

## Valley Hi Women's Golf Group

# STANDING RULES

### **RULE I. MEMBERSHIP AND HANDICAP**

- A. The member handicap divisions will be equally represented on the Board of Directors.
- B. To be eligible for competition, one must have an established USGA Handicap Index.

### **RULE II. EXPENDITURES**

- A. The Captain and other authorized Board members will be reimbursed for the cost of attending meetings of the Women's Golf Association of Northern California (WGANC). The total amount reimbursed will not exceed the amount authorized by the Board of Directors.
- B. The incoming Captain will be presented a gift of appreciation at the annual Holiday Luncheon and Installation of Officers.
- C. Under no circumstance will the Captain give gifts to the members of the Board of Directors.

### **RULE III. TOURNAMENTS**

#### **A. Weekly Tournaments**

1. Tuesday will be the regular weekly tournament day. Normal tee times will be by shotgun start at 8:30 a.m., except as may be altered by the VHCC Pro Shop for inappropriate weather or other conditions.
2. The Tournament Chair will post a monthly calendar the bulletin board in the Locker Room designating the type of tournament for each regular weekly tournament. A weekly tournament may be scheduled on an alternate day if VHCC is closed or at the direction of the VHCC Board of Directors.
3. All decisions concerning the distribution of awards for weekly tournaments will be made by the Tournament Chair in consultation with the Captain. The recommendations of the WGANC will be used when appropriate. The total amount paid for awards will not exceed the amount authorized by the Board of Directors.
4. Players must check in at the Pro Shop at least 30 minutes prior to the established tee time.
5. A foursome competing in the weekly tournament must return their properly completed scorecards to the Tournament Chair by four and three-quarters hours (4  $\frac{3}{4}$ ) after teeing off. The penalty for a later return of the scorecard may be disqualification for the foursome.
6. The Tournament Chair will make all decisions concerning player disqualification and her decisions are final.

7. At any regular weekly tournament (not including a Guest Day), a house guest, age 18 or older, may play with her hostess but may not compete in the Tournament of the Day. A "house guest" is defined as a female who resides more than 75 miles from Valley Hi Country Club (VHCC).

**B. Guest Day Tournaments**

1. Unless otherwise specified in the annual calendar, Guest Day will be the first Tuesday of each month. Each member is entitled to invite three (3) guests who have an established 18-hole USGA Handicap Index. However, a Handicap Index of 40.4 is the maximum index that may be used to calculate any participant's course handicap for the Guest Day tournament.
2. The decision to play any regularly scheduled or modified Guest Day tournament will be made by the Co-Captain on the preceding Friday at 9:00 a.m. Registered members who cancel after 9:00 a.m. on the preceding Friday, other than for family emergency, will be billed the entry fee at the regular rate.

**C. Ladybug Invitational Tournament**

1. Notification (either mailed or electronic) will be given to each member of VHWGG by the Ladybug Committee. This notification will state the dates of the tournament, the type of game to be played, and the entry fee. The notification will also be posted in the Locker Room.
2. Each VHWGG member is entitled to invite one (1) guest and, at the discretion of the Ladybug Committee, may invite up to three (3) guests. A VHWGG members who invite one (1) guest are responsible for forming a four-person team by entering into a partnership with another VHWGG member who invites one (1) guest.
3. All guests must have an established 18-hole USGA Handicap Index and may not be members of VHCC. While a member or guest's established Index may be higher, a course handicap of 36 is the maximum that may be assigned to any player in this tournament.

**D. Senior Invitational Tournament**

1. The Senior Invitational Committee will give notification (either mailed or electronic) to each member of VHWGG who is 55 years of age or better. This notification will state the dates of the tournament, the type of game to be played, and the entry fee. The notification will also be posted in the Locker Room.
2. Each VHWGG member is entitled to invite one (1) guest and, at the discretion of the Ladybug Committee, may invite up to three (3) guests. Each guest must also be 55 years of age or better. A VHWGG members who invite one (1) guest are responsible for forming a four-person team by entering into a partnership with another VHWGG member who invites one (1) guest.
3. All guests must have an established 18-hole USGA Handicap Index and may not be members of VHCC. While a member or guest's established Index may be higher, a course handicap of 36 is the maximum that may be assigned to any player in this tournament.

**E. Major Tournaments**

1. Major Tournaments are defined in Article VIII, Section 1A of the Bylaws as the VHWGG Handicap Tournament and the VHWGG Club Championship.
2. In consultation with the Handicap Chair, Rules Chair and the Captain, each Major Tournaments will be organized and supervised by the Tournament Chair. With approval of the Captain, the Tournament Chair may appoint members to assist her.
3. Only members of the VHWGG may compete in any Major Tournament.

**RULE IV. MEMBER AWARDS AND RECOGNITION**

- A. **Most Improved Golfer of the Month.** The Handicap Chair is responsible for using the GHIN system to determine the Most Improved Golfer of the Month. The Handicap Chair will report this determination to the Board of Directors and posted the name and handicap improvement information in the Locker Room. The Captain will include this information in her monthly VHCC Newsletter article.
- B. **Breaking 100, 90 or 80 Awards.** An appropriate pin will be awarded to a member is playing from the default tees (green) at VHCC in the individual stroke play game of the day and reaches a milestone of breaking a score of 100, 90 or 80 *for the first time* at each level. The member must have played from the default (green) tees in a game complying with USGA Rules. Scores where all putts are not holed, magic putts and/or mulligans are given, or team scores are used *may not* be used for calculating these awards.
- C. **Annual Awards** The following achievements will be recognized at the VHWGG annual Holiday Luncheon each December. Specifics of each award (type, amount, etc.) are determined and/or approved by the Captain in consultation with the Board of Directors, Handicap Chair, Tournament Chair, Eclectic Chair or other appropriate Officer or Committee Chair. The awards will be presented by the Captain or an appropriate person designated by the Captain:
1. Most Improved Golfer of the Year - The Most Improved Golfer of the Year award is computed by the Handicap Chair using the GHIN system, based on the percentage of improvement of a member's index from January through November of that year.
  2. WGANC Awards - All VHWGG members are eligible for the WGANC awards. The Open Day Chair will determine the winners of these awards based on criteria established by WGANC.
  3. Birdies and Chip-Ins. The Tournament Chair calculates the awards for highest overall numbers of each category based on the Birdies and Chip-Ins recorded by each member *and attested by her partner(s)* following play in each Weekly Tournament or other qualifying event and in each flight, as determined by the Tournament Chair.

4. Fewest Putts. The Tournament Chair will determine the recipients of the awards based on members who scored of the lowest numbers of putts on the designated days.
5. Pro Points Specific tournaments are designated throughout the year as Pro Putts events where points of 10 through 1 are given to the lowest net scores of that day. (First lowest net receives 10 points, last lowest net 1 point. If there is a tie, the points are divided equally.) As determined by the Tournament Chair, the award is given to the member who accumulates the most Pro Points at the end of the year.

Eclectic Tournaments. Eclectic Tournaments (EC) are held between February 1 and October 31 of each year. Members must purchase EC cards from the EC Chair in order to participate in these tournaments. EC may be played on any day as long as another VHWGG member is in the same playing group and attests the score. The EC player must announce to her playing group that she will be playing EC before beginning to play the round. (A copy of the General Rules for EC will be attached to the purchased cards.) Winners and awards will be determined by the Eclectic Chair.

## **RULE 5. POSTING OF SCORES**

- A. Posting Required. Members are responsible for electronically posting their adjusted gross score in to the GHIN system for every acceptable round played.
- B. Maximum Scores Used for Posting. Each members must adjust her gross score using the Adjustment Allowance Chart printed below. The chart indicates the maximum strokes above par that should be recorded on each hole. All strokes exceeding the maximum should be deduct from the total score before posting.

| <b>ADJUSTMENT<br/>ALLOWANCE CHART</b> |                                 |
|---------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Course<br>Handicap                    | Max Score Posted<br>on Any Hole |
| 9 or less                             | Double bogey                    |
| 10 -19                                | 7                               |
| 20 - 29                               | 8                               |
| 30 - 39                               | 9                               |
| 40+                                   | 10                              |

- C. Posting Non-Consecutive 9-Hole Rounds. If a member completes rounds of a nine-holes of play, those scores should be posted - even those from any combination of nines (e.g., different tees, different courses, etc.). Contact the Pro Shop for further instruction on posting non-consecutive 9-hole rounds.
- D. Posting Scores For Incomplete Rounds.
  1. 13 or more Holes Played: If 13 or more holes are played, the player must post an 18 hole-score using par plus any applicable handicap stroke for each hole not completed

2. *7 -12 Holes Played:* If 7 to 12 holes are played, the player must post a nine hole score using par plus any applicable handicap stroke for each hole not played.