



CHICAGO WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RULES CHAIR 2023

The Rules Chair is responsible for:

RULES COMMITTEE: The Rules Committee should be composed of the Rules Chair and two other members. The Chair and her Committee should keep all members informed about the conditions of each competition and the Rules in force. The Chair and other Committee Members should familiarize themselves with *The Rules of Golf*. The Committee is responsible for the proper application and interpretation of *The Rules of Golf*.

RULES BOOKS: Copies of *The Rules of Golf*, effective January 2023, should be made available to all players. Both *The Rules of Golf* and *The Official Guide to the Rules of Golf* are available from the USGA. The USGA Rules of Golf app is a free download and it is recommended that all players be encouraged to download it. A copy of the 2023 *Official Guide to the Rules of Golf* and the 2023 *Rules of Golf* should be kept in the women's locker room at each club.

POSTING RULES: The Rules Committee is responsible for posting, in advance of play, the regulations and rules governing all scheduled events.

2023 RULES CHANGES: Several Rules, including (but not limited to) Ball Moved by Natural Forces, Replacing Damaged Clubs, Back-on-the-Line Relief, Handicap on Scorecard, and Modifications for Players with Disabilities have changed or been added this year. The Rules Chair should alert players that they should make themselves aware of these changes.

DECISIONS ON GOLF RULES: The Rules Committee decides any questions or rulings that may arise. The Rules Chair and the other members of the Rules Committee should be prepared to supply general information about the Rules of Golf. The Committee should decide any Rules question that arises during scheduled play. In order to make a fair and amicable resolution of questions or requests for rulings the Committee should:

Assemble the facts. Find the Rule that pertains to the situation. Ask those involved to read the Rule or Rules that apply to the situation. Distinguish carefully between Rules for match play and those for stroke play.

- **In match play**, the players should be left to resolve differences on their own, whenever possible. If they disagree, the Committee must ascertain whether a proper request has been made. If so, the Committee must rule on the request. The Committee must always intervene: (1) when a valid request is made; (2) if players agree to waive the rules; (3) if a player or players do not start on time; or (4) if there is a pace of play issue observed by the Committee.
- **In stroke play**, the Committee must rule on any situation in which a breach of a Rule has been observed or reported to the Committee, or in which a player has completed the play of a hole with two balls.

If a question cannot be decided by the Rules Committee, the Golf Committee, as a whole, should make a decision. If doubt still exists, the CWDGA Rules Chair or any of the names below may be consulted:

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