

Woods Valley Golf Club (WVMC)

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A. Woods Valley Golf Club Organization:

1. The Woods Valley Golf Club (AKA - "WVMC") operates under the Woods Valley Golf Club SCGA number: 73-0496.
2. The SCGA (Southern California Golf Association) is an "association" licensed by the USGA to provide USGA trademarked handicap services in the So-Cal region and to use the USGA Handicap System.
3. The WVMC is a USGA licensed Type-1 club ("facilities club") which is located at this specific golf course where a majority of the club's events are played and which is authorized to issue a Handicap Index to its members.
4. This Golf Club operates within the Woods Valley Golf Club and provides handicap services to all the members of the WVMC and tournament services to its members.
5. The WVMC reserves the right to refuse membership to any applicant at any time for any reason deemed appropriate by designated WVMC officers or a designated committee. All applications for membership, new or renewal, will be subject to the approval of the Membership Committee (see Note-3 at the end of this document).

B. WVMC Approach:

1. The WVMC was created to organize and conduct amateur tournaments according to SCGA and USGA rules and guidelines.
2. However, unless specified otherwise, non-amateur WVMC members may compete in Club tournaments and for organized optional side bets. Non-amateur Club members will not be eligible to compete for Club Championships, SCGA Team Play or other Club events that require amateur status as an entry requirement.
3. Volunteers of the WVMC do the preparation, organizing, communications, handicap duties and many follow-up tasks.
4. The goal of the WVMC volunteers is to make each Club tournament a smooth, enjoyable, competitive event for the members.
5. The Woods Valley Golf Course is where the majority of events are held. HOWEVER, the Golf Course staff does NOT do the tasks of the Men's Club.
6. The Golf Course staff will not have the tournament details and information other than number of carts, tee time and list of the players as given to them by the WVMC.
7. The WVMC coordinators are the folks to contact regarding sign-ups, guests, handicap index, course handicap, format and rules.
8. The WVMC contacts and contact methods are listed in each sign-up sheet and in other communications to members.
9. Email is the usual and preferred communication method. However, "day-before" sign-ups or cancellations should be done via telephone (to or from the Tournament Director or President).

C. Tournament Approach:

1. The USGA provides a handicap system for the purpose of promoting "equitable competition". This handicap system is useful only "in competition" and only useful if used correctly and with integrity.
2. "Correctly" means that club members are to post all rounds, including nine-hole rounds and including rounds not completed (at least 13 holes) and those that include holes not completed (using USGA rules for listing hole strokes when the ball is picked up)
3. "Integrity" means that members will always play a round to the best of their ability and will then post each score in accordance with SCGA/USGA guidelines for the handicap system.

Additionally all players will be subject to, and be able to participate in, peer review of rounds played.

4. In keeping with USGA/SCGA guidelines, the WVMC intends to organize sufficient numbers of Club tournaments with sufficient tee assignments to provide for more than the USGA-recommended three (3) club events per member per year.

D. Competing and non-competeing Guests:

1. With the exception of special tournaments, WVMC members may invite guests to play in WVMC tournaments. Such guests may be allowed to compete for the optional side bets if they have a current handicap index from a USGA licensed association and are members of a "tournament-playing" golf club. Guests that do not meet this requirement may play as non-competing guests.
 2. Guest's handicap index information MUST be provided at least one day in advance of the WVMC tournament so that the Handicap Chairperson can validate the index.
 3. Members shall be responsible for their guests and shall also be responsible for receipt and distribution of side-bet awards for their guests.
 4. In the spirit of "protect the field" (therefore, all of our club members playing in our tournaments) a member (and guest) will be able to compete for WVMC awards and side bets ONLY if at least one WVMC club member is riding in the other cart in the assigned tee group.
 5. Guests may compete for the optional side bets a maximum of once per quarter.
 6. This is also in keeping with the WVMC requirement that scorecards must be exchanged with players in the opposite cart. ***For example:***
 - A club member who plays in the same tee group with three guests must play as a "non-competitor".
 - Club members who ride in the same cart while their guests ride in the other cart must play as "non-competitors".
 - Club members who do not exchange cards with at least one club member in the other cart will be designated as "non-competitors"
 - A member may play, but not compete for awards and side bets if all other players in the member's tee group are non-members.
1. **NOTE-1: Additionally, the WVMC Hole-In-One Fund amount will be paid only to a Fund-participating WVMC member who gets a valid hole-in-one that is witnessed by other WVMC club member playing in the same WVMC event.**
 2. **NOTE-2: To be clear, the WVMC organized side bets are optional.**
 3. **NOTE-3: WVMC may decline a new or renewal membership request or take other actions such as removal of tournament playing privileges or removal of Club membership as a result of applicant/member behavior in WVMC or other Clubs that, in the sole judgment of the Membership Committee or other designated WVMC Members or Committee, indicate that such an action is in the best interests of the WVMC.**