

LAKE HAVASU WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION STANDING RULES

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NOTE: STANDING RULES ARE THOSE GOVERNING THE GENERAL WEEKLY OPERATIONS OF A CLUB. THESE RULES ARE ADOPTED FORMALLY SO THAT A SET POLICY GUARANTEES UNIFORMITY AND CONTINUITY FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE MEMBERSHIP. THESE STANDING RULES DIFFER FROM THE BY-LAWS IN THAT THEY MAY BE CHANGED OR REPEALED AT ANY BOARD MEETING BY MAJORITY VOTE.

1. DUES

- A. All dues for continuing members are payable Nov 15th for the following year and are delinquent Dec 15th. Late payment penalty shall be \$5.00 in addition to the basic dues set by the membership and listed on the membership form.**
- B. Dues for all members shall be as follows:**
 - i. Members: \$130.00 Jan 1st - Dec 31st,**
 - ii. Delinquent members: \$135.00 + \$5.00 (\$5.00 late fee after Dec 15th, (no exceptions),**
 - iii. New members who join between July 1 - Dec 31 is \$80.00,**
 - iv. Handicap Membership is available at \$55.00 per year. This will entitle that member to play as a guest twice in a calendar year. If playing as a guest, they will not be eligible for prize monies. Guest play may not be on a Scramble play day or during our Major Tournaments.**
- C. New members are not eligible to participate for prize until their membership becomes effective.**

2. ELIGIBILITY

- A. To be eligible for prizes and awards, a member must have a handicap index authorized by the USGA.**

To establish a new handicap index, a golfer must have 54-hole scores (either three 18-hole scores or six 9-hole scores or combination thereof):

1. Count all strokes and record (no pick-ups).
2. Must play on a USGA-rated 18-hole regulated course.
3. All scorecards must be dated, signed, and attested.
3. Scorecards must be signed with full name, dated, attested, and be accurate to qualify for an award in any tournament.
4. Eligibility for the following Tournaments including Club Championship, Presidents' Cup, State Tournaments, Scotch Doubles, Spring & Partner Eclectic: A participant must be a member in good standing and has participated in a minimum of three (3) regular play days (not including tournaments) with our club in the 12 months prior to event or tournament.
5. A tournament player may not receive more than one (1) prize in any event with the exception of:
 - i. A traveling trophy
 - ii. The combined January Sweet Swinger of the Year playoff for the previous year and the January Sweet Swinger tournament for the current year.
6. **RULES AND TIES**
 - A. Ties will be broken by USGA recommended Tie Breaker Procedure:
 - i. Best score for the last nine holes,
 - ii. If still tied: last six holes,
 - iii. If still tied: last three holes,
 - iv. If still tied: the 18th hole,
 - v. If still tied, repeat procedure using front nine scores.
 - B. Decisions regarding tournaments and rules shall be referred to two or more of the Tournament Committee for review and decision. The Tournament Committee consists of the 1st and 2nd Vice President, Rules Chairperson, and the Lake Havasu Golf Club Manager of Operations.
7. Any tournament or Ladies Play Day organized or sponsored by the LHWGA will be considered valid unless the Lake Havasu Golf Club courses are closed for any reason.

8. A golfer shall not use more than a 40 handicap for tournament play.
9. All monies won in tournaments are in the form of scrip. Scrip shall be available from either Lake Havasu Golf Club or Golf USA. Lake Havasu Golf Club scrip will be added to your "Club Credit Account".

Chip-in and Putt Pots shall be available on designated Play Days. All monies collected separately for these games shall be distributed to the winners by the weekly Committee Chairperson.

10. Ladies' Play Days shall be played on Mondays on the East and Wednesdays on the West courses, (January thru May and September thru December).
 - A. To be eligible for the prizes won on either Monday or Wednesday's play, you must play during the designated times as posted by the Weekly Games Chairperson(s). Player should check in with the Golf Shop at least 30 minutes prior to tee time and check in with starter at least 10 minutes before your tee time, when you are ready to play.
 - B. When round is completed, cards are to be signed, attested, and dated. One completed card to be put in games box in club room, and the other card placed into the handicap box to be checked by the Handicap committee.

All players must post their round using the hole-by-hole method as soon as possible after completion of their round, unless otherwise directed by the Tournament or Handicap chairs. USGA requests that players post their round on the day of play before midnight local time so that their Handicap Index will be updated, and their score will be included in the daily PCC (Playing Conditions Calculation).
11. Major tournaments are Scotch Doubles, President's Cup, Club Championship, Spring Eclectic, & Partner Eclectic.
12. Summer Play, Mondays and Wednesdays, no organized games, or payouts. There will be weekly sign-up sheets and scheduled tee times. Summer months are June, July, and August.
13. Fun Day on the West in May will be arranged by the Board of Directors. This is a social event and the only business to be conducted is special awards.
14. Sweet Swinger is played once a month on Wednesday play day on the West to determine a Low-Gross and Low-Net Over-the-Field monthly winner. A member is eligible to be Sweet Swinger, either gross or net, only once each year. In January, the monthly winners compete in a (medal play) play-off to determine a Low-Gross and a Low-Net Sweet Swinger for the prior year.

Each of these winners will be awarded a gift certificate of scrip of choice.

15. AWARDS

- A. Yearly Awards for the past year are given at the first meeting in January:**
 - i. Birdies and Eagles on either course on Ladies' Play Days during the past year shall be recognized.**
 - ii. Most Improved Player will have her name engraved on the plaque in the Women's locker room.**
- B. Hole-In-One Award on Lake Havasu Golf Course (East or West) on any day witnessed (by one or more other players) will have her name engraved on the plaque in the Women's locker room.**

16. The Scotch Doubles Tournament is a two-person team event played on two Ladies' Play Days in January on the East and West Courses. Dates are set by the Tournament Chairperson(s). It is a modified alternated shot format. The Tournament Chairperson and her committee will flight the teams by combined handicap (60% of lower-handicap player and 40% of higher-handicap player). Maximum 10-stroke differential between partners. Teams must play both rounds. The tournament chairperson can determine the dates of the handicaps to be used. Low Gross, Low Net within each flight, and Low Gross and Low Net Over-the-Field prizes shall be awarded. No entry fee is required.

17. The President's Cup tournament objective is to recognize the overall net winner of a multiple day tournament. The President's Cup Tournament is to be set up by handicap in flights with no qualifying rounds and is played on the West and East courses as course conditions allow. The pairings shall be decided by the general numerical draw within the flights. The Tournament Chairperson will set starting dates each year. Play is to be in foursomes. The format, at the discretion of the committee, may be a Match Play elimination tournament or a two-day Stableford scoring tournament. In either format, entrants must be available for all rounds to be eligible. Entrants who withdraw during the competition shall be subject to loss of any prizes awarded to that point. Exceptions can be made under unusual circumstances at the sole discretion of the tournament committee, who will evaluate them on a case-by-case basis. The tournament chair person shall determine the dates of the handicaps to be used. No entry fee is required for this tournament. This tournament is posted with a "C".

MATCH PLAY involves a bracketed or ladder elimination style tournament held over multiple days/weeks of play. A round in Match Play will see two golfers competing against each other and not against the rest of the field. Rather than trying to post the lowest score for the round, each golfer is trying to win more individual holes than their opponent. Handicaps will be factored in, and the net score will determine the winner of each hole, and the match. Winners of each match advance within the brackets until the final winner is determined. A winner is declared during the round when her lead is such that her opponent can no longer tie or win the match even if she were to win all of the remaining holes. Example: A player up 3 holes with only 2 left to play cannot lose even if their competitor won the final 2 holes.

STABLEFORD FORMAT involves all golfers competing against one another while trying to accumulate the most points during their tournament round(s). Handicaps will be factored in and the net score of the round(s) will determine the winner. During each round, points will be awarded as follows:

0 points	2 or more over par (Double Bogey or worse)
1 point	1 over par (Bogey)
2 points	Par
3 points	1 under par (Birdie)
4 points	2 under par (Eagle)
5 points	3 under par (Albatross)

18. The Club Championship Tournament is played on the West and East courses with dates to be set by the Tournament Chairperson. It will be a 36-hole tournament. Tournament Chairperson and her committee will set the flights by handicap after registration is complete. Low Gross, Low Net within each flight, and Low Gross and Low Net Over-the-Field prizes shall be awarded. The tournament chairperson can determine the dates of the handicaps to be used. This tournament is posted with a "C".
19. The Spring Eclectic Tournament is held on two Ladies Days in the April time frame on the West Course. Dates are set by the Tournament Chairperson. It is an individual eclectic format (improve your score over two play days, hole by hole). It is not necessary to play both days to be eligible for an award. Tournament Chairperson and her committee will set the flights by handicap after registration is complete. Low Gross, Low Net within each flight, and Low

Gross and Low Net Over-the-Field prizes shall be awarded. The tournament chairperson can determine the dates of the handicaps to be used. No entry fee is required. This tournament is posted with a "C".

- 20. The Spring Fling is a fun tournament will be held in the March time frame on the East Course. Dates are set by the Tournament Chairperson, her committee and the Lake Havasu Golf Club Director of Golf. This tournament is usually played as a four-person team scramble. Tournament Chairperson and her committee shall plan the game and set the teams. Prize money is to be scrip from Lake Havasu Golf Club or Golf USA. The tournament chairperson can determine the dates of the handicaps to be used.**
- 21. The Fall Follies is a fun tournament will be held in the November time frame on the East Course. Dates are set by the Tournament Chairperson and her committee. This tournament is usually played as a four-person team scramble. Tournament Chairperson and her committee shall plan the game and set the teams. Prize money is to be scrip from Lake Havasu Golf Club or Golf USA. The tournament chairperson can determine the dates of the handicaps to be used.**
- 22. Partner Eclectic Tournament is held on two Ladies Days in the October time frame on the West Course. Dates are set by the Tournament Chairperson. It is a partner eclectic format (improve your score over two play days, hole by hole). It is not necessary to play both days to be eligible for an award. Tournament Chairperson and her committee will set the flights by handicap after registration is complete. Low Gross, Low Net within each flight, and Low Gross and Low Net Over-the-Field prizes shall be awarded. The tournament chairperson can determine the dates of the handicaps to be used. No entry fee is required. This tournament is posted with a "C".**