

# **NEWGA LADIES TOURNAMENT AND TEAM PLAY RULES**

**(1936 – 2018)**

## **Article 1. General Rules**

### **Section A. Notification of Tournaments.**

The President or Secretary shall inform the officers of the Wisconsin State Golf Association and Northeastern Wisconsin Golf Association (NEWGA) of the exact dates and locations of the NEWGA Ladies sponsored events.

### **Section B. Notification by Tournament Director.**

The Tournament Director shall notify each club via email or mail to the NEWGA Ladies Representative at least four (4) weeks in advance of the date of events and other pertinent data.

### **Section C. Responsibilities of Tournament Director.**

The Tournament Director shall be responsible for the cover letter, entry forms, and motel information for all tournaments.

### **Section D. Responsibilities of Host Club NEWGA Representative.**

1. The NEWGA Club Representative will serve as a contact person with the Club Pro and Tournament Director.
2. The Club Pro or NEWGA Club Representative shall provide each team with local rules.

### **Section E. Practice Rounds.**

There are no designated practice dates. Practice rounds and fees must be arranged personally with the host club.

## **ARTICLE II. ELIGIBILITY.**

### Section A. NEWGA Membership, Club Members, and Age Requirements.

1. See “NEWGA LADIES Constitution: Article III. Membership”.
2. “No Shows” may forfeit the right to participate in the same tournament the following year.

### Section B. Handicapping.

Member clubs shall use the USGA method of handicapping; the maximum allowable handicap index is 35.2.

1. NEWGA Reps must check cards for current handicap and a minimum of ten (10) scores posted during the past 12 months.
2. At all Tournaments, the Ladies will play with 90 % of their handicap after conversion.

### Section C. Board Members and NEWGA Representatives.

Members of the Board of Directors and NEWGA Representatives do not have to qualify to participate in a NEWGA Ladies tournament or event.

### Section D. Executive Members.

Members of the Executive Committee are exempt from quotas.

## **ARTICLE III. ENTRY FEES.**

### Section A. Entry Forms.

All entries shall be sent to the Tournament Director and shall include an entry fee and the current USGA Index or a copy of the current handicap card for each individual listed. Contestants must enter the tournament through their NEWGA Ladies Representative.

### Section B. Individual Entry.

An individual entry fee shall be under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee, payable with entry form and not refundable after the posted deadline date, unless an emergency exists.

1. The Executive Committee shall consider each emergency individually at the Fall Meeting.
2. Only the Executive Committee is authorized to give refunds after the posted deadline date.

**Section C. Fiscal Responsibilities.**

All tournaments shall be financially self-sustaining.

**ARTICLE IV. RULES COMMITTEE.**

**Section A. Rules Committee Members.**

The Rules Committee shall consist of the local Tournament Rules Chairperson or Pro; NEWGA Ladies Vice-President, the NEWGA Ladies Tournament Director, and/or members of the Executive Committee.

**Section B. Governing Body.**

The USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play.

**Section C. Miscellaneous Guidelines.**

GPS Rangefinders are allowed in all NEWGA Ladies tournaments. Cell phones need to be shut off with the exception to call the Pro Shop to report slow play (9/26/11). You will receive a verbal reminder prior to the start of the tournament to turn off. (09/21/17). First infraction will receive a two stroke penalty; second infraction on the same tournament day will result in disqualification (09/30/08).

**Section D. Slow Play Guidelines.**

1. A player may use her cell phone to call the Pro Shop if play is slow and a hole(s) is empty ahead of the group they are following (09/26/11)
2. Pro Shop will send someone out with a "First Warning" to the slow team (09/26/11)
3. If a second call occurs concerning that same slow team, that team will have to step aside and let group(s) through that may be held up by them (09/26/11)

**Section E. Dress Code.**

Appropriate golf attire must be worn during play. NO halter tops, jeans or denims, short shorts, or metal spikes.

## ARTICLE V. PRO LADIES

### Section A. Guidelines for the NEWGA Pro Ladies Tournament.

1. Follow NEWGA Ladies Tournament Rules.
2. This 18-hole event is held the last Friday in May or first Friday in June, depending on the Memorial Day celebration.
3. The field will be limited to 32 teams. If cuts are necessary, preference will be given to previous years' participation in the tournament involved and then followed by attendance in other NEWGA tournaments.
4. Each team shall consist of one Pro and three ladies, using the two best balls of the foursome.
  - a. **the "Pro" may consist of a PGA Pro, Assistant Pro, or any NEWGA Club employee (09/26/16)**
  - b. **all "Pros" play with a 0 handicap; Lady Pros play from the red tees (09/26/16)**
  - c. each Club is entitled to at least 2 teams (09/26/16)
  - d) to be eligible for the traveling plaque, all team members must be from the same club
5. The entry fee shall be set by the NEWGA Ladies Tournament Director
  - a) approximately \$50.00 is set aside to cover any unexpected expenses that might occur
  - b) entry fee includes golf, cart, hors d'oeuvres served at the conclusion of play, and prizes
6. Team prizes: Pros paid in cash for Low Medalist. Amateurs in the Pro position (09/21/17) and ladies paid in Pro Shop credit.

## **ARTICLE VI. SENIORS**

### **Section A. Guidelines for the NEWGA Seniors Tournament.**

1. Follow NEWGA Ladies Tournament Rules.
2. This shall be an 18-hole stroke play tournament held the latter part of June. Prizes will be awarded in Pro Shop credit for:
  - a) overall low gross and overall low net; NO DUPLICATE WINNERS IN GROSS OR NET
  - b) overall best ball foursome
  - c) low gross and low net in each flight which is grouped by age; number of places awarded for low net in each flight decided by Tournament Director
  - d) senior senior
3. Ties are broken for overall low gross and overall low net champions by going back to the number one handicap hole on the scorecard, if tie still exists, continue with the next hardest handicap hole, etc. All other ties will also be broken by using the number one handicap hole on the scorecard, if ties still exist, continue as above.
4. Entrants shall be 50 years of age on or before the tournament date.
5. The field shall be limited to 144 participants. If cuts need to be made, the youngest shall be cut first.
6. The entry fee shall be set by the NEWGA Ladies Tournament Director and includes golf, cart, dinner, and prizes.

## **ARTICLE VII. RYDER CUP**

**Section A. Ryder Cup replaces Eclectic Tournament (09/26/16)**

### **Section B. Guidelines for the Ryder Cup Tournament**

1. Follow NEWGA Ladies Tournament Rules.
2. The NEWGA Ladies Ryder Cup is an all-day event held in August. The team players do not have to be from the same club.
3. The format will be equal holes: best ball, alternate shot, and scramble format.
4. Gross and Net divisions. Handicaps (90%) will be used on the total score for net.
5. The entry fee shall be set by the Tournament Director and includes golf, cart, lunch, and prizes.

## **ARTICLE VIII. BEST BALL.**

### **Section A. Guidelines for the Best Ball Tournament.**

1. Follow NEWGA Ladies Tournament Rules.
2. The NEWGA Ladies Best Ball Tournament shall be held in September. It will be a two-day, two ladies team event, one best ball of two.
3. The maximum field is 72 teams or 144 players. Each club may field three (3) teams. A team may consist of players from different NEWGA clubs.
4. The entry fee shall be set by the NEWGA Ladies Tournament Director and includes 2 days of golf, 2 days of cart, buffet lunch/or dinner on Monday and Tuesday, and prizes.
5. If a tie is for first place of the overall low net winners, a “sudden death” play-off determines the winner.
6. The overall low net winners shall receive a traveling trophy.

- a) the Tournament Low Net Champions shall be presented the Championship Trophy
  - b) the trophy is the property of the Association and is to be held by the winners for their winning year
  - c) the winners shall have the trophy engraved and the bill sent to the NEWGA Treasurer
7. Prizes will also be given to overall low gross champions and low net winners in each flight.

## **ARTICLE IX. TEAM PLAY RULES.**

### **Section A. Guidelines for Inter-Club Team Play Rules.**

1. Rules Committee Members are: local Team Play Rules Chairperson or Pro, NEWGA Ladies Vice-President, and NEWGA Ladies Team Play Director.
  2. USGA Match-Play Rules shall govern. Each team shall be composed of four players.
  3. The Executive Committee shall determine the Northern and Southern Division.
  4. There will be a maximum of 26 teams in each division. Each member club is entitled to field two teams. A club wishing to field a new third team may do so only if this does not result in producing an uneven number of teams (09/27/2010). Team play directors will determine limitations in case there are too many or an uneven number of teams. The club that has had 3 or more teams for the longest period of time will be the first club that has to cut.
  5. Captains shall receive all team play correspondence from the club's NEWGA Ladies Representative. Responsibilities of the captain are:
    - a. email your 4 player's first and last names (09/26/16) and indexes to the host club on the Friday prior to competition (Northern Division – 05/07/2012; Southern Division – 05/02/2011). Team Play Director will provide info regarding the host Club's choice of format
- (1) list your lowest handicap player as No. 1; your second lowest handicap player as No. 2, etc.

(2) make out one check for your team's entry fee at each site

b) after completion of matches, report to the scorer's table with your scorecards and with the captain of the opposing team with her scorecards and have the NEWGA TEAM PLAY SHEET (blue sheet) completed using first and last names (09/26/16)

(1) fill out the NEWGA TEAM PLAY sheet which includes Best Ball scores for players 1 & 2 and 3 & 4, both teams need to list the points earned by each team player and their opponent

(2) need your team's total points as well as your opponent's total team points; captains need only to sign this sheet

6. Clubs with two or more teams may use the same substitutes on any team, but a regular player of a team may not be used as a sub for another team or in the final division play-off match.
7. In case of an emergency, a substitute may be used with a higher index than 35.2 but must play to a 35.2 index (10/04/2004).
8. Four dates of play shall be scheduled during the summer. It is recommended that two be played in June and two be played in July.
9. A team should not have to play a home team more than one time during the year.
10. Each hostess NEWGA Representative shall notify club members and the governing board that the travel teams shall use the course on a specified date/time and will conclude with the completion of 18 holes by all teams.
11. Carts will be mandatory for team play.
12. Entry fee for each team will be established by the NEWGA Board of Directors on a yearly basis. The fee will cover the cost of prizes for each match plus the year end prizes. No entry fee shall be returned after the schedule is made up. Team Entry Fee for 2018 is \$60/person or \$240/team. (9/21/15)
13. Starting time will be at the discretion of the hosting club. It will be a shotgun start.
14. Scoring will be an 18-hole match play event. One point for each hole won, one-half point for each hole tied. There shall be a maximum of 72 points per team play match.
  - a) once a hole has been decided, the opponent shall pick up unless her ball is being used for the best ball score



b) **If a player** is injured during the match and cannot continue play or does not complete play, she will be awarded the points she has earned thus far. The opponent must complete the round to earn the remaining points but she will play the ensuing holes using Points vs. Par and will use a 110% handicap on those holes. (09/26/16)

15. **If a team is late:** their opponents shall start playing on assigned tees, continuing play in regular order without asking to play through until joined by the late team on the tee box of the next hole to be played. Each

hole played without opponents shall be counted as a win for that player, one point per hole, not to exceed 10 points per player.

16. **Forfeits:** If a club does not have a full team of players for a scheduled match, the opponent(s) will play the match using Points vs. Par and they will use the 110% Handicap Chart. Scoring is: tie par = ½ point; beat par = 1 point. One must play the entire 18 holes to collect the points earned. (05/04/2015) (09/21/2015).

a) the forfeiting player receives no points

b) if an entire team does not show up it will be at the Board's discretion to determine if said team is allowed to participate the following year (09/28/2009)

c) if a player is missing at team play and no substitute is available, the open play would be where the missing player would fall by handicap

d) players will play the best ball and a blind draw from another team will be made by Team Play Director prior to play for any missing player(s) (09/21/2015)

e) **Absent player(s) must pay lunch and cart fees**

17. **Slow Play Guidelines.**

a) a player may use her cell phone to call the Pro Shop if play is slow and a hole(s) is empty ahead of the group they are following (09/26/11)

b) Pro Shop will send someone out with a "First Warning" to the slow team (09/26/11)

c) if a second call occurs concerning that same slow team, that team will have to step aside and let group(s) through that may be held up by them (09/26/11)

18. Event of the Day: Best Ball. Each foursome will play a Best Ball event in addition to the play for team points. Each foursome shall consist of two players from one team and two players from the opposing team.

a) prizes for the Best Ball event will be redeemed at the host Pro Shop

(1) prize monies will be divided equally into the Player 1/2 division and the Player 3/4 division

b) ties for Best Ball: when there are ties, the money will be added together and divided evenly. If several teams are tied for last place and the pay out is minimal, the tie will be broken by using the number one (1) Handicap Hole

19. End of the Season: prizes and ties in each division.

a. if there are 2 teams tied for first place in a division– first place teams shall play a sudden death match-play playoff on the last day of the team play event

1. sudden death starting on Hole 1/Hole 10 dependent on course discretion

2. team is comprised of players that played that day; see Forfeits if unable to field a complete team

3. cell phones will be used to confirm points earned after each hole completed until a team has won; Director appoints person (s) to report scores to her

b. if there are 3 or more teams tied for first place in a division, first place teams shall have a 3 hole stroke-play total net playoff (09/26/16)

(1) the playoff starting on Hole 1/Hole 10 dependent on course discretion

(2) team is comprised of players that played that day; see Forfeits if unable to field a complete team

c) if they are still tied after the 3 holes, there will be a scorecard playoff

c. prizes – the end of the season monetary prizes shall be awarded to the top three (3) teams based on the total number of match play points accrued from all playdates

d) end of the season monetary prizes for the Northern and Southern Division winners shall be presented by the Team Play Directors at the Fall NEWGA Meeting

20. Divisional play-off: Northern vs. Southern first place team.

a) date to be set by Northern and Southern Team Play Directors

b) play-off shall be scheduled on a neutral course; not be a course that was scheduled for play in either Division for that year; may use a reciprocal course affiliated with either winner

c) divisional play-off course sites rotates between divisions each year;  
Southern Division will host in 2018

d) divisional play-off winning team will receive \$200 (09/27/2010) and a traveling plaque engraved with the club name and the individual team play members

New for 2018:

The Tournament Director will add the duty of handling the Ryder Cup, a NEWGA sponsored tournament, as part of her responsibility. (09/21/17)

The Amateur will be both an individual low gross and low net tournament. (09/21/17) The Low Gross Champion is the NEWGA Amateur Champion. This tournament will run simultaneously with the Best Ball as done in 2017.

2017 new changes were:

Pro-Ladies Tournament. See guidelines for the “Pro”. Each Club will be given the opportunity to have 2 teams; Clubs will then be given the opportunity to have more teams on a first come-first serve basis until the field is filled. (See Article V. pp. 4)

Ryder Cup Replaces the Amateur-Eclectic Tournament. (See Article VII. pp. 5-6)

Captains will be required to list the first and last names of their team members for Team Play on all their correspondence. Use on the emails to the host club and when filling out the Team Play Sheet. (See Article IX. pp. 7-8)

Team Play Injuries. Points vs. Par and the 110% handicap chart will be used for any remaining holes not played if your opponent is injured during your match. (See Article IX. 14 b. pp. 9)

Continuing for 2017. Forfeits. We will be using Points vs. Par and the 110% handicap chart for Match Play if your opponent does not show in Team Play.

End of the Season Ties. Format to be used if there are 3 or more teams tied for first place in a division. (See Article IX. 19b. pp. 11)

Updates for 2017, 2016, 2015, 2012: by Sandy Dzikoski, NEWGA Ladies’ Past President, Stevens Point Country Club

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