



CHICAGO WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

INSTRUCTIONS GOVERNING TOURNAMENT PLAY – 2014

Tournament Policies: To participate in any tournament sponsored by the Chicago Women's District Golf Association, it is important that you read the following information. It is your responsibility to know the rules and regulations concerning participation in CWDGA events.

The Rules of Golf govern all CWDGA competitions established by the CWDGA and set forth in the *CWDGA Handbook for Members*. The handbook is provided to the Golf Chair, Handicap Chair, Team Captain and Four-Ball Match Players at each member club and is included on the CWDGA website.

Tournament Eligibility: The CWDGA conducts four tournaments each year. The Handicap Index limitations are: 26.0 for the CWDGA Championship, 28.0 for the One-Day Stroke Play, and 33.0 for the Better-Ball and Senior Better-Ball of Pairs. An "eligible player" must have golf privileges at a CWDGA member club, have amateur status and must maintain a current, valid CDGA handicap at that club.

Conditions of Tournament Entry: Only online entry forms will be accepted by CWDGA for tournaments with entry fees paid by credit card (MasterCard, VISA or Discover) on our website, www.cwdga.org. **The CWDGA reserves the right to decline any entry.**

Tournament Information: Information concerning confirmed participation, pairings, starting times, etc., will be emailed to contestants approximately 5-7 days prior to the event. If a contestant has not received information within seven days of the event, it is her responsibility to contact the CWDGA Championship or Tournament Chair.

Withdrawal/Refund Policy: Individuals, who have submitted an entry for a CWDGA event and wish to withdraw for any reason, **MUST** notify the CWDGA Tournament Chair or Championship Chair (in the case of the Championship). Withdrawals may be sent via email, telephone or FAX. Withdrawals submitted prior to the refund deadline will receive a full refund minus a \$20 handling fee in the case of Championship and a \$10 fee for all other tournaments. **NO REFUND** will be made unless cancellation is received before the date specified for each tournament.

Over Subscribed Events: The CWDGA Championship and One-Day Stroke Play tournaments are limited to the lowest entrants (80 for Championship and 100 for One-Day Stroke). If either tournament is over subscribed, then the field will be composed of the players with the lowest Handicap Indexes, and the remaining entries will be placed on a waiting list in order of Handicap Index. After the entry deadline, players will be accepted in Handicap Index order to fill any vacancies. Handicap Indexes as of the revision date stated for each tournament will be used.

Both the Better-Ball of Pairs and Senior Better-Ball of Pairs events are limited to 112 players (56 pairs), with players selected on a first come, first serve basis. Online entries are accepted in the order of their transaction time and date.

When the field is full, entries are put on a Wait List in the order of transaction time and date. A full refund will be given to anyone on the Wait List who does not make it into the event.

Start Time Requests: The CWDGA will not honor any start time requests for any CWDGA tournament. The One-Day Stroke Play, Better-Ball of Pairs and Senior Better-Ball of Pairs Tournaments are shotgun starts. The CWDGA Championship is a match play event with Championship flight off first followed by the other flights.

Practice Rounds: One practice round may be available for the CWDGA Championship. Specific information will be included in the official acceptance packet. If a practice round is available, each contestant is responsible for contacting the host site for arrangements. Players may **NOT** bring their own caddie to a host-club. Practice rounds are not available for any of the other tournaments.

Attire: Players and caddies must be properly attired both on the golf course and the premises of the club. Jeans of any color, T-shirts and tank tops are prohibited. Collared shirts are strongly suggested and shorts and golf skirts must be mid-thigh in length. No cut-off or jean shorts are allowed. This dress code is in effect at all CWDGA events in conjunction with any additional dress code restrictions of the site hosting the tournament. It is always advisable to consult the host-club for clarification of its policies.

Caddies/Carts: If a host-club has provided caddies, and caddies are available, a contestant must use a caddie or a cart with a caddie. Contestants **may not** provide their own caddies. Reserved caddies must be used.

Communication Devices: CWDGA rules strictly prohibit contestants and caddies from using cell phones, other internet communication devices or any devices that make noise during a stipulated round. Players who use such devices may be subject to penalty of disqualification due to a serious breach of etiquette.

Distance Measuring Devices: Distance measuring devices that conform to USGA specifications will be allowed in all CWDGA events at a host club where the Local Rule allowing such devices is in effect. (The Rules of Golf, Appendix 1, Part B, #9.)

Scores: All scores in CWDGA tournaments are tournament scores under the USGA Handicap System. All scorecards must show an eighteen hole score for each player. The CWDGA Handicap Chair will post all tournament scores. These scores will be entered as "T" scores. The One-Day Stroke Play, Better-Ball of Pairs and Senior Better-Ball of Pairs tournaments are stroke play competitions. Strokes must not be conceded.

Prizes: Prizes will be awarded to the winners of all flights in all of the CWDGA tournaments. If a winner is unable to stay for the awarding of prizes, she may ask someone to accept it for her, providing the designated person signs for the prize and the winner arranges for its pick-up with the CWDGA Tournament or Championship Chair.