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STANDING RULES FOR GSWPGA

All competition shall be played in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf and the World Handicap System. All decisions of the Tournament and Rules Committees will be final.

GSWPGA Competition shall consist of:

Team Matches	Pro/Am Ladies or 4 Ladies 2 Best Ball
President's Charity Cup	City Championship
3 General "Sweeps"	2 Lady Best Ball
Champion of Champions (Played in conjunction with July Summer Sweeps)	

1) ELIGIBILITY

- a) Any individual belonging, in good standing, to a GSWPGA member golf club may enter GSWPGA competitions.
- b) Prior to participation in GSWPGA Team play, a player belonging to 2 or more GSWPGA clubs must declare her home Team verbally to the club's Team Captain and City Representative prior to beginning Team play in the current season. See also J. TEAM PLAY 1. Team Play Eligibility.
- c) For GSWPGA competitions, handicap indexes higher than 54 will play to no higher than a 54 handicap at the hosting course.

2) RULES

- a) The GSWPGA ardently suggests that every member of the Association have and become familiar with the current USGA Rule Book.
- b) The GSWPGA will adhere to USGA rules for all Association play except for those circumstances where the use of "preferred lies" is approved and communicated to all participants.
- c) Caddies will not be permitted for any GSWPGA event.
- d) Spectators will be allowed for tournaments and Team Match play events, and must adhere to the USGA Rules of Golf and the golf course rules of the tournament being played.
- e) Raffles must be sanctioned by the GSWPGA Board in advance. Raffles may only be held at the President's Cup in May, the City Championship in August, and at the year-end Awards Luncheon.

3) OVER FILLED FIELDS

- a) In the event the field has to be limited for a tournament, entrants will be eliminated by a blind draw without regard to flight status, with the stipulation that at least every member club may have one team left after the draw.
- b) Any entrant eliminated from a monthly tournament will be eligible for the following City Championship
- c) In the event a tournament's field overfills to include Executive Committee Members, City Representatives, and previously eliminated players, elimination will be by blind draw with exception to the Executive Committee Members and the previously eliminated players during the current tournament season.

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- d) An entrant who was not eliminated by the blind draw but volunteers her spot to another entrant who was eliminated will be given the three (3) year exemption from elimination.
- e) For the City Championship tournament, entrants will be eliminated from the highest to the lowest handicap in the case of an overfilled field.

4) HANDICAPS

- a) Handicaps used for all ASSOCIATION PLAY will be USGA/GHIN handicaps in current use when competition cards are printed for each function. Once you have 54 holes recorded in the GHIN System, you have a handicap which will be available following the next GHIN Revision and will be used by the Golf Genius to adjust the differential Index according to the GHIN Revision dates.
- b) Handicaps for TEAM PLAY will be decided annually when the TEAM process e.g. submitting final rosters is established.

5) IMPAIRMENTS/DISABILITIES

- a) The process for identifying players with visual and/or intellectual disabilities/impairments will involve Club City Representatives and Captains with a secondary method whereby participants in GSWPGA events may report etiquette violations to the Tournament Chairperson and/or the Executive Committee.
- b) Visual Impairments
 - i) GSWPGA will change our documentation to allow a Coach (spotter) for members with visual impairments.
 - ii) Players with visual impairments will notify the Tournament Chairperson that they have a visual impairment and will provide Coach (spotter) to support their play.
 - iii) Verification of the impairment will lie with the member's Club Captain and City Representative.
 - (1) **Coach:** A "coach" is one who assists a blind golfer in *addressing the ball* and with alignment prior to the *stroke*. A coach has the same status under the *Rules as a caddie*.
Note 1: A player may ask for and receive *advice* from his coach.
Note 2: A player may have only one coach at any one time.
Note 3: A coach may also be referred to as a "guide." For the purpose of applying these modifications, a guide has the same status under the *Rules* as a coach. *From the USGA website.*
- c) Intellectual Impairments GSWPGA will use the Supervisor method described at the USGA website to support players with intellectual impairments.
 - i) Individuals with intellectual impairments must be aware of those impairments and be identified to the Tournament Chairperson by the individual and their Club City Representative and Captain. The Tournament Chairperson will notify the Executive Committee.
 - ii) All participants in GSWPGA events have a right to compete on a level playing field. Etiquette violations can affect that situation and should be reported to the Tournament Chairperson and the Executive Committee for action.
 - iii) Participants with intellectual impairments must supply a Supervisor to support them as a condition to playing in GSWPGA events.

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- (1) **Supervisor:** A “supervisor” is one who assists a golfer with intellectual disabilities in his play, the application of the Rules and etiquette. A supervisor has the same status under the Rules as a caddie.

Note 1: A player may ask for and receive advice from his supervisor.

Note 2: A player may have only one supervisor at any one time. From the USGA website.

6) DRESS CODE

- a) Suitable attire must be worn at all times which does NOT include cutoffs, short shorts, strapless tops, halter tops or bare midriff tops. Shoes must be worn at all times.

7) AWARDS

- a) If possible, all activities and “sweeps” will be self-supporting.
b) Awards shall be distributed as decided by the Tournament Committee.
c) There will be only one prize per person awarded in any event.

8) MEMBER CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

- a) Member Clubs have the responsibility to host the organization’s championship, nominate Vice President candidates, and provide Tournament Directors per the following rotation.
- b) If the club announces their inability to fulfill either the Championship Hosting, nominate Vice President candidates, or the Tournament Director per the rotation, it is understood that the club will forfeit their membership in the GSWPGA, commencing with the following year. Such forfeiture will then result in a compression of the rotation schedule assigning responsibility to the next club in line who will be asked to confirm their commitment at the February General Meeting (November for Tournament Director). The forfeiting club will be eligible to re-join GSWPGA in any subsequent year with the understanding that they will immediately move to the top of the rotation schedule.

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Member Club Responsibility Table:

1) Host the GSWPGA Championship Tournaments, 2) Provide VP Nomination, 3) Provide Tournament Director

Year	Championship Hosting	VP Nomination	Tournament Director
2024	Bellevue	Jefferson Park	West Seattle
2025	Riverbend	Nile	West Seattle
2026	Snoqualmie Falls	Bellevue	Mt. Si
2027	Evergreen	Snoqualmie Falls	Mt. Si
2028	West Seattle	Maplewood	Jackson Jills
2029	Jefferson Park	Evergreen	Jackson Jills
2030	Maplewood	Jackson Jills	Nile
2031	Jackson Jills	Mt. Si	Nile
2032	Mt. Si	West Seattle	Snoqualmie Falls
2033	Nile	Riverbend	Snoqualmie Falls
2034	Bellevue	Jefferson Park	Maplewood
2035	Jefferson Park	Snoqualmie Falls	Maplewood
2036	Riverbend	Nile	Jefferson Park
2037	Evergreen	Bellevue	Jefferson Park
2038	Snoqualmie Falls	Evergreen	Bellevue
2039	West Seattle	Maplewood	Bellevue
2040	Maplewood	Jackson Jills	Riverbend
2041	Jackson Jills	Mt. Si	Riverbend
2042	Mt. Si	West Seattle	West Seattle
2043	Nile	Riverbend	West Seattle
2044	Bellevue	Jefferson Park	Evergreen
2045	Jefferson Park	Snoqualmie Falls	Evergreen
2046	Riverbend	Nile	Mt. Si
2047	Evergreen	Bellevue	Mt. Si
2048	Snoqualmie Falls	Evergreen	Snoqualmie Falls
2049	West Seattle	Maplewood	Snoqualmie Falls
2050	Maplewood	Jackson Jills	Maplewood
2051	Jackson Jills	Mt. Si	Maplewood
2052	Mt. Si	West Seattle	Jefferson Park
2053	Nile	Riverbend	Jefferson Park

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9) TOURNAMENTS

a) GSWPGA Championship Tournament:

- i) Any member 18-hole course with a rating of 67 or above will hold the championship on an established rotating basis. If a course's rating is below 67 the course will use whatever tees or combination of tees to get as close to a rating of 67 as possible.
- ii) No one with a handicap based on fewer than twenty (20) scores will be eligible to play in this tournament.
- iii) To be eligible, a member must be in good standing, having played 5 weekly competitions or tournaments at their home course, and participated in at least one GSWPGA competition during the year from championship to championship.
- iv) Hosting Clubs – At the February General Meeting, the club responsible for hosting the GSWPGA Championship Tournament in the following year must announce their commitment to host the event (see section H for rotation). The GSWPGA Championship Perpetual Trophies are awarded at the November Awards Luncheon (except for 2020, due to COVID acknowledgement was done virtually).
- v) \$6.00 per participant will be given to the Championship Tournament's hosting club from the general fund to help in defraying costs of the tournament.
- vi) \$10.00 of each participant's entry fee will fund the Championship crystal trophy awards.

b) President's Charity Cup

- i) An additional \$1.00 is added to the entry fee to be donated to the President's chosen charity.
- ii) Traditionally held on the President's home course.
- iii) Points competition has traditionally been used.
- iv) Trophies – President's Charity Cup perpetual trophy and an individual award are awarded to the winner of the President's Cup at the November awards luncheon.
The Carmen Johnson* perpetual trophy and an individual award are awarded to low gross of the field at the November awards luncheon.
- v) *Carmen was very active in GSWPGA and served as President. In 1974 she was diagnosed with cancer and passed away. Kathy McAfee (Jackson Hills) donated a trophy for the low gross of the field in the President's Cup event to honor Carmen for her years of hard work for the GSWPGA. The perpetual trophy was retired in 2015. A crystal trophy is presented to the winner of this competition.

c) Champion of Champions Tournament

- i) Any member in good standing and holding a Championship title (won in Match Play, or Scratch, played according to USGA Rules, in a Club, City, County or State Tournament, anywhere or at any time) is entitled to be called a Champion and shall be allowed to play.
- ii) This tournament is a low gross/scratch event which will be run in conjunction with the July Summer Sweeps tournament held at Mt Si.* Each qualified member will pay an additional fee in order to play in the "Champions of Champions" tournament.
- iii) *Note: The Summer Sweeps will be held at a different course the years Mt. Si Women's Club is responsible to hold the GSWPGA City Championship Tournament.

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- iv) This tournament will be flighted with winnings paid to the lowest gross of the field winner and lowest gross and runner up winners within each flight. It will be the responsibility of the Tournament Chair to determine the number of flights trying to assure that 50 percent of the field wins money. The low gross of the field winner will receive a minimum of \$5 more than the low gross flight winners with the exact amount to be determined by the Treasurer. The name of the Champion of Champions placed on the trophy will be the lowest gross score of the field. Ties will either be settled by a sudden death playoff, if the host course can support it, or by the current tie-break method. **This tournament will be self-sustaining.**
- v) Trophy – A perpetual trophy (donated by the 1956 President, Mrs. Martin Bosch) and an individual award are given to the winner of the Champion of Champions Tournament at the November awards luncheon.

d) Pro Am Tournament

- i) A “Pro” is a professional golfer who holds a USGA card and has given up his/her amateur status. Most Pros will play to a zero handicap; never more than a 5. It is suggested that the Head Pro be asked for a list of Professionals at the home course when assembling a team. The Pro is exempt from green fees. Pros have their own pool, with cash awards, and are therefore not included in the prizes awarded to their teams.
- ii) A Non-Pro can be any player serving in the position of the Pro in the Pro-Am. It is desirable for the Non-Pro to have a GHIN handicap. If the Non-Pro does not have a GHIN handicap, a 0 must be used.
- iii) Green fees must be paid for a Non-Pro. Teams often pay for their own Non-Pros, who receive the same amount of placement earnings as the three other players.
- iv) Women Pros will play from the white tees, men from the blue.

10) TEAM PLAY

a) Team Play Eligibility

- i) Prior to participation in GSWPGA Team play, a player belonging to 2 or more GSWPGA clubs must declare her home team verbally to the club’s Team Captain and City Representative prior to beginning Team play in the current season. Switching to another club’s team is allowed mid-season if both clubs and GSWPGA Team Captains agree to the player representing the new club.

b) Club team captains are allowed to set eligibility requirements regarding the number of club competition(s) one of their members must play in order to be eligible.

c) Team player handicaps are limited to 54, played at 100% of handicap, the lowest handicap player in each bracket playing scratch.

d) Team Play Rules

- i) Any club applying or resigning from GSWPGA Team Play must notify the Association in writing before November 1.

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- ii) To make team play self-sustaining, a fee is charged to member clubs participating. The fee is due at the February meeting. No refunds will be allowed after the meeting.
- iii) Teams shall be composed of six (6) players. A team is composed of the six lowest handicap players available in each club. Under no circumstances should a “team” be “set” at the beginning of the season. Players should be rotated according to handicap changes, and as many members of the club used as possible. The team captain makes the final decision on placing her players in the brackets, according to course handicaps.
- iv) Teams shall be set up in brackets as follows:
 - FIRST BRACKET: Two lowest handicap players available.
 - SECOND BRACKET: The next two lowest handicap players available.
 - THIRD BRACKET: The next two lowest handicap players available.
 - Disqualification if this rule is violated.
- v) Four Ball Match Play Rules Govern. First and second ball matches will be played – three points for scoring - one for each nine and one for overall eighteen.
- vi) When a putt is conceded, record the score you most likely would have made as long as it does not exceed your WHS limit. (USGA Golf Handicapping System – Section 3.3).
- vii) All brackets must be on time. Team captain will have the final decision whether to move up a player to fill a bracket if some of her team is late or start team play with missing players. (In anticipation of players arrival) who must lose points on each hole they have missed. Players may move up one bracket at the start of play. Team captain decision must be made by her team’s tee off time. In the event that a full team of 6 players is not fielded (ie: 4 or 5 players or less), team captain has the option to put the 2 lowest handicap players in the first bracket, next 2 lowest handicap players in the second bracket (and the third bracket may or may not have any players) or a combination the captain feels will be competitive for her team. (Meaning the captain may elect to put 2 players in the second and third brackets). Clubs missing a player shall be responsible for paying the green fees for said player. Day of play emergency will be settled under guidelines adopted at the City Team Captains meeting.
- e) Defaults: If a complete team (6 players) does not show, the teams’ previous points will be forfeited and the club committing the infraction will not be eligible for team play for the remainder of the year. Points won by opposing teams from the default team shall also be forfeited. The default of an entire team at any time is inexcusable, although a team may have no chance of winning, the forfeiting of all the points may unfairly affect the standing of the other teams. Repeat of a default may result in an extension of ineligibility to the defaulting team.
 - i) In the unlikely event that a team does default and is deemed ineligible to play the remainder of the year, the defaulting team shall be liable for the green fees at the courses remaining to be played in team competition for which they are ineligible.
 - ii) All disputes must be settled before the points sheets are signed by the Captain.
 - iii) Decisions of the Rules Committee will be final.

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f) Team Playoffs

- i) In case of ties for awards in team play, there will be an eighteen hole match playoff for First Place only. Team members in a playoff match must be the same as the final day of team play or emergency changes must be approved by Team and Rules Committees. Selection of final match day and course to be determined by city Team Captain and Team Captains of the clubs involved in the playoff. In case of another tie, the playoff will be played in sets of three (3) holes until the tie is broken.
- ii) In case of a three-way first place tie, the 18-hole playoff will be a three-ball best ball (one tie, all tie). Each team will contribute one player to each bracket. Total points for the 18 holes will decide the winner. In case they are still tied, the first bracket only will play to sudden death.

g) Trophies

- i) 12 first place awards will be given to the winning Net team.
- ii) Six second place awards will be given to the second place Net team.
- iii) Any additional awards may be purchased by each club.
- iv) A perpetual Plaque will be given to the winning team.
- v) A Gross Plaque will be presented to the team winning the most points on Gross. A pin will also be awarded to 12 members of the winning Gross team.
- vi) All awards are given at the November awards luncheon.

11) NOMINATIONS FOR VICE-PRESIDENT:

- a) Each club will be responsible for nominating a Vice President who, after one year as Vice President, will assume the role of President the next year, followed by one year as a trustee on the Executive Committee.
- b) It is the responsibility of each club to nominate a Vice President candidate when it is their turn per the rotation (see section 8), but their nominee can come from **any** club.
- c) At the February General Meeting, the club responsible for nominating a Vice President candidate for the following year must announce their commitment to make the nomination.

12) PROVIDE A TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR:

- a) Each club will be responsible for providing a Tournament Director (TD) or 2 Co-Tournament Directors. That person(s) will receive training from the existing Tournament Director(s) the year prior to taking on the role and then will serve as Tournament Director(s) for two years. Her final year of responsibility will include training her replacement(s).
- b) It is the responsibility of each club to provide a Tournament Director(s) when it is their turn per the rotation, but their nominee(s) can come from **any** club.
- c) The club responsible for naming the next Tournament Director(s) must do so at the November General Meeting (14 months prior to assuming role) so she can receive familiarization training during the year prior to becoming Tournament Director. This familiarization would consist of

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understanding 1) how the City Representative tournament package is put together, 2) setting up tournaments and entering results data into the Golf Genius tournament software and submitting to the GHIN system, 3) providing the treasurer and webmaster with results data, 4) scheduling the next year's tournaments with courses, familiarization with course contacts, 5) maintaining tournament participation data. All of this is documented in the TD notebook but some hands-on familiarization can be helpful.

APPENDIX A – GSWPGA POLICIES

- **This document is the result of a historical GSWPGA meeting minute review accomplished by Carol Johnson during her term as GSWPGA President.**
- **Note: 1983 and 1985 Minutes were not available for review at that time.**
- **When a new decision replaces an existing one the old decision should be lined out but maintained in this document for historical purposes.**

Golf Course Management mandating scheduling of tournaments

GSWPGA activities should not and will not be dictated by outside parties.

(Board of Directors 12/10/82)

Team Dues

Team Dues reduced from \$60 to \$45 for the year 2000.

(Board of Directors 2/15/2000)

~~Team Dues increased from \$55.00 to \$60.00.~~

(Awards Luncheon 11/16/95)

~~United States Team Championship~~

~~Budget Item: Stipend of \$150.00 awarded every odd year toward expenses for Washington State Representative to the United States Team Championship.~~

(Executive Committee 7/30/97) (Executive Committee 11/13/2008)

~~July Tournament Qualifying Flight – Grandmothers/Silver-Gold Tournaments~~

~~Grandmother/Senior Tournament discontinued due to low member participation. July Tournament to be called the “Summer Sweeps”.~~

(Executive Committee 1/29/2003)

~~Qualifying Flight added to the Grandmothers and Silver & Gold Tournaments for those for those members who are non-grandmothers and those who are under 50 years old who wish to participate in these tournaments and also for those who need to qualify for the City Championship.~~

(Captains 7/6/98) (Awards Luncheon 11/12/98)

Pre-Tournament Play and Green Fees for Rules Committee

The GSWPGA will pay for 2 rounds of golf per tournament for the Rules Committee when complimentary green fees are not available and if a pre-tournament round is deemed necessary.

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A pre-tournament round by the Rules Committee will always be required for the Championship Tournament.

(Executive Committee 5/3/2004/1/18/2018)

Tournament Pairing Program System Requirements

GSWPGA membership in a computerized pairing system when required by that system is authorized following funding approval by the Executive Committee.

(Executive Committee 5/16/2018)

Excess Green Fees

In the event a course reduces green fees below what entrants paid for the tournament the excess funds will become part of the prize for that tournament.

(Executive Committee 7/11/19)

Board Member Tournament Fees

The GSWPGA will compensate tournament fees and the luncheon for Tournament Directors (max 2) and Secretary, Treasurer, and Team Captain will be compensated for the luncheon. *(Executive Committee 1/19/23)*

~~The GSWPGA will pay tournament entry fees for the Tournament Director, Secretary, and Treasurer and Team Match play event green fees for the Association Team Captain. *(Executive Committee 1/14/16)*~~

~~The GSWPGA will pay total green fees and entry fees for the Tournament Director, Association Team Captain, Secretary and Treasurer only. *(Special Meeting July 29, 2015)*~~

~~The GSWPGA will pay total green fees for Tournament Director, Association Team Captain, Secretary and Treasurer only. *(Executive Committee 1/14/2010)*~~

~~The GSWPGA will pay total green fees for Tournament Director, Association Team Captain and Treasurer only. *(Executive Committee 1/22/2008)*~~

~~The GSWPGA will continue to pay total green fees for Tournament Director and Association Team Captain. Green Fees will not be paid for President, Treasurer and Secretary.~~

~~*(Executive Committee 1/17/2006)*~~

~~Approval to pay total green fees for President and Treasurer. *(Board of Directors 2/10/04)*~~

~~Budget item "Fees for Board" includes green fees (not entry fees) paid in full for the Tournament Director and 50% green fees paid for the President, Secretary, Association Team Captain and Treasurer.~~

~~It was subsequently approved that the Association Team Captain shall receive green fees paid in full noting that her responsibilities for Team Play are similar to the Tournament Director.~~

~~*(Executive Committee 1/29/2003)*~~

~~GSWPGA will pay all tournament entry fees for both the Tournament Chairman and the Treasurer. *(Captains 7/6/98) (Awards Luncheon 11/12/98)*~~

Scorecards

Use of computer-generated scorecards approved and implemented.

(Executive Committee 1/29/2003)

How to Decide Ties in Competition Play

USGA Rule 33.6 empowers the committee to determine how and when a halved match or a stroke play shall be decided. The decision should be published in advance.

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(Board of Directors 7/14/05)

Ties for trophy/crystal awards will be broken by a one, two, or three-hole playoff depending on what the course can accommodate, with three holes being the preferred standard.

When a course cannot accommodate a playoff, a card-off will be conducted until the tie is broken:

- Starting with holes 10 through 18, the lowest combined score will be the winner based upon the tournament format (e.g., gross, net, or points).
- If a tie still exists, the card-off will be conducted using holes 13 through 18, then 16 through 18, and finally 18, until the tie is broken.

(Board of Directors, November 2012)

For sweeps events that include low gross/low net competitions the card-off method will be used to break ties. (Board of Directors, November 2016)

Global Positioning System (GPS) Devices

GPS devices approved to be used in GSWPGA Tournaments for distance only but may not be used for determining wind velocity. *(Board of Directors 7/13/2006)*

Sweeps Payouts

A proposal to change payouts at GSWPGA Sweeps Tournaments and the City Championship (cash & trophy awards) was submitted to the Executive Committee in October 2007. The Board reviewed the proposals and made the following decisions for Sweeps Tournaments at the November Executive Committee Meeting.

(Note: A sub-committee was formed to address the proposed changes to the City Championship Payouts/Trophies. They were directed to submit a proposal to the Executive Committee at the January 2008 meeting.)

Sweeps Tournament Payouts:

Flight Money:

Divide the total amount of money available equally between the flights. This guarantees each flight gets a fair portion of the money.

Calculate the amount per flight, how many places in each flight, and then calculate prizes per place.

OR

For sweeps tournaments that have an **OVERALL** winner, set the prize amount for the overall winners, subtract that amount from the prize fund, then divide the result by the number of flights. The **OVER-ALL** winners' cash payout will be added to their respective flight totals and place payouts for those flights will pay to **1 less place** than the rest of the flights. The **number** of winners for each flight will be the same. Flights with overall winners will receive slightly more money than the other flights. For example: If flights are to be paid 1-6 places, flights with an overall winner will be paid 1-5 places. If both winners are from the same flight, places paid will be 1-4. (Executive Committee 11/9/2017)

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Place Payouts Within Flights:

Payout ties will be done as in any other typical tournaments, i.e. a two-person tie for 1st would split the total money for 1st and 2nd place. Add the 1st and 2nd place prize money and divide by two. The next place paid would be 3rd place, etc.

A two-way tie for 2nd place, where \$16 is paid for 2nd and \$14 is paid for 3rd. Add \$16 and \$14 together for \$30, then divide by 2 to pay out \$15 to both players. The next place to be paid would then be 4th.

A three way tie for 2nd place would add the prize money for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th place together and divide by 3. The next place to be paid would be 5th.

Amounts calculated for the ties will be rounded to .50 or 1.00 for simplicity.

Last place paid to within Flights will be determined by size of prize fund per Flight.

City Championship Payouts/Trophies

A subcommittee was formed at the November 2008 Executive Committee Meeting to review changes proposed by a GSWPGA member to the City Championship cash and trophy award method. That subcommittee made a proposal to the Executive Committee at the 1/22/2008 meeting. The Executive Committee voted to implement the proposal at that meeting.

Lap Money

- 1) Total lap money for the tournament will be divided equally between the two days, then by the number of flights, by gross and net.
- 2) Three places will be paid in each flight for gross and net.
- 3) Monies will be combined for ties.

Lap money will be awarded the last day to any player that qualifies for a low gross or low net award, including those players in contention for trophy awards.

Monetary Award to the Champion and Runner-Up

- 1) The Champion and Runner-up will each receive a monetary award.
- 2) Instead of purchasing the Low Gross and Low Net trophies for the last day of the tournament, those monies will be used toward a monetary award for the Champion and Runner-up and will be distributed on a percentage basis (60% to the Champion, 40% to the Runner-up).

Trophies (presented at the November Luncheon) *(Board of Directors 11/13/2014)*

- 1) Trophies will be awarded to the Champion, Runner-up, and 1st and 2nd place Flight winners.
- 2) A Low Net Champion of the Field will be awarded to the participant with the lowest net score (for entire Championship). *(Executive Committee 11/13/2008. The Low Net Champion of the Field may not win a Flight Award. (Executive Committee 1/14/2010)*
- 3) No trophies will be awarded for Low Gross or Low Net for the Last Day of the tournament.

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General Fund:

Increase the General Fund fee from \$1.50 per tournament to \$2.00 per tournament player (this includes per player/per day for the GSWPGA Three Day Championship). This fee is deducted from the entry fee of each player for each tournament. The additional fee will increase our income and help offset the GSWPGA expenses. *(Board of Directors 1/22/24)*

Reserve Fund Earmarks:

Amend Standing Rules to include expenses for the following items that will come out of the Reserve Fund:

- 1) competition reservation fees
- 2) ~~perpetual trophies fees for repair/replacement~~ *(Special Board of Directors 7/29/15)*
- 3) ~~\$320 towards green fees for the Tournament Director and Treasurer~~

These items will be reviewed every year by the Executive Committee and continuation will depend on the financial status of the GSWPGA.

(Item 3) Executive Committee 1/14/2010) (See page 8, Board Member Entry Fees)

(Board of Directors 2/15/2000)

Perpetual Trophies:

A Perpetual Trophy Subcommittee met on July 9th 2015 to discuss how plaques/trophies will be stored following retirement. After reviewing the costs related to replacing retired plaques and the costs to reuse existing plaques replacing the yearly plates the following proposal was made:

- Continue giving crystal awards to the winners of the competitions as we do today.
- Retire perpetual plaques/trophies as the last available year slot on each is filled. Do not replace them.
- Offer the last winner/winner's club the opportunity to display the plaque/trophy at their club. If the offer is declined then discard the plaque unless someone steps forward to take ownership of the plaque/trophy.
- Assure that all GSWPGA award information is maintained on the organization website.

The recommendation was reviewed/approved at the 7/29/15 Special Board of Directors Meeting.

Note: This recommendation does not apply to Team Events.

Amendments to Standing Rules

Executive Committee shall be allowed to make changes it deems necessary to the Standing Rules at any scheduled Executive Committee Meeting. The Board will notify the membership of any changes.

(Board of Directors 2/13/2001)

Board Member Identification

~~Board members to wear name badges at each tournament they attend.~~

~~*(Executive Committee 1/28/2003) (Executive Committee 7/11/19)*~~

Captains' Meetings

~~Captains' Meetings* reinstated and will be held immediately following the July Summer Sweeps.~~

~~*(Board of Directors Meeting 2/11/2003)*~~

~~*Note: Captains' Meeting includes the Board of Directors. Accordingly, it is a Board of Directors Meeting.~~

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(Special Meeting, July 29, 2015)

Committee Meeting Schedule

With implementation of computerized tournament program, traditional prep meetings no longer indicated. To provide for appropriate communication, additional Executive Committee meetings to be held in May and November were approved. Accordingly the yearly Executive and Board of Directors meeting schedule is approved as follows:

Executive Committee Meetings will be scheduled for January, May (if required) and November
Board of Directors Meetings will be scheduled for February and ~~July~~ November.

(Executive Committee 11/13/2003) (Special Meeting July 2015)

Junior Golf and Evans Scholarship

The GSWPGA will provide financial support to the Junior Golf and Evans Scholarship Programs as follows:

- For 2003, reserve monies of \$150 each will go to the Junior Golf and Evans Scholarship Programs.
- For 2004 and years following, a raffle will be held at the Annual Awards Luncheon with proceeds equally distributed to the Junior Golf and Evans Scholarship Programs. It is expected that individual clubs will provide raffle gifts.

(Executive Committee 11/13/2003)

Computer Acquisition

Laptop computer acquisition approved for Tournament program management.

(Executive Committee 1/13/2004)

Tape Recorder Acquisition

Tape Recorder acquisition approved for Secretary to record meeting minutes.

(Executive Committee 5/3/2004)

GSWPGA Website

Website developed and approved for operation.

(Board of Directors 2/13/06)

Addition to Website: "The GSWPGA website advertises only information or events that are directly related to GSWPGA tournaments, events and players."

(Board of Directors 11/13/2014)

Rules

Caddies will not be permitted for any GSWPGA event. Deleted the following: "except the City Championship tournament, Junior Golf members only."

(Board of Directors 11/13/2014)

Supervisors for intellectually impaired players and Coaches (spotters) for visually impaired players will be allowed. See GSWPGA Standing Rules Section E. Impairments/Disabilities.

(Executive Committee 6/23/16)

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Standing Rules Change Log (non-Appendix items)

Date	Change Item	Description	Authorization
11/10/16	H. 1. c	Allow for 9 hole club membership and tournament play eligibility for GSWPGA tournaments	Ex-Committee
11/10/16	Championship Host schedule	Removed “18 hole” from title to allow for 9 hole clubs	Ex-Committee
Aug 2017	Tournament Director	Added the responsibility for member clubs to provide Tournament Directors per rotation	Ex-Committee
11/9/17	Champion of Champion	Added low gross of the field payout instructions.	Ex-Committee
	Home Team Declaration	Removed home club declaration, added home Team declaration requirement and instructions.	
	Private Club	Removed private club member participation exclusion wording.	
	Responsibility Rotation	Removed Foster	
1/18/18	GHIN Handicaps	Revised statement defining which GHIN handicap revision will be used for tournament events	Ex-Committee
	Responsibility Rotation	Revised responsibility rotation to: 1) Re-add Wayne@Nile, 2) Add Nile.	
5/16/18	Responsibility Rotation	Adjusted VP rotation following Maplewood’s agreement to move up one year. Riverbend moved down in the rotation to acknowledge their support of GSWPGA when they provided a VP nominee following Auburn leaving the organization in 2012.	General Board
	Tournament Pairing Program	Added wording to allow for GSWPGA to become a club member of a tournament pairing system when required if funds are approved by the Executive Committee.	
11/8/18	Responsibility Rotation	Removed Cascade. Added Redmond Ridge following Nile.	General Board
7/11/19	Responsibility Rotation, Excess Green Fees, Board Badges	Removed Wayne from Responsibility Rotation. Disposition of excess green fees paid. Removed requirements for Board badges at events.	Ex-Committee
	Trustee Position	Trustee term was reduced from 2 years to 1 year.	

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11/7/19	Responsibility Rotation Championship hosting	Change VP nomination failure consequence, revise rotation schedule. Increase amount GSWPGA provides Championship hosting club to defray expenses	Ex-Committee
11/11/21	Responsibility Rotation Rules on Preferred Lies	Removed Twin Rivers and Jefferson Park and redid the responsibility table Removed sentence on pg. 1, section B, #2 about no preferred lies at City Championship Removed section on preferred lies at Sweeps events	Ex-Committee
9/18/23	Responsibility Rotation Schedule (mentioned on 11/11/21) was never finalized.	Added Jefferson Park back as a Member Club and revised Responsibility Schedule.	Ex-Committee
9/18/23	Revised TEAM	Switching to another club's team is allowed mid-season Club team captains are allowed to set eligibility requirements regarding the number of club competition(s) one of their members must play in order to be eligible.	Ex-Committee
9/18/23	Updated Handicap Maximum per WHS Updated when Handicaps will be used Removed reference to handicap differential	Player handicaps are limited to 54 Handicaps for TEAM PLAY will be that handicap in current use on WEDNESDAY preceding a FRIDAY match and FRIDAY preceding a MONDAY match. The team captain makes the final decision on placing her players in the brackets, according to course handicaps.	Ex-Committee
9/18/23	Updated Handicap system	Removed USGA Handicap System with World Handicap System	Ex-Committee
9/18/23	Removed number of Team Matches (the number will depend on how many Member Clubs there are).	Team Matches	Ex-Committee
9/18/23	Under Team Trophies	Replaced the word Scratch with Gross	Ex-Committee

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1/22/24	Standing Rules Revision	Major overhaul of Standing Rules document	Ex-Committee
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