

SPOKANE AREA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION STANDING RULES

ELIGIBILITY

MEMBERSHIP AND DUES:

- SAWGA member club dues shall be \$25.00 and are payable to the SAWGA Treasurer at the beginning of each year's golf season postmarked and due April 15th.
- Each member club is required to donate \$100 to the Championship Tournament.
- Individual membership in SAWGA is \$30 effective 2023. This amount is to be collected by the respective clubs and sent to the SAWGA Treasurer along with the member's name, GHIN number, e-mail and phone number, postmarked and due by April 15th or by deadline date of any event.

PLAYERS

- A player's "Home Club" must be a member of SAWGA.
- A player's "Home Club" shall be deemed to be the SAWGA member club through which she pays **both** SAWGA and WSGA membership dues. If a SAWGA member wishes to change their "Home Club" after the Championship Tournament, she must declare her intent in writing, dated appropriately, to the President of the new "Home Club." **At the time the declaration is made, rounds at the new home course shall count as "Home Club" play days.**
- Must be a member of SAWGA and play for her "Home Club."
- World Handicap System (WHS) will be accepted. (A total of 54 holes must be posted to establish a handicap.)
- Must have played at least three play days at her home course as a "Home Club" member on Ladies' Day in the present or preceding year in order to qualify for play.
- For **Numerica Cup**, a minimum of ten (10) rounds at any course must be posted in the last two (2) years (to include 3 rounds from the "Home Club").
- Associate members are not eligible to participate in SAWGA events (except for the Scramble).
- All players in SAWGA events should be familiar with the USGA Rules of Golf, carry a rule book and the SAWGA Hard Copy rules sheet, available at www.sawgagolf.com.

PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE OF ELIGIBILITY FOR PLAY RULES

- Ineligible players are disqualified. No points would be earned for Sweeps and they would not be able to earn any monies for either scores or skins (if participating). In match play (Numerica Cup) there would be a loss of points by that individual and her partner (USGA Rule 1.2b). The remaining four ball partners of that Numerica Cup team would not be affected. Once the ineligible player becomes eligible she may participate in SAWGA events within the Standing Rules set.
- An ineligible team (Numerica Cup) would result in forfeiture of the match.
- A written warning will be issued to any club failing to remit SAWGA dues and entry fees.
- Clubs failing to remit dues after a written warning may be considered for suspension. Suspension shall be administered by a two-third vote of the Executive Board. The club(s) under question must abstain and therefore their votes will not be included in the total number of votes cast. Disqualified players or teams may request a hearing with the SAWGA officers if they feel eligibility is incorrect. If not satisfied with the SAWGA officers' decision they may request a hearing before the Executive Board.

COMPETITIONS

NUMERICA CUP RULES

- The format for Numerica Cup will be a four ball match play. USGA Rules of Golf for such format will be followed.
- Four Ball Match – six players (three Teams), with handicap consisting of A/B/C teams.
 - There will be both gross and net scoring.
 - For net scoring, reduce the handicaps of all four players by the handicap of the lowest handicapped player, who shall then play from scratch. Allow each of the three other players 100% of the resulting differences; strokes to be taken in the order assigned on their respective score cards. There shall be a maximum WHS course handicap of 40 and a player must assume a 40 handicap if her course handicap is higher.
 - Each hole is worth one (1) point Gross and one (1) point Net:
 - One (1) for win of hole
 - One-half (1/2) for tie of hole
 - Zero (0) for loss of hole
 - Each match is worth eighteen (18) Gross and eighteen (18) Net points. Total points in a match between two (2) clubs of three (3) side per club will total 54 Gross and 54 Net.
 - Points won in each category are accumulated throughout the year.
 - Clubs not fielding a Numerica Cup team are not eligible to host Numerica Cup events.

NUMERICA CUP FORMAT

- The participating SAWGA Member Clubs shall be divided into two divisions at the fall SAWGA meeting. The teams for Division 1 and 2 will be determined by a draw. Golf balls with each participating member club's logo are randomly drawn by the new incoming President. The first club drawn will be in Division 1, the second club drawn will be in Division 2, alternating until the last club is drawn. The Chair will assign playing matchups according to the Division Draw Format sheet. Host clubs will receive a bye and the schedule adjusted accordingly.
- With this format, the following can occur:
 - Players will be playing to win points for their club.
 - A club can be the winner of the Gross scoring in their division or the Net scoring in their division but not both; gross scoring takes precedence. Winners are determined by accumulating the most points during the five matches in each division.
 - Intra-divisional ties (Gross or Net) must be broken before determining the division winners.
 - The Gross winners in each division will play for the Gross Numerica Cup Championship.
 - The Net winners in each division will play for the Net Numerica Cup Championship.
- Ties within divisions will be played-off prior to the final championship match. There will be an 18-hole playoff by a six member team from the tied clubs. If, after this match, a tie still remains, a sudden death match by the two "A" team members of the opposing clubs will determine the winner. A tie in the Championship Match will follow the same procedure with the 2 "A" team members from the opposing clubs.
- The playoff competition will take place on a neutral course. Location, date and time are to be determined by the Numerica Cup Committee, working with the Sr. Reps from the clubs involved.

NUMERICA CUP LINE-UP

- Each member club's Senior Rep shall be responsible for turning in to the SAWGA Numerica Cup Chair by a pre-specified date, the names of the six eligible players from her club plus the names of up to four alternates, along with the WHS dated Handicap sheet as specified by the SAWGA Numerica Cup Committee. There will be no substitutions after submitting these players and alternates.
- If a member club misses the deadline for submission of its line-up, the following penalties will be imposed:

First Offense: Deduction of 36 points from the club's season points

Second Offense: Deduction of 72 points from the club's season points

Third Offense: Deduction of 108 points from the club's season points

NOTE: After the penalty is assessed, late line-ups will be accepted up to seven days prior to the day of play. If the late line-ups are not received seven days prior to the day of play, the club will forfeit ***BUT MUST STILL PLAY THE MATCHES***. Points earned by the opponent teams will be allowed. Clubs refusing to play forfeited matches will be disqualified for the season. In the event of disqualification of a club, any points earned by opponents against that club will be deducted from the season totals so that the overall standings will not be affected by a disqualification.

- Designated tee times will be given by the SAWGA Numerica Cup Chair to the member clubs in advance of the date of the event to allow the Sr. Rep time to notify the players from her club of their tee times. They will also be posted at www.sawgagolf.com.
- Scorecards with the designated Speed Captain will be issued at the starter table.
- Players will be notified of any local course rules.
- The results of each Numerica Cup match will be compiled by the SAWGA Numerica Cup Chair and posted online.
- Host clubs for Numerica Cup will be responsible for the following arrangements: One starter; two check-in assistants at a table to issue scorecards and fore caddies (if necessary.)

NUMERICA CUP AWARDS:

- The SAWGA Numerica Cup Chair is responsible for obtaining the trophies, engraving and presenting at the yearend Awards Banquet.
- The following awards will be presented at the SAWGA Awards Banquet in the Fall:
 - Numerica Credit Union will present the trophies engraved with the names of the winning clubs.
 - Traveling plaques will be presented to each winning club with the event, year and name of the club.
 - There will be one trophy for the Gross Division Winner and one trophy for the Net Division Winner.

SAWGA SCRAMBLE

- SAWGA Scramble is intended to be a fun competition to promote SAWGA.
- All teams must be from SAWGA member clubs.
- Members of SAWGA may invite non-members from their home club to participate.
- Format is a basic four woman scramble.
- All scramble team members must be members of the same home club, including associates. Members of your Club that are not SAWGA members are eligible to play.
- The tournament will have three to four flights based on the number of registered teams.
- Scoring is based on team handicap.
- The Committee will send out registration forms to all member clubs 4-6 weeks prior to the scheduled date of the event.

SWEEPSTAKES RULES

- Sweepstakes will consist of team competition and individual competition against the field and flight.
- Play will consist of 18 holes of medal play with handicap under the USGA Rules of Golf.
- A member shall be responsible for maintaining a true and current handicap.
- There shall be a maximum WHS course handicap of 40. A player must assume 40 course handicap if her course handicap is higher.
- All scorecards must be signed and attested in order to be eligible for awards. All cards will be checked; however, cards that are signed and attested will be scored as they stand. USGA states:
The competitor is solely responsible for the correctness of the score recorded for each hole. The committee is responsible for the addition of the scores and application of the handicap recorded on the card. If the competitor returns a score lower than any hole actually played, he/she shall be disqualified. A score higher than actually played must stand as returned.
- In all SAWGA events, the Sweeps Chair will post adjusted (net double bogey) scores and the adjusted scores for the Championship Tournament.
- Sweepstakes will be held four times during the season.
- The field will be divided into two groups with three flights in each group.
- Flights 1 - 3 will play at one course and Flights 4 - 6 at another.
- All flights will play from the ladies play day tees at the four monthly Sweeps competitions.

SWEEPSTAKES TEAM COMPETITION

- At each Sweepstakes, the six low net scores from each competing member club, regardless of flight, will be totaled. This will determine the team's score for that month of play. The lowest combined team net score from all four Sweepstakes events will determine the winning club.
- A club competing in the team event and failing to have six players will be allowed a blind sixth score. One per club per season. Said sixth score shall be the highest net of the five competing team members plus ten strokes.
- Clubs unable to field a minimum of six players (except as provided above) will not be eligible to win the team trophy.

SWEEPSTAKES INDIVIDUAL COMPETITION

- All members of SAWGA are eligible for individual competition.
- SAWGA handicap flights shall be Group 1, Flights 1, 2, 3 and Group 2, Flights 4, 5, 6. Handicap Index limits within each flight are to be determined by the Sweeps Chairs.

SWEEPSTAKES LINE-UP

- **HAVE AN ORDERLY AND TIMELY SIGN-UP PROCESS.** Consult the ***SWEEPS HANDICAP DEADLINE SCHEDULE*** found in the Junior Representative binder and at www.sawgagolf.com . It contains all the dates and information needed. Add all of the due dates to your calendar at the beginning of the season. Sign up club members well in advance of each email by deadline date. ON or BEFORE each deadline date submit the following information. (If you miss the deadline, your members might not be allowed to participate in the Sweeps event.)
 - Collect greens fees when they sign up. Green fees are paid by cash or check made payable to the Junior Representative.
 - For your reference, print one (1) handicap revision sheet, (sort by index,) for the date listed under the column named "USE HDCP DATED." This information is found on the ***SWEEPS HANDICAP DEADLINE SCHEDULE***.
 - A Sweep Player's list can be found in your binder or are available online at www.sawgagolf.com . If necessary print out a form for each flight. Fill out the two (2) ***Sweeps Player's List*** forms, in alphabetical order, for ALL players. Scan a copy of each player's list to be emailed the SAWGA Treasurer and to the Sweeps Chairs (1 for flight division 1-3 and 4-6.) Include your club Handicap Chair's name and attest that each player has met SAWGA and GHIN eligibility guidelines stated on the form. Player's lists may also be sent to the Sweeps Chairs using the SAWGA Website online entry.
Flight Index Divisions
1-3 is 0.0 – 22.3
4-6 is 22.4 – 40
(A player must assume a 40 course handicap if her course handicap is higher.)
 - Send your own check or one from your club treasurer for the amount of the green fees to the SAWGA Treasurer.
- **NOTIFY YOUR PLAYERS OF THEIR TEE TIMES AS SOON AS YOU RECEIVE THEM FROM THE SWEEPS CHAIRPERSON.** Put a copy of the tee times, with your members highlighted on the ladies bulletin board. Make sure each member is *personally* notified. Advise club members that tee times are also posted at www.sawgagolf.com .
 - If the line-up is not received before or on the specified date, it will be assumed that the member club will not have any entries for that particular Sweepstakes event.
 - Tee times will be furnished by the SAWGA Sweepstakes Chair to the member clubs 7 days in advance of the date of the event as possible to allow the representative time to notify the players from her club of their tee times. They will also be posted as www.sawgagolf.com .
 - Scorecards, with the designated Speed Captain (SC), will be issued at the starter table.
 - Players will be notified of any local rules.
 - Players should carry a USGA rules book and a SAWGA Hard Card with them at all times.
 - During SAWGA events, no caddies are allowed.

- According to the USGA Rules of Golf: The player shall start at the time and in the order arranged by the chairs (may start on #1 or #10.). Penalty for breach of Rule 6-3a shall be loss of the first hole in match play, and a two stroke penalty on the first hole in stroke play, or disqualification.
- Results of each Sweepstakes event will be compiled by the Sweeps Chair and posted online.
- Junior Representatives of host clubs for sweepstakes are responsible for the following volunteer arrangements:
 - One Starter; two or three check-in assistants at a table to issue scorecards and take in skins money (cash only)
 - Fore caddies (if necessary)

SWEEPSTAKES AWARDS

- Division Awards: Certificates will be presented for each Sweepstakes event for the following:
 - Low gross and low net of the field for each event. Low gross and low net of the field winners are not eligible for Flight awards.
 - First, Second and Third low gross for Flights 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
 - First, Second and Third low net for Flights 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6.
 - Ties are not paid.
 - Certificates will be mailed to each member club's Junior Representative.
 - Certificate winners will have until December 31st of the year issued to redeem their certificates.
 - SAWGA certificates may be redeemed at all golf outlets.
- SAWGA Team Traveling Trophy: A SAWGA Traveling Trophy shall be awarded to the member club having the lowest score for the four Sweepstakes events. This trophy will be engraved with the name of the winning club. This award will be presented at the SAWGA Awards Banquet.

SAWGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT RULES

- The SAWGA Championship Tournament shall consist of individual competition against the field and flight. Play will consist of 54 holes of medal play, said 54 holes to be played as follows:
 - 18 holes on each of three consecutive days on three regulation 18-hole courses.
 - All flights in the tournament shall be set by the Lead Sweeps Chair. These flights will be determined by the number of entries received.
 - Both gross and net scores shall be recorded in each flight as outlined under the USGA Rules of Golf.
 - In the event of a tie for low gross of the field, players will replay the 17th and 18th holes. If the players are still tied, they will replay the 17th and 18th holes in a sudden death format.
 - In the event of a tie for low net of the field, there will be a card off following the USGA guidelines. The losing player(s) will move down to their flight.

- The home club of every player must be a member of SAWGA.
- All players must be a member of SAWGA.
- A member shall be responsible for maintaining a true and current handicap.
- World Handicap System will be accepted. (Five cards from home course in present or preceding year will establish handicap).
- There shall be a maximum WHS handicap of 40. A player must assume a 40 course handicap if her course handicap is higher.
- All tournament contestants will play from the same tees.
- All scorecards must be signed and attested to in order to be eligible for awards and will be scored as they stand. However, all cards will be checked. If the competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually played, she shall be disqualified. A score higher than actually played must stand as recorded. Scorecards not turned in to the Sweeps Chair within fifteen minutes after the last player is in will not be used, and said participant will be disqualified.
- The Tournament Committee will post scores as a Tournament.

SAWGA CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT AWARDS:

- Awards for this tournament will be presented at the SAWGA Awards Banquet scheduled in the Fall of each year.
- **The SAWGA Champion Award:** The SAWGA Champion Award will go to the player recording the lowest gross score for the three rounds of the tournament. She will be presented with the SAWGA Traveling Trophy on which her name will be engraved on. She will also receive a gift, which she may keep, along with a SAWGA certificate.
- **The Low Net of the Field Award:** The Low Net of the Field Award will be presented to the player recording the lowest score with handicap for the three rounds of the tournament. She will be presented with a gift along with a SAWGA certificate.
- **The Flight Awards:** SAWGA certificates will be presented for both gross and net scores in each flight. The number and amount of said certificates to be determined by the SAWGA Treasurer. Certificate winners will have until December 31st in which to redeem their certificates.
- **The B.J. Hulteng Award:** This is a traveling trophy awarded to the club with the highest participation percentage combined with the points awarded to individuals from that club at the Championship Tournament.