

STANDING RULES OF THE WMGA

I. MEMBERSHIP

An amateur woman golfer who is a member in good standing at her Member Club can apply for Membership in the WMGA. She must have a USGA Handicap Index of 23.0 or less and have access to her golf course at least four days per week for a minimum of three months during the season. A woman who is entitled to the privileges of the course solely by virtue of her employment at that Member Club will be deemed to not be a member of a Member Club.

Renewing Membership

1. An existing membership must be renewed for the next year no later than November 18. If the November 18 deadline is not met, the Member must apply for and meet all the requirements for New Membership.
2. Annual dues for Renewing Membership in 2012 are \$85 and should be remitted to the WMGA Representative at the member's club. Dues will not be refunded for any reason after April 1 of the current year.

New Membership

1. A member of a member club with a maximum USGA Handicap Index of 23.0 may apply for New Membership at any time during the year; however, to participate in the 2012 Team Matches, she must join by November 18, 2011.

Inactive Membership

1. A Member in good standing may apply for Inactive Membership only under the following circumstances:
 - a) Leave of absence is taken from a Member Club;
 - b) Change in membership status at a Member Club which results in a membership status that does not meet the requirements for Renewing Membership; or
 - c) Resignation is submitted to the Member's club, and the Member does not join another Member Club.
2. In the event Inactive Membership is granted by the WMGA, the member may NO LONGER PLAY OR

COMPETE in any WMGA event until her membership status is restored.

3. When the status of an Inactive Member changes and the Member is again able to satisfy all the requirements of her Membership, the member must elect in writing to have her Membership reinstated, or resign. Reinstatement may be requested through a WMGA Representative. Resignation from the WMGA must be made directly to the WMGA office.
4. Annual dues for Inactive Membership in 2012 are \$10. An Inactive Membership request, together with the annual dues, must be submitted directly to the WMGA office no later than November 18 of the current year. If the November 18 deadline is not met, the WMGA will presume the Inactive Member has resigned.

Junior Membership

1. A girl who has not reached her 19th birthday by the first day of the calendar year and has not started college, and who is a member of a Member Club, or whose parent or guardian is a member of a Member Club, may become a Junior Member for that year. She can apply for Junior Membership at any time during that year.
2. A Junior Member does not need a USGA Handicap Index to join the WMGA.
3. Annual dues for Junior Membership for 2012 are \$20 and should be remitted to the WMGA Representative at the Member's club. A Junior Membership must be renewed for the next year no later than November 18. Dues will not be refunded for any reason after April 1 of the current year.

Junior Fellowship Membership

1. A girl who is at least 12 years of age and has not reached her 19th birthday by the first day of the calendar year and has not started college, and who is NOT a member of a Member Club and whose parent or guardian is NOT a member of a Member Club, may apply for this Fellowship.

2. If selected by the Junior Fellowship Committee, the Junior Fellowship player would have all the privileges and responsibilities of a WMGA junior member.
3. The Fellowship would be given for one year with the opportunity to receive the honor again.
4. A USGA Handicap of 14.0 or less is required.
5. Excellent sportsmanship on and off the golf course and an interest in competitive golf are requirements for consideration.
6. The Junior Fellowship Committee consists of the WMGA President, Junior Girls' Chair, Executive Director; a PGA professional; a MGA/First Tee representative; and the Met PGA Junior Golf Director.

Club Membership

1. To apply for Club Membership, a club must meet the requirements set forth in the WMGA's Constitution and Bylaws and must offer its course every three years for a WMGA tournament in addition to Team Matches.
2. Annual Dues for Club Membership for 2012 are \$200 and are payable by January 3. Failure to pay the dues prior to April 1 will be deemed to be the club's resignation from the WMGA membership and its members will be ineligible to play in WMGA events until the club pays the dues for Club Membership.
3. A Member Club that refuses three requests to host a tournament other than Team Matches may be subject to disciplinary action, including suspension of its members from all WMGA events (Team Matches included) at the discretion of the Board.

II. CODE OF CONDUCT

1. Each member is expected to conduct herself in a manner that fosters good sportsmanship, good fellowship, and respect for individual dignity. Each member is likewise responsible for the integrity of the venues at which we conduct our competitions and our business, and pledges by becoming a member to actively promote the best interests and traditions of the game of golf and the welfare of this Association.

2. Any conduct on the part of a member which is considered detrimental to the best interests of the game, the welfare of the WMGA, or is in contradiction to the objectives, Bylaws, rules, or other policies of the WMGA or the host club may subject the member to disciplinary action.
3. Such conduct will be brought to the attention of the Disciplinary Committee of the Board, consisting of the Vice President of Competitions, the Vice President of Public Relations and Outreach, and the Interclub Team Match Chairman. The Disciplinary Committee will review the conduct and recommend appropriate action to the Board. Pending Board approval of the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation, the member may not be permitted to participate in any WMGA competition. Upon Board approval of the Disciplinary Committee's recommendation, the member will be notified of the decision in writing and will be afforded the opportunity to appeal and submit in writing any information she deems relevant within seven (7) business days of the date the letter was received. The Board will review the appeal and render a decision within seven (7) business days from the receipt of the letter. The Board, in its sole discretion, may reprimand, suspend, or expel a member for just cause and its ultimate decision is final.

III. HANDICAPS

1. Handicaps must be computed in accordance with the current USGA Handicap System.
2. A player's Handicap Index will be adjusted in accordance with the Handicap Conversion Table into the appropriate handicap for the host club.
3. The official Handicap Season extends from Sunday, April 1 through Wednesday, October 31 with revisions effective on the first and fifteenth of each month. The final revision date is Thursday, November 1. Eligible winter scores with Course Ratings and Slope Ratings should be posted before the first local scores are entered into the handicap report.
4. All scores from WMGA tournaments, including Team Matches, **must** be posted into GHIN.

IV. COMPETITIONS

Tournament Entries

1. A player may submit only one entry per tournament using one of the following options: online registration (instructions on page 35), the entry forms (inserts in back of book) or a printable entry form from the WMGA website.
2. The tournament entry fee includes continental breakfast and lunch, the golf competition, and access to the range and practice area. Fees for cart rental and caddie will be paid for by the player at the tournament site.
3. Entries will be accepted starting April 1 and will close at 11:59 PM on the final entry date indicated for each tournament. If the field is not full, late entries may be considered by the Executive Director. Call the WMGA office for information.
4. After entries close, tournament information will be posted on the WMGA website and starting times will be emailed to players who have an email address on file. If the tournament is oversubscribed, the only notice that will be mailed or emailed will be to those on the waiting list.
5. **The field for a tournament is not selected on the basis of the order in which the entries are submitted.** If a tournament is not fully subscribed, all who enter will be in the field. If a tournament is oversubscribed, the following procedures will apply:
 - a) Met Am, Match Play, Stroke Play, or Senior “A” Championship – One-half of the field will be filled by entrants having the lowest Handicap Indexes and the remaining half will be selected by draw. Exceptions will be determined by the VP of Competitions.
 - b) One-Day Stroke Play A&B Events – The entire field will be selected by draw. Approximately 50% of the field will be selected from Class A and 50% from Class B. An entrant in contention for Player of the Year may be given priority.
 - c) All other WMGA tournaments – The entire field will be selected by draw.
 - d) A waiting list of entrants will be maintained for each

oversubscribed tournament. Each player on this list may, at the discretion of the Executive Director, receive priority for the next similar tournament. Such priority will not be given for the Match Play or Stroke Play Championship.

6. A team will be entered in a partner tournament as such. If one player is unable to participate, the team will be removed from the list of entrants. The available partner may select another partner and the new team will be placed at the bottom of the waiting list.

Tournament Cancellation & Refund Policies

1. Refunds after the tournament's closing date will only be considered if the tournament is oversubscribed or cancelled. Requests for refunds will only be accepted in writing and the amount of the refund, if any, may be reduced by tournament costs.
2. If you withdraw for any reason within 24 hours of your assigned starting time, you may be responsible for any caddie fees incurred by the WMGA.
3. If you need to cancel for any reason at any time, PLEASE contact the WMGA office immediately.

Handicap Regulations

1. Handicap limits will be as follows:
 - a) Class A Tournaments – USGA Handicap Index maximum of 14.0.
 - b) Class B Tournaments – USGA Handicap Index of 14.1 through 40.4.
2. A player may only enter a tournament for which her USGA Handicap Index - ON THE DAY ENTRIES CLOSE - makes her eligible. All entries are filed on the closing date. EXCEPTION: Players in the Mackie Memorial, the Myra D. Paterson, and the Sis Choate Pinehurst tournaments must fulfill Handicap Index requirements ON THE DAY OF PLAY.
3. If a subsequent handicap revision would make her ineligible for an event other than those noted in the preceding EXCEPTION, the player will not be required to withdraw,

and the following procedure will apply:

- a) In any Championship or One-Day Stroke Play Event, the player will be required to use the maximum allowable Index or her current Index whichever is lower. If the player's Index is lower than the minimum allowed for entry, she will not be eligible for a gross prize.

Tournament Rules

1. All play will be governed by USGA Rules, any Local Rules posted, and any Conditions of the Competition established.
2. There must be at least 20 players to constitute an official WMGA event.
3. "Distance-Measuring Devices: For all play during WMGA competitions including junior tournaments and Interclub Team Matches, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used."
4. Except in the Match Play Championship and Stroke Play Championship, a player may use a golf cart. A CADDIE MUST ALSO BE TAKEN, IF AVAILABLE. The player will be responsible for both cart and caddie fees.
5. Caddies will be assigned by the caddiemaster. A player may not bring her own caddie to any WMGA tournament. A player may not have the same caddie twice or request a specific caddie except for the finalists on the final day of the Match Play Championship.
6. A player or team who has been assigned a starting time must be present at that time and fully intend to complete the round. Withdrawal for reasons other than personal illness or family emergency within 24 hours of that assigned time, failure to submit a tournament score, or failure to play the second day of a two-day tournament may result

in disciplinary action, including suspension of the player or team from all WMGA events (Team Matches included) at the discretion of the Board. Further, regardless of the reason for withdrawal, the player or team may be responsible for any caddie fees incurred by the WMGA.

7. Proper golf attire must be worn at all WMGA events. No denim of any color, leggings, tank tops, warm-up suits, or sweat pants will be permitted. Under no circumstances will short shorts be allowed. Skorts and shorts must be Bermuda length, no more than 3" above the knee. If the regulations of a host club are more restrictive, the player must conform to the additional regulations. Non-compliance will result in mandatory withdrawal from the event.
8. Electronic communication devices **MUST** be turned off. They may not be used anywhere on club grounds, including the golf course and parking lot. Electronic communication devices may only be used in your car. If the club policy is more restrictive, all players and spectators **MUST** comply. Penalty for violation of this policy may result in disciplinary action.
9. All penalties, including penalties for pace of play, will be assessed in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf.
10. The WMGA Competitions Committee reserves the right to modify any of the rules in this book governing tournaments or tournament play.

Match Play Championship

1. The defending champion will be exempt from qualifying. If she elects to exercise this exemption, she must notify the office prior to the closing date of entry for the Championship. If, however, she elects to compete for the medalist prize, she must forfeit her automatic qualification and qualify on the same basis as all other competitors.
2. If the defending champion exercises her exemption described in #1, the fifteen lowest scores in the qualifying round will comprise the balance of the Championship Flight; otherwise the players posting the sixteen lowest scores will comprise the Championship Flight. The players posting the next sixteen lowest scores will constitute the Sanford Cup Flight.

3. Duplicate prizes will be awarded in the event of a tie for medalist. Only the medalist may be awarded more than one prize.
4. All matches will be eighteen holes, except the final of the Championship Flight, which will be thirty-six holes. All ties will be decided by an immediate hole-by-hole play-off. The first and second rounds of the Championship Flight and the Sanford Cup Flight will be played on the first day of match play.
5. Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, players may not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round.
6. Caddies will be assigned by the caddiemaster. A player may not have the same caddie or request a specific caddie except for the finalists on the final day.

Stroke Play Championship

1. This tournament is an aggregate of two stipulated rounds of eighteen holes played on consecutive days.
2. A tie for the Championship trophy will be resolved by an immediate 3-hole play-off on the host course followed, if necessary, by a sudden-death play-off. A tie for the net trophy will be decided by an immediate 3-hole play-off at 1/6th the Course Handicap, and, if necessary, a sudden-death play-off with strokes where they fall.
3. Unless otherwise permitted by the Committee, players may not use automotive transportation during a stipulated round.
4. A player may not have the same caddie or request a specific caddie.

Family Championships

1. Teams consisting of “in-laws” will not be eligible.
2. All entrants, including those who are not members of the WMGA, must provide a current GHIN number on their entry or play from scratch.
3. The family member who is not a member of the WMGA does not have to be the same handicap “class” as the member.

4. All competitions for family championships will be Pinehurst format.

Junior Tournaments

1. Junior Tournaments are open to any girl who has not reached her 19th birthday by midnight of the day of the event and has not started college.
2. All entry fees for Junior Tournaments include continental breakfast, lunch, and range balls for the competitor only.
3. A Junior must carry her own clubs or use a non-motorized pull cart. If a host golf club does not allow the use of non-motorized pull carts, the WMGA will abide by that rule and the Junior must carry her own clubs. The WMGA will not provide pull carts; the use of one comes at a player's own expense.
4. In addition to the WMGA Tournaments scheduled for Juniors, a Junior Member may be permitted to play in other WMGA events, provided she meets the Handicap Index requirement of the tournament. All Junior Member entries to non-Junior Tournaments are subject to review by the WMGA Junior Girls' Chairman, or her designee, who will take into consideration the Junior Member's pace of play, knowledge of the Rules of Golf, awareness of golf etiquette, and golf capability. Her decision is final.
5. The WMGA Junior Girls' Open Championship and the Maureen Orcutt Trophy Tournament are open to a non-WMGA member who meets the following criteria:
 - a) Must be under the age of 19 years;
 - b) Must be a resident of the Metropolitan area (Connecticut, New Jersey, or New York, within a 60-mile radius of Columbus Circle, New York City, or anywhere on Long Island).
6. All competitors and spectators must abide by the WMGA dress code and electronic communication devices policies.

V. AWARDS

1. Prizes and/or certificates will be awarded for major tournaments.

2. The number of certificates awarded will be based on the number of competitors in the field.
3. A player may receive only one prize or certificate in a tournament.
4. Prizes and certificates will be awarded in the following order: 1st Gross, 1st Net, 2nd Gross, 2nd Net, et. seq. The player will not have a choice should she qualify for both a gross and net award.
5. In non-trophy tournaments, there will be an equal distribution of certificate winnings for players who are tied. The results will be reported as “tied.”
6. It is the player’s responsibility to secure the prizes at the site or the WMGA office. Certificates will be mailed. No prizes will be mailed.
7. The winner of a trophy is responsible for its safekeeping while in her possession. She must return the trophy, engraved, cleaned, and polished, to the office no later than May 1 of the following tournament season.
8. The WMGA Player of the Year Award recognizes the member who competed in at least four WMGA tournaments and earned the most points in designated events during the season. The point system approved by the Board will be on file in the WMGA office and the final decision of the Player of the Year Award rests solely with the WMGA Board of Directors.
9. The Lann Trophy will be awarded to the member who had the season’s lowest 18-hole gross score for a WMGA stroke play round. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by taking into account the difference between the USGA Course Rating and the score returned.
10. The Board of Directors Cup will be awarded to the Class B member who had the season’s lowest 18-hole gross score for a WMGA stroke play round. In case of a tie, the winner will be determined by taking into account the difference between the USGA Course Rating and the score returned.
11. The Player of the Year Trophy, the Lann Trophy, the Board of Directors Cup, the Judy Bell Award, and prizes for holes-in-one made during the year will be awarded at

the Annual Meeting.

VI. INTERDISTRICT TEAM COMPETITIONS

1. The Golf Illustrated and the Myra D. Paterson competitions will be matches among teams of ten players from each of the three WMGA districts. The Golf Illustrated team will be chosen by the Team Captains from among the members with the lowest USGA Handicap Indexes in their districts. The Myra D. Paterson team will be chosen by the Team Captains from among the members with the lowest USGA Handicap Indexes of 14.1 and above in their districts.
2. The tournament site will rotate annually among the districts.
3. The Team Captains will select the teams and determine the positions of the players.
4. A player belonging to two Member Clubs may only represent the district in which she played during Interclub Team Matches.
5. The Team Captains will submit their line-up one-half hour before the start of play to the tournament officials who will then post the line-up. A team is expected to be fully assembled and each player is expected to be ready to tee off at her designated time. If a player is late, her position is forfeited in that numbered slot. Players do NOT move up, defaulting the last position, as in Interclub Team Matches.
6. The format will be a Three-Ball Match Play competition. Matches will be eighteen holes, scoring one point for the first nine holes, one point for the second nine holes and one point for the eighteen holes. In the event of a tie for any point, each player will receive one-half point.
7. The team winning the most points will be declared the winner and will have its name and the date of competition engraved on the trophy. The Captain of the winning team is responsible for the engraving and safekeeping of the trophy until the matches are played the following year.
8. In case of a tie for either competition, the tied teams will have their names engraved on the trophy and each Team

Captain is responsible for the trophy for a proportionate part of the year.

VII. INTERCITY TEAM MATCHES

1. The Griscom Cup and Junior Intercity competitions will be Three-Ball Match Play competitions among teams of eight players (five for Junior Intercity) from the Women's Metropolitan Golf Association, the Women's Golf Association of Massachusetts, and the Women's Golf Association of Philadelphia.
2. The three Associations jointly will prescribe the rules for the competitions.
3. The top five players from the immediately preceding year's Player of the Year standings, who are available to play, and four other captain's choices will comprise the Griscom Cup team to be presented to the WMGA Board for approval.
4. The Junior Chairman will recommend the five players for the Junior Intercity team, subject to approval by the WMGA Board.

VIII. INTERCLUB TEAM MATCHES

General

1. The Interclub Team Committee will consist of one Board member, who will serve as Chairman, and one Board member from each of the three districts who will serve as District Captains.
2. Rules and schedules for play will be formulated by the Interclub Team Committee, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors.
3. A team will consist of five players and alternates, and a Member Club may enter no more than two teams.
4. A series will consist of six teams and there will be no limit to the number of series. Any vacancies in a series occurring prior to the completion of the schedule for the current year will be filled by moving up teams in the order of their standings at the end of the previous year. The last series must have a minimum of four teams, but no more than six.

5. Five initial matches will be played on successive Tuesdays and Thursdays commencing at the end of April or in the beginning of May. Such dates will be determined by the Interclub Team Committee with Board approval.
6. Whenever possible, matches will not be scheduled at the club of the team that is in first position in its series, nor will that team play any other team on its home course. In the case of Series 1, this procedure will be mandatory. However, if two teams from the same club are in the same series, they will play each other on their home course.
7. The winner of each series and the team in sixth place in the series directly above will compete in a Challenge Round. The result will determine their standings for the following year.
8. The winner of the first series in each district will compete in the Interdistrict Play-Off. The team winning the most points becomes the Champion team, and its club will hold the Founders Trophy for one year.
9. At the discretion of the Board of Directors, a team may be disqualified for refusal to comply with the rules or with decisions of the Interclub Team Committee.
10. Proper golf attire must be worn at all Team Matches. No denim of any color, leggings, tank tops, warm-up suits, or sweat pants will be permitted. Under no circumstances will short shorts be allowed. Skorts and shorts must be Bermuda length, no more than 3" above the knee. If the regulations of a host club are more restrictive, the player must conform to the additional regulations. Non-compliance will result in mandatory withdrawal from the event.
11. Protests of any kind will be made in writing to the Chairman of the Interclub Team Committee.

Procedure For Entering Teams

1. A Member Club wishing to enter a new team or a second team must state its intentions in writing to the Interclub Team Chairman no later than September 1.
2. A Member Club must submit by the deadline a list of players in the order in which they will play the Team Matches. After this date, any additions or changes must meet the

requirements listed on page 25, #2 c, d, and e, and be submitted in writing to the District Captain before April 1.

- a) It shall be the responsibility of the Met Rep and Team Captain that their players must be listed in ascending order of their USGA Handicap Index as of the previous season's final revision date. The order of players with the same USGA Handicap Index will be listed at the discretion of the Team Captain.
 - b) There will be no limit to the number of substitutes that may be listed.
3. A Member Club entering a new team must list a minimum of seven players.
 4. A Member Club entering two teams must list a minimum of fourteen players each year. The first five players will be considered the First Team and the next five players the Second Team.

Eligibility Rules for Teams and Players

1. A Member Club entering a team must be prepared to:
 - a) grant one of the scheduled team match or challenge round days for each team it has entered;
 - b) grant one Tuesday and one Thursday if it has entered two teams;
 - c) approve a time of 8:30 A.M. for the start of matches on its scheduled day(s);
 - d) grant a separate starting time for each two-ball match; and
 - e) annually pay Club Membership dues of \$200, prior to April 1.
2. The following members, including Junior Members with an 18 hole Handicap index of 23.0 or under, are eligible to compete in team matches:
 - a) Current WMGA members with a USGA Handicap Index based on the final revision from the previous season who renew their memberships by November 18.
 - b) New members to the WMGA who pay membership dues by November 18.
 - c) A player who joins a Member Club after November

18, meets the WMGA Team Match eligibility requirements, and has paid her WMGA membership dues by April 1.

- d) Current WMGA members who change clubs by April 1.
 - e) Inactive WMGA members who are reinstated to Renewing Membership by April 1.
3. A player belonging to two clubs may represent only one club in the matches each year.

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General

1. Matches will be eighteen holes, scoring one point for the first nine holes, one point for the second nine holes, and one point for the eighteen holes. In the event of a tie for any point, each player will receive one-half point. All matches will be single matches.
2. USGA Rules will govern all play. "Preferred Lies," if posted, will be as follows:

"A ball lying on a closely mown area through the green may be lifted, without penalty, and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, he must place it on a spot within (to be posted) of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. A player may place his ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it is placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, he incurs a penalty of one stroke."

3. A Series Captain, who will be appointed by the District Captain, will be responsible for:
 - a) posting applicable Local Rules prior to the start of matches;
 - b) seeing that the results are properly recorded and at-

- tested;
 - c) interpreting the rules; and
 - d) referring any disputes concerning the rules to the District Captain.
4. Each team will have a Captain who will be responsible for:
- a) the selection of the team;
 - b) the correct listing of the players prior to the start of each match;
 - c) having the players at the scheduled course ready to play; and
 - d) attesting the score sheet after all the results for the team have been entered.
5. All players should be familiar with the USGA Rules of Golf and the WMGA Rules for Team Matches.

Day of Play - Team

6. Players must play in the order in which they were listed as provided in "Procedure for Entering Teams," page 24, #2
- a. A player who plays in any position other than the one for which she is eligible will forfeit three points to the other team.
7. A team that competes with any players out of order more than once in any season will be placed at the bottom of its series and treated as if it had lost the Challenge Round. It will forfeit all previously won points, and each opposing team in the series will receive fifteen points.
8. A team should be fully assembled and ready to tee off at its scheduled starting time. Each player must be present and ready to tee off at her scheduled time. If a player arrives, ready to play, within 5 minutes after her scheduled starting time, she loses the first hole and the match will continue from the second tee. If a player arrives later than 5 minutes after her original starting time or is not ready to play within 5 minutes of her original starting time, she is disqualified, and her team must default the last match scheduled. All players on the opposing team who have not teed off will **shift down** one tee time, with the final

(now unopposed) player winning by default. In order to win by default, an unopposed player must be ready to play on time; otherwise, neither side wins any points in that match. Telephone calls to the match site do not excuse a player from this rule.

Day of Play - Individual Player

9. If a player withdraws from a match before its completion, any points she has won will be credited to her and any remaining points will go to her opponent.
10. There will be no agreement to discontinue play and split unearned points. Players who do so will be subject to disqualification for a period to be determined by the Interclub Team Committee.
11. A player may use a golf cart. In addition, a caddie must also be taken, if available, and will be assigned by the caddiemaster. The player may be responsible for both cart and caddie fees at the discretion of the host club.

Day of Play - Sanctions and Penalties for Regular and Rescheduled Team Matches

12. If a team appears with less than five players who fully intend to complete the round, her team must move up its players in the lineup and default the last position (s). In addition to losing the defaulted points, the team playing short will be penalized one point from their total. The one point penalty for playing short will be deducted from the total points of the penalized team for that match day and on each match day that such penalty occurs.
13. A team that appears with fewer than three players will be disqualified from competing during the remainder of the current season and will be placed at the bottom of its series and treated as if it lost the challenge. The team will forfeit all previously won points and each opposing team in the series will receive fifteen points. No variation of this rule will be permitted.
14. If an entire team fails to appear, the entire team will be disqualified from competing during the remainder of the current season and will be placed at the bottom of the last series behind any waiting teams from the previous year.

The team will forfeit all previously won points and each opposing team in the series will receive fifteen points. No variation of this rule will be permitted.

15. If a team appears with fewer than five players for the majority of its matches, it will be given an official warning. If the team persists in playing short in the majority of its matches for a second consecutive year, it will be disqualified. It may then enter as a new team at the bottom of the last series, behind any waiting team(s) from the previous year.

Withdrawal of Team

16. If a team withdraws after the completion of scheduling or during the matches, each opposing team in the series will receive fifteen points; earned points will be forfeited. The team that withdraws will be placed at the bottom of the last series behind any waiting team(s) from the previous year.
17. A team withdrawing before or during team matches for two consecutive years will be prohibited from entering a team for the following year. It may then enter as a new team at the bottom of the last series, behind any waiting team(s) from the previous year.

Delay or Cancellation of Play

18. There will be no cancellation of play unless there is an electrical storm or the course is deemed unplayable by the host club. If the host club is agreeable, play may be delayed until later in the day.
19. When a course is deemed unplayable, the Series Captain will arrange with the host club for another day. In the event the club is unable to grant another day before the scheduled Challenge Rounds, a neutral course will be obtained.
20. If the course is deemed unplayable before the matches are scheduled to begin and remains unplayable, an incomplete team will not be penalized. If the course is reopened, a team must have a minimum of three players ready to play, with the intention of completing the round; otherwise, that team will be penalized in accordance with "Rules for Matches," page 27, #13 or #14.

21. If play is suspended after a match has begun, the match will be resumed from where it was discontinued only if resumption occurs on the same day.
22. If play is cancelled, those matches that have been completed will count. A match which is won by default or concession is deemed to be a completed match. All others will be rescheduled.
23. When a club has two teams, if one team completes its matches on a given day and the other team's matches are rescheduled, those players who completed matches are ineligible to compete on the rescheduled team's roster.
24. To determine the correct order of play and eligibility for Clubs with two teams when one of the regularly scheduled matches is cancelled: In the event the first team has a makeup match and the second team has completed their match, the first team will consist of players who have not already competed in this match and whose position on the FTEF is less than the first player on the second team and whose position on the FTEF is greater than the fifth player. For example, at Match 3, second team players #7, 8, 10, 11, and 13 competed. When the first team reschedules their match, they may ask players #1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 14, 15, 16, etc. up to the last player listed on the FTEF. In the event the second team has the makeup match and the first team has completed their match, the second team will consist of players who have not already competed in the match and whose position on the FTEF is greater than the player in the fifth position who competed on the first team. For example, at Match 5, if the first team plays with #1, 2, 4, 5, 6, then the second team may play with players #7, 8, 9, 10 up to the last person listed on the FTEF.

Ties for Series Position

25. FOR ALL POSITIONS IN ALL SERIES (EXCEPT IN SERIES 1, FIRST POSITION): If two teams tie for a position in a series, the team winning the most points when those teams played each other will be placed in the higher position in the series for the following year. If two teams tied when they played, or if more than two teams tie for a position in a series, standings for the following year will

be determined based upon each team's TOTAL BACK 9 POINTS when those teams played each other. If teams continue to be tied, the POINT TOTAL of the players in the 5th position for each team will be compared. If still tied, the POINT TOTAL of the players in the 4th position for each team will be compared and so on, until the tie is broken.

26. In the case of more than two teams tying, ties are to be broken by the Competitions Committee.

27. TIES FOR FIRST POSITION IN SERIES 1:

A date and a neutral course will be designated for an eighteen hole play-off. In case of teams still tied at the end of eighteen holes, a sudden-death play-off will take place, as described on page 32, "Interdistrict Play-Off." Eligibility will be as set forth in "Challenge Rounds and Interdistrict Play-Off," pages 30 and 31, #1 and #2.

CHALLENGE ROUNDS AND INTERDISTRICT PLAY-OFF

Eligibility

1. Clubs having one team:

- a) The first five listed players must have competed in at least two of the current season's regular matches. All other listed players are eligible, even if they have not played in any regular matches.
- b) In case of a short series, the first five listed players must have competed in at least one of the current season's regular matches. All other listed players are eligible, even if they have not played in any regular matches.

2. Clubs having two teams:

- a) For the First Team: The first five listed players must have competed in at least two of the current season's regular matches. All other listed players are eligible, even if they have not played in any regular matches.
- b) For the Second Team: The second five listed players must have competed in at least two of the current season's regular matches, at least one of which must have been for the Second Team. The remaining listed players are eligible even if they have not played in any

regular matches.

- c) In the case of a short series, the second five listed players must have competed in at least one of the current season's regular matches for the Second Team. The remaining listed players are eligible, even if they have not played in any regular matches.
- d) A player may compete in only one challenge round.
- e) For the purposes of determining the correct order of play when a club has two teams:

If the first four players and the seventh player compete in the challenge round for the First Team, the Second Team must start with the eighth player listed on their FTEF.

3. A waiting team that is unable to field a full team for its play-off will not be permitted to participate in the team matches for the next season.

Challenge Rounds

1. These will be eighteen hole matches played on a neutral course. In the case of a tie, the teams will retain their present standings.
2. If one team is waiting to join the Interclub Team Matches, that team may challenge the last team of the last series on the day of the Challenge Rounds. If there is more than one team waiting to join, a two-or three-way match will be held on the first or second day of the Interclub Team Matches to determine which team will challenge the last team in the last series. Ties will be decided by a sudden-death play-off as described below in Interdistrict Play-off.

Penalties

Any team that competes with players out of designated order will be treated as if it lost its challenge. Any team that fails to appear for its Challenge Round or that appears with less than three players will forfeit the challenge and be ineligible for challenging "up" the following year. While that team may not challenge above, they may be challenged from "below" if they have finished in last place in the series. If a team fails to appear for a Challenge Round or that appears with less than three players

for two consecutive years, they will be placed at the bottom of the last series behind any waiting teams from the previous year.

Interdistrict Play-Off

This will be an eighteen hole Three-Ball Match Play competition on a neutral course. The neutral course will be chosen from the three districts on a rotating basis. In the case of a tie, the teams who are tied will have a sudden-death play-off. A time for start of the play-off will be designated by the Interclub Team Match Chairman. Each position will play one hole. If a team is ahead after the first hole, it is deemed to be the winner. If the teams are still tied, play will be continued by the entire team, one hole at a time, until the tie is broken.

NOTE: A specific request for an exception to any Interclub Team Match rule must be made in writing to the Interclub Team Match Chairman.

IX. HOLD HARMLESS & PHOTOGRAPHIC POLICIES

1. Tournament participants agree to hold the WMGA, its agents, servants, and employees, harmless and free from all claims, demands, and liabilities arising out of any loss, damage, or injury suffered by said member in connection with any tournament entered.
2. The WMGA reserves the right to photograph participants in and at WMGA events. These photos may be used in conjunction with WMGA promotions including promotional materials, publications and/or the WMGA website.