

# BUSINESS WOMEN'S GOLF LEAGUE -- WICHITA

## STANDING RULES

### 1. Play

- A. Business Women's Golf League -- Wichita (BWGL) Play Days shall be from the first Tuesday in April through the third Tuesday in October.
- B. Cancellation of Play Days and Tournaments shall be determined by the President and/or the Tournament Chairperson.

### 2. Rules of Play

- A. USGA Rules of Golf apply except as modified by BWGL and local course rules.
  - 1) BWGL plays the ball up in the fairway within one unfolded scorecard length and down in the rough.
  - 2) BWGL allows a level lie in the sand if the ball lies in a rake mark or footprint. This does not allow relief from a lie caused by the player. e.g., plugged ball, ball under the bunker lip, "fried egg" lie
  - 3) BWGL Water hole rule (optional): When a ball has gone into the water, there are 3 strokes involved in this process: one stroke into the water, one penalty stroke to come out of the water, one penalty stroke to walk around the water. These strokes are in addition to all other strokes you take on the hole.
    - If using this option, the relief area to use is defined as the nearest point of relief after taking the water out of play.
  - 4) Drop zones: Some courses provide designated "Drop zones" that may be used after a player has hit a ball into the water. If the player has hit a ball into the water and proceeds to the Drop zone, there are 2 strokes involved in this process: one stroke into the water, one stroke out of the water.
  - 5) To speed play, BWGL allows that if in doubt as to a ball having crossed over the water, hit a provisional ball, and then look for the original ball. This will prevent having to go back and re-hit, if that is the option you would take.
  - 6) Local Rule E-5: When a player's ball has not been found or is known or virtually certain to be out of bounds, the player may proceed as follows rather than proceeding under "stroke and distance".
    - For two penalty strokes, the player may take relief by dropping the original ball or another ball in a relief area.
    - This relief area may be determined by:
      - where the ball may have come to rest or where it last crossed the out of bounds line.
      - OR
      - use the fairway of the hole being played and determine a reference point no nearer the hole than the ball reference point.
    - This option may NOT be used if the ball is known or virtually certain to be in a penalty area or if the player has played a provisional ball.

- The E-5 Rule may only be used for Tuesday play days and Tournament play days. It is NOT to be used during Team Play competitions.

7) Local Rule MAX 10:

- The “max score” of 10 for a hole will only apply for Tuesday play days.
- The 10 will be circled on the scorecard, indicating the max score was applied.
- For putts on a hole where the max score was used, the player will putt from the front edge of the green and record the actual number of putts taken.
- An actual true score of 10 will not be circled on the scorecard.

B. BWGL will recognize a “Darkness Rule”: Some members cannot finish 9-hole play on Tuesday evenings due to darkness. BWGL will allow a member to use a hole score of Net Par\* for the 9<sup>th</sup> hole after 8 holes have been completed in order to post a 9-hole score in GHIN. Place an X on the 9<sup>th</sup> hole score to denote it was NOT played.

\*Net Par = Par + any handicap strokes you receive on the hole.

**NOTE:** This is an Exception and applies to Tuesday evening play only.

- C. A round will be counted for league awards for any member who starts her round within the allotted time and finishes the round.
- D. A member is not eligible for awards unless she plays with at least one other BWGL member on Play Days. Exception: If a member arrives at the golf course and there is no other member with whom to play and it is the last tee-time available, she may play alone and record her score for league awards but may not post her score for handicap purposes.

### 3. Membership Dues

- A. Dues for the current fiscal year shall be due and payable by the date as determined by the Executive Committee each year and will be noted on the current membership form.
- B. A member’s name will not be submitted for activation in the handicap system until such dues are paid.
- C. If dues are unpaid by April 15<sup>th</sup>, the member’s name may not be able to be included in the Membership Handbook due to time constraints to get handbooks printed in a timely manner.

Note: Social members do not pay any dues.

### 4. Handicaps

- A. To be eligible for awards, members must post all scores in a timely manner in the handicap system to maintain a current and up to date 18-hole handicap.
- B. All scores (to include both 9-hole and 18-hole play) made at home course or away are to be posted.
- C. Use the World Handicap System procedures to adjust hole scores before posting scores in GHIN. Maximum hole score to post is Net Double Bogey. It is preferable to post scores “hole-by-hole” to allow for the system to automatically adjust hole scores as needed.
- D. Hole(s) Not Finished or Not Played: There must be valid reasons why a hole is not finished or is not played. If such is the case, a score may be determined for “posting

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purposes". In these events, mark an X on the hole (on the scorecard) to denote the hole was not completed/played.

1) Hole not finished: Use the "most likely" score on the hole according to ball position, difficulty of the green, and player's ability.

- On the putting green within 5 feet of hole – add 1 stroke
- Between 5 ft and 20 yds from the hole – add 2 or 3 strokes
- Beyond 20 yds from the hole – add 3 or 4 stroke

2) Hole not played:

- Record the hole score as Net Par (Par +/- Handicap Strokes on the hole).
- The minimum number of holes played required for posting a 9 or 18-hole score must be 9 or 10 holes, respectively. (Per the World Handicapping System)

Note: See the "BWGL Darkness Rule" under "Rules of Play" section. This is ONLY applicable for Tuesday evening play.

Note: When posting for an 18-hole score in which all 18 holes were not played, you will be required to post using "hole-by-hole" in GHIN.

- E. An 18-hole Handicap Index shall be limited to 54.0. A player may have a higher Course Handicap than the limited Handicap Index.
- F. Members without an established 18-hole handicap may play in BWGL tournaments but will not be eligible for prizes and will not be charged the prize fund fee except for scrambles or when handicaps are not used for scoring purposes.
- G. Members without an established 18-hole handicap may play BWGL Play Days but will not be eligible for Weekly Awards.

## 5. Awards

- A. The number of flights used for Weekly Awards and Annual Awards shall be determined by league membership. If the league has a membership of 60 or less, 3 flights will be used. If the membership is 61 to 80, 4 flights will be used. If there are 81 or more members, 5 flights will be used.
- B. Weekly Awards will be given by flights determined by the Weekly Awards Chairperson within the limits of Standing Rule 5A.
- C. A member must play a minimum of 8 Play Days to be eligible for Annual Awards. These awards will be given by flights as set out in Standing Rule 5A. Annual Awards for Play Days will be:
  - Total low putts (8 best putting performances)
  - Total most pars (8 best par or better performances)
  - Lowest total ringer score
- D. A member must play a minimum of 4 weekend Tournaments to be eligible for Annual Awards. These awards will be given by flights as set out in Standing Rule 5A. Annual Awards for Tournament play will be:
  - Total low putts (4 best putting performances)
  - Total most pars (4 best par or better performances)
- E. There will be one overall award for most improved handicap.

## **6. Club Championship**

### **A. Club championship**

- 1) The league will recognize a Club Champion and a Low-Net Club Champion at the annual club championship tournament.
- 2) Any member may play in the tournament but must have played in a minimum of 6 BWGL events\* prior to the tournament to be eligible to win one of the Club Champion titles.

(\*A BWGL event is a Play Day, Tournament, or Team Play)

- ### **B. An exception to the minimum number of BWGL events prior to the tournament may be requested by a player due to a medical or injury issue causing inability to play the required minimum number of days to be eligible for winning a championship title. All such requests should be submitted by email to the Tournament Chairperson and the President with sufficient information to substantiate the request.**
- ### **C. The Club Champion and Low-Net Club Champion will have their membership dues waived for the following season.**
- ### **D. The Club Champion and the runner-up to Club Champion will represent BWGL in the City Orlando.**

## **7. Team Play**

- ### **A. Team Play eligibility will be determined by Wichita Area Women's Golf Association (WAWGA) and BWGL rules.**

Note: A player who belongs to two (2) Member Clubs may play 18-hole Team Play for one (1) club, ... as long as she does not switch between the two (2).

- ### **B. An active member must post the equivalent of three 18-hole scores in the 30 days prior to participating in Team Play with the exception of the months of April and May.**
- ### **C. A player must have played in a minimum of one BWGL event in the 30 days prior to participating in Team Play.**

## **8. Miscellaneous**

- ### **A. Women non-members may play in BWGL tournaments but they will not be eligible for prizes and will not be charged the prize fund fee.**
- ### **B. Ties in Tournament Play will be broken by a scorecard playoff, as written in the Tournament Chair's Notebook, with the exception of the club championship tournament. For ties in determining the Club Champion or Low-Net Champion, the winner will be determined by a playoff on the course. If a playoff is not possible, a scorecard playoff will be done.**
- ### **C. Officer and Committee Notebooks are for Officers and Committee Chairs to provide duties, responsibilities, and instructions/directions to aid in carrying out the responsibilities of the Office or Committee. They are to be kept during the golf season and returned to the Vice President at the year-end meeting with any suggested updates or additions noted.**

**NOTE:** The terms "post" and "posting" in the Standing Rules, refer to recording the golf score in GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network).

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