside edge of the sidewalk then to the white line behind the green. Hole **#9** by white stakes left side and white lines behind green. Note: The practice putting greens are in play.

ALL WATER HAZARDS ARE LATERAL WATER HAZARDS

Lateral Water Hazards are defined by red lines and/or red stakes Rule 26-1. When both stakes and lines are used to define water and lateral water hazards, stakes identify hazards and lines define hazard margins.

TIME OF STARTING

(Note to Rule 6-3a) –If the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, in the absence of circumstances which warrant waiving the penalty of disqualification as provided in Rule 33-7, the penalty for failure to start on time is loss of the first hole to be played in match play or two strokes in stroke play. The penalty for lateness beyond five minutes is disqualification.

GROUND UNDER REPAIR –(a) Areas enclosed by white lines. (b) French drains, which are open trenches filled with rocks or stones. (c) Sod seams for lie of the ball only. Rule 25-1.

INTEGRAL PARTS OF THE COURSE – Include liners in hazards, unless otherwise provided for in Notice to Competitors/Players.

EMBEDDED BALL –Relief under Rule 25-2 is expanded to “through the green” as prescribed in Appendix I. Through the green, a ball that is embedded in its own pitch-mark in the ground, other than sand, may be lifted without penalty, cleaned and dropped as near as possible to where it lay but not nearer the hole. The ball when dropped must first strike a part of the course through the green. Exception: A player may not take relief under this Local Rule if it is clearly unreasonable for him to play a stroke because of interference by anything other than the condition covered by this Local Rule. PENALTY FOR BREACH -Match Play –Loss of Hole; Stroke Play –Two Strokes.

TURF PLUGS ON PUTTING GREENS –are deemed to have the same status as old hole plugs and may be repaired as prescribed in Rule 16-1c.

OBSTRUCTIONS –White lined area tying into artificially surfaced roads and paths are deemed to have the same status of those roads and paths, that of obstructions. Stakes and/or rope attached to trees, when interfering with the lie of the ball, stance and /or area of intended swing, are to be treated as immovable obstructions. Bushes marking 150 yds are not treated as immovable obstructions. Rule 24. **Stones in bunkers** are movable obstructions Rule 24-1 applies. **Immovable Obstructions Close to Putting Green:** Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green but not in a hazard and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

TEMPORARY IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS –Local Rule as prescribed in Appendix I is in effect.

Local Rule for a ball accidentally moved on the putting green of the hole being played is in effect for RPGA as of January 1, 2018.

DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE -If you are in doubt as to how to proceed or your rights, you may play a Second Ball under Rule 3-3. You must announce, in advance, your intention to play a “Second Ball” and which ball you want to score if the Rules allow. You must also report to the committee (before turning in your scorecard) that you played a Second Ball, regardless of the score from each ball.

AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION –Is permitted by the Committee in a competition, an automotive cart employed by a player becomes part of the player’s equipment. A player employs a cart when it is utilized by the player, his caddie, or his other equipment. See definition of equipment.

Note 1: A player may employ a cart at any time during the round. If employed between the play of two holes, the cart is deemed to be the equipment of the player for the duration of the subsequent hole. If such employment commences during the play of a hole, the cart is deemed to be the equipment of the player for the duration of the hole. Outside agencies may ride in a player’s cart, at which point they become part of the player’s equipment. As such, if the player’s ball strikes anything or anyone in the player’s cart, the player incurs a penalty of loss of hole in match play and two strokes in stroke play in accordance with Rule 19 -2.

Note 2: A player or players employing a cart may appoint an outside agency to drive the cart, at which point the driver is deemed to be the caddie of the player (s). Only the player(s) or caddie(s) may drive the cart. **Players employing carts are reminded of the conditions governing caddies and advice.**

PRACTICE –A player **may not** play or practice on the competition course **prior to play** on any day of a competition. A player may practice on the designated practice areas and a player may practice on the competition course **after completion** of his stipulated round for the day or between stipulated rounds in competitions held over two or more consecutive days. Breach of Rule is disqualification. Match play see Rule 7-1a, practice on day of round.

PACE OF PLAY –Riverbend Ladies Golf Association pace of play guidelines are in effect for all competitions. It is each player's responsibility to see that their group stays up with the group in front of them.

HANDICAP VERIFICATION -Competitors are responsible to verify that their handicap, as listed on scorecard, is correct. Signing for a higher handicap will lead to a disqualification in the NET competition.

SCORECARD 6-6D Exception – If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not now he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is not additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the penalty is disqualification from the competition.

SUSPENSION OF PLAY DUE TO A DANGEROUS SITUATION

(Note to Rule 6 - 8b) When play is suspended by the Committee for a dangerous situation, if the players in a match or group are between the play of two holes, they must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If they are in the process of playing a hole they must discontinue play **immediately** (no further strokes) and must not resume play until the Committee has ordered a resumption of play. If a player fails to discontinue play immediately, she is disqualified unless circumstances warrant waiving the penalty as provided in Rule 33-7. All practice areas are closed during the suspension of play due to the dangerous situation, **except** the driving range, until the Committee has declared them open. A player using such practice areas will be subject to a penalty of disqualification.

Note: A suspension of play due to a dangerous situation will be signaled by one prolonged air horn blast. All other types of suspension will be signaled by three short air horn blasts, repeated. For all other types of suspensions proceed as prescribed in Rule 6 -8. Resumption of play will be signaled by two short air horn blasts, repeated.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES -For all competitions a player **may** obtain distance information using a device that gauges or measures distance only. Use of a device that can measure other information such as wind, elevation, temperature is a breach of Rule 14-3 for which the penalty is disqualification.

CLOSE OF COMPETITION -The competition is deemed to be closed when all scores have been posted and the Committee has approved the results.

COMMITTEE: Disputes, claims or matters submitted to the Committee are to be resolved by the Committee. Committee decisions are final.