

NEWGA Ladies Tournaments and Team Play

Rules/Information

ARTICLE 1. GENERAL RULES - applies to all NEWGA Ladies Tournaments and Team Play ("Events")

Section A. Notification of Events

The President or Secretary shall inform the officers of Northeastern Wisconsin Golf Association ("NEWGA") of the exact dates and locations for all NEWGA Ladies-sponsored Events.

Section B. Eligibility for participation in any NEWGA Ladies events

1. Refer to the documentation for the NEWGA Ladies Constitution, Article III, Membership, for details on participation eligibility.
2. "No Shows" may forfeit the right to participate in the same Event the following year.
3. Members of the NEWGA Ladies Board of Directors and NEWGA Representatives do not have to qualify to participate in a NEWGA Ladies Tournament or Team Play.
4. Members of the Executive Committee are exempt from quotas for any Event.

Section C. Handicapping

Host member clubs shall use the USGA method of handicapping with the maximum allowable handicap index of 35.2.

1. Registration for events should include the current GHIN number and Index.
2. NEWGA Reps must verify that current handicaps are accurate and that each player has a minimum of ten (10) scores posted within the prior 12 months of the event date. This requirement may be waived for medical exceptions.
3. At all Events (except the Solheim Cup Tournament), Ladies will play with 90% of their handicap after conversion.

Section D. Responsibilities of Host Club NEWGA Representative

The NEWGA Club Representative ("Rep") will serve as a contact person with their club's Golf Professional ("Golf Pro) and respective Tournament or Team Play Director for events hosted at their club.

Section E. Rules Committee Members

See the documentation for NEWGA Ladies Constitution, Article IX, Section C.

Section F. Governing Body

The USGA Rules of Golf shall govern all play.

Section G. Miscellaneous Guidelines

GPS Rangefinders are allowed in all Events. Cell phones need to be silenced, except for calling the host club's Golf Shop to report slow play. Players will receive a verbal reminder before the start of the Tournament to silence their cell phones.

Section H. Slow Play Guidelines

A player may call the Golf Shop if play is slow and a hole is empty ahead of the group they are following.

1. Golf Shop will send someone out with a "First Warning" to the slow team.
2. 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.

Section I. Dress Code

Appropriate golf attire must be worn during play. It is expected that NEWGA members will dress in a fashion befitting the surroundings and atmosphere provided in a golf or country club setting.

Section J. Music

1. Players may listen to music if it is unrelated to the competition. Players should show consideration to others by not disturbing the play of other NEWGA members, club guests, and staff.
2. Listening to music, or audio, with earbuds or headphones, either to block out distractions or to help with swing tempo, is not allowed.

Section K. Carts

Carts are mandatory for all play.

Section L. Prizes

All amateur prizes are awarded in Golf shop credit, except for WIAA High School students, who may not accept anything of value for playing in any Event. The exception to this is if the student does not wish to play any sports in high school.

ARTICLE 2. TOURNAMENT SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Section A. Notification of Tournaments and Practice Rounds

1. The NEWGA Ladies Tournament Director (“Tournament Director”) shall notify each club via email to each Rep and Golf Pro with the date of events and other pertinent data, at least eight (8) weeks in advance of the Tournament. Final headcount will be provided to the Golf Pro in advance of the Tournament.
2. The Tournament Director shall be responsible for the cover letter, entry forms, managing registration, payment to the host club, and other pertinent information for all Tournaments.
3. There are no designated practice round dates for Tournaments. Practice rounds and fees must be arranged separately by the players with the host club.
4. If a player picks up their ball, they must record that hole with an “X”.

Section B. Entry Fees and Refunds

1. All entries shall be sent to the Tournament Director and shall include an entry fee and the current GHIN number and index for each player listed.
2. An individual entry fee shall be under the jurisdiction of the Executive Committee, payable with the entry form and not refundable after the posted deadline date, unless in case of an emergency. In such an event, the Executive Committee shall review and approve any refund.

Section C. Fiscal Responsibilities

Ideally, all Events shall be financially self-sustaining.

ARTICLE 2.1. PRO LADIES TOURNAMENT

Section A. Guidelines

1. This 18-hole event is typically held before Memorial Day.
2. Each team shall consist of one Golf Pro and three ladies.
 - a. The Golf Pro may consist of a PGA Pro, Assistant Pro, or any NEWGA Club employee.
 - b. All Golf Pros play with a 0 handicap.
 - c. Three sets of tees will be used (determined by the Tournament Director and Pro). The most forward tees for NEWGA ladies, middle tees for Women Golf Pros, and back tees for Men Golf Pros.
3. The size of the field will be based on the host club's capacity.

- a. Each NEWGA club is entitled to at least 1 team.
 - b. Priority for additional teams will be given based on the date of registration and payment from each club.
 - c. The Tournament Director will establish a waiting list for any entries from the same club with a second, third, or more teams. Based upon availability and the order on the waiting list, the Tournament Director will notify teams at least two weeks in advance of the event if there is an opening for them. (Notice may be later if there are last-minute cancellations.)
 - d. To fill any openings, the waiting list priority will be by club's second teams, and once all clubs have a second team, then the club's third team will have priority.
- 4. The entry fee shall be set by the Tournament Director to include golf, cart, prizes, and hors d'oeuvres served after play.
 - 5. Team prizes: Golf Pros are paid in cash for Low Pro and Skins. Any amateurs playing in the Golf Pro position, and NEWGA Ladies are paid in Golf Shop credit. Ties are broken with a sudden death event at the host club's discretion, i.e., Chip off or putt off.
 - 6. The Tournament Low Net Team shall be recognized on the NEWGA website and presented with the Championship Trophy until such time that the trophy is full. After that time, recognition of the winners will be posted only on the website.
 - a. The trophy is the property of the Association and is to be held by the winners for their winning year.
 - b. The winners are responsible for having the trophy engraved and submitting the bill to the NEWGA Treasurer for reimbursement.

ARTICLE 2.2. SENIORS TOURNAMENT

Section A. Guidelines

- 1. This shall be an 18-hole individual stroke play Tournament held based on the availability of courses and should ideally rotate between the Northern Division and Southern Division courses.
- 2. Entrants shall be 50 years of age on or before the Tournament date.
- 3. The field shall be limited to the course capacity. If cuts need to be made, it will be based on the order in which registrations were received, with the latest registrations being cut first.
- 4. The NEWGA Ladies Tournament Director shall set the entry fee, which shall cover the costs for golf, cart, dinner, and prizes.
- 5. Ties are broken for Overall Low Gross and Overall Low Net champions by scorecard playoff, starting with the number one handicap hole on the scorecard; if the tie still exists, continue with the next hardest handicap hole, etc. All other ties will be broken by using the same scorecard playoff method.

6. Flights are established by age with similar numbers in each flight. The Tournament Director shall determine the number of flights and age categories based on the number of registrants.
7. Individual prizes:
 - a. Each flight will have a Low Gross and Low Net winner. The Tournament Director shall determine the total number of places awarded for Low Net in each flight.
 - b. There will be an overall Low Gross and overall Low Net winner; however, there shall be no duplicate winners in Gross and Net. i.e., if a player wins overall Low Gross, they are not eligible to win Low Gross in their Flight.
 - c. "Super" Senior title - the oldest participant is recognized with funds from the NEWGA Treasury (approx. \$25)

ARTICLE 2.3. SOLHEIM CUP

Section A. Guidelines

1. This is a one-day event, preferably held in August, dependent on course availability, rotating between Northern Division and Southern Division if possible.
2. Each team will consist of 2 ladies. A team may consist of players from different NEWGA clubs.
3. The field will be limited to the course capacity. If cuts need to be made, it will be based on the order in which registrations were received, with the latest registrations being cut first.
4. The format will be six holes for each format: Holes 1-6 best ball, Holes 7-12 modified alternate shot (both players tee off and after choosing the shot, players will alternate play), and Holes 13-18 scramble.
5. Handicapping for the Event will be: Best ball -85% of the course handicap; Alternate Shot - 50% of the team's combined course handicap; Scramble – 35% of the lowest handicap player, and 15% of the higher handicap player.
6. The Tournament Director shall set the entry fee to cover the cost of golf, cart, lunch, and prizes.
7. Prizes are provided for both Gross and Net divisions; however, there shall be no duplicate winners in Gross and Net. The Tournament Director determines the number of flights, if any, based on handicap, as well as the number of places paid.
8. Ties are broken by scorecard playoff, starting with the number one handicap hole on the scorecard; if the tie still exists, continue with the next hardest handicap hole, etc. All other ties will be broken by using the same scorecard playoff method.

ARTICLE 2.4. BEST BALL TOURNAMENT

Section A. Guidelines

1. This is a two-day event, held in September.

2. The format is a two-ladies team event, one best ball of two. A team may consist of players from different NEWGA clubs.
3. The field will be limited to the course capacity. If cuts need to be made, it will be based on the order in which registrations were received, with the latest registrations being cut first.
4. The Tournament Director shall set the entry fee to cover the costs of 2 days of golf, 2 days of cart, lunch/or dinner on Monday and Tuesday, and prizes.
5. There will be an overall Low Gross and overall Low Net winner; however, there shall be no duplicate winners in Gross and Net. i.e., if a player wins overall Low Gross or Low Net, they are not eligible to win Low Gross or Low Net in their Flight.
6. The overall Low Net Champions shall be recognized on the NEWGA website and presented with the Championship Trophy until such time that the trophy is full. After that time, recognition of the winners will be posted only on the website.
 - a. The trophy is the property of the Association and is to be held by the winners for their winning year.
 - b. The winners are responsible for having the trophy engraved and submitting the bill to the NEWGA Treasurer for reimbursement.
7. If there is a tie for first place for Overall Low Net, the players that are tied shall play a “sudden death” play-off to determine the winner. The host club Golf Pro shall determine the starting hole.
8. The Tournament Director determines the number of flights, if any, based on handicap, as well as the number of places paid.

ARTICLE 3. TEAM PLAY RULES

Section A. Guidelines

1. USGA Match-Play Rules shall govern.
2. The format will be an 18 hole, match play event with one point scored for each hole won, one-half point for each hole tied. There shall be a maximum of 72 points per team play match.
3. Once a hole has been decided, the opponent must pick up their ball, UNLESS their ball is being used for the best ball score.
4. Each team shall be composed of four players. A team may consist of players from different NEWGA clubs.
5. There will be two divisions for Team Play - Northern and Southern. The Executive Committee shall determine the clubs that comprise each division.
6. 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. Dates and location will be determined by the Event Site Director and/or the Team Play Director.
7. The NEWGA Board of Directors shall establish the entry fee for each team on an annual basis. Ideally, the fee will cover the cost of prizes for each match, plus the year-end prizes.

The annual fee will be communicated to the NEWGA Rep and Golf Pro. Any entry fee shall not be returned after the schedule is completed.

8. There will be a maximum of 26 teams in each division. Each NEWGA member club is entitled to field two teams. A club wishing to field a third team may do so only if this does not result in producing an uneven number of teams. Team Play Directors will determine limitations in case there are too many or an uneven number of teams. The club that has 3 or more teams for the longest period will be the first club to be cut.
9. The Rep and Team Captain must notify the Team Play Director if they have an eligible player who is playing WIAA sports.
10. Team Captains shall receive all Team Play correspondence from their Rep. Responsibilities of the Team Captain for Team Play are:
 - a. On Team Play Dates
 - i. Email your 4 players' first and last names, GHIN number and index to the host club no later than Friday (or earlier date as communicated by the Team Play Director) before Team Play. See attachment A for the recommended format.
 - ii. Players must be listed as Player 1 with the lowest handicap, Player 2 with the second lowest handicap, Player 3 with the third lowest handicap, and Player 4 with the highest handicap.
 - iii. Captains will collect the weekly Team Play cost from their team. Costs may vary by host club and will be communicated by the Director in advance of Team Play.
 - iv. At check-in, Captains are responsible for providing one check or cash for their team's 4 players. Checks should be made payable to the host club.
 - v. Team Captain needs to notify the host club if they have a missing player.
 - b. Scoring
 - i. 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 Summary sheet (See attachment) completed.
 - ii. The summary sheet should clearly show match play points won by each team and Best Ball scores for both players 1&2 and 3&4.
11. Substitutes – Teams may substitute an eligible player from their club, or any eligible player from another NEWGA club, including the other division. 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 substitute for another team or in the final division play-off match.
 - a. 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.

12. A team should not have to play a home team more than once during the year.
13. The starting time will be at the discretion of the hosting club. It will be a shotgun start.
14. Injury - If a player is injured during the match and cannot continue to play or does not complete play, she will be awarded the points she has earned until the point her play stopped. 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.
15. Late arrival - If a team or player 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 will need to be earned by playing at 110% of handicap per hole.
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. Scoring as follows: tie par = ½ point; beat par = 1 point. The player must play the entire 18 holes to collect the points earned.
 - 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.
 - c. If a player is missing at Team Play and no substitute is available, the NEWGA Rep or Team Captain must immediately notify the Team Play Director before Team Play starts. The Team Play Director will determine where the open player is based on 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 the Team Play Director prior to playing for any missing player(s).
 - e. Any absent player(s) must pay lunch and cart fees.
17. Event of the Day: Best Ball. Each foursome will play a Best Ball event in addition to playing 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 Golf Shop credit.
 - b. Prize monies will be divided equally into the Player 1/2 division and the Player 3/4 division.
 - c. Ties for Best Ball: For ties with first place and second place, first place will be determined based on a scorecard playoff, starting with the number one handicap hole on the scorecard; if the tie still exists, continue with the next hardest handicap hole, etc. For ties of second and third, the money will be added together and divided evenly. If several teams are tied for last place and the payout is minimal, the tie will be broken by using the number one (1) Handicap Hole. The Team Play Director has the discretion to carry over minimal payouts to the following week.

18. End of the Season

a. Division Champions

- i. If there are 2 teams tied for first place in a division, the first-place teams shall play a sudden-death match-play playoff hole on the last day of the Team Play event. If there are 3 or more teams tied for first place in a division, the first-place teams shall have a 3-hole stroke-play total net playoff with Players number 1 from each team playing together, followed by Players number 2 from each team etc.

- Sudden death play starting hole(s) shall be determined by the host club's Golf Pro.
- The playoff teams must be the same players who played that day. See the above section on Forfeits if a club is unable to field a complete team.
- Cell phones will be used to confirm points earned after each hole is completed until a team has won. The Team Play Director shall appoint a member of each team to report the scores to her.

- b. Prizes- Following the completion of Team Play, monetary prizes shall be awarded to the top three (3) teams based on the total number of match play points accrued from all play dates. The prizes for the Northern and Southern Division winners shall be presented by the respective Team Play Directors at the fall NEWGA meeting.

19. Divisional play-off: Northern vs. Southern first-place teams

- a. Divisional play-off course sites rotate between divisions each year.
- b. The play-off shall be scheduled at a neutral course; not be a course that was scheduled for play in either Division for that year.
- c. Ideally, the playoff date and location will be set before the commencement of Team Play in coordination with the Northern and Southern Team Play Directors and the host club's Golf Pro.
- d. Playoff: In the event of a tie after 18 holes, there will be a sudden-death playoff with the starting hole determined by the host club's Golf Pro. Cell phones will be used to confirm points earned after each hole is completed until a team has won. The host Team Play Director shall appoint a member of each team or an alternate to report the scores to her.
- i. The Divisional play-off winning team will receive \$200 (\$50 per individual) and be recognized on the NEWGA website.