

Woods Valley Golf Club (WVMC) Tournaments and Club Officers *(Updated 11/1/2016)*

A. Tournament Schedule, Side Bets and Prizes

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. The Club tournament schedule is typically set for weekly-Wednesdays (with the exception of alternative dates to avoid significant Golf Course maintenance activities) and two Saturdays each month.
4. For each event, tee times are reserved to handle 44 players (Wednesdays) or 20 players (Saturdays). Since the WVMC must notify the Golf Course as soon as possible if sign-ups will be more or less than six groups, final sign-ups for play are targeted for the two evenings prior to each event.
5. The Club has not established a tournament fee. This may be changed at any time and a nominal tournament fee may be established.
6. **Optional side bets** will be funded for each tournament by a prize competition fee. In order to promote consistency, fairness and control, the WVMC will stipulate, schedule, organize, track and pay these optional side bets as prizes.
7. Typically, tournament awards are calculated by computer after each event. Prizes are awarded and made available at the following event. ***NOTE that unclaimed prizes will be held for recipients for a maximum of 6 months “for current members” after which such an unclaimed prize will be returned to the Club's general account.***
8. The **optional side bet fee** for events shall be set by the Tournament Committee. As of this update, the fee is set at \$15.00 for WVMC members with current and active SCGA Handicaps. Those members that do not yet have an SCGA index (or WVMC temporary index) will not pay the side bet fee. The WVMC Handicap Chairman will produce an interim course handicap for members that have records for at least three recent rounds and haven't yet received an index from the SCGA.
9. Except for Championship Tournaments, guests of Members are welcome to play, but may participate in the optional side bets no more than once per quarter.
10. **The placements (win, place, etc.) for the results will initially follow these thresholds (which may be adjusted based upon input and experience):**
 - **Low Net and CTP (two holes) when up to 9 competitors.**
 - **Low Net and CTP (four holes) when 10-12 competitors.**
 - **Low Net, CTP (four holes), Skins when 13-18 competitors.**
 - **Flights, Low Net, CTP (four holes), Skins when 19 and more competitors.**
 - **Gross score awards will be considered at or above 20 competitors, but there will typically be fewer gross scoring awards than net scoring awards.**
- **NOTE: Closest to the Pin awards require that the initial tee stroke on a PAR 3 results in the ball resting on the green (not the fringe) and a PAR or better gross score is subsequently scored. This applies only to those players who participate in our tournament side bets or any other organized award activity in one of our organized tournaments. **If the “CTP”-player in a group fails to make PAR, the next closest player on the green who qualifies may then be eligible to make the CTP.****

B. Tournament Schedules and Formats:

1. Generally, check-in time is between 6:40 and 7:40 AM. Tee off is generally at 8:00 AM.
2. Schedules are distributed via email and are typically included in each tournament notice.
3. Formats of play and scoring will vary and will largely depend upon expected numbers of players.

C. WVMC Organization:

1. The WVMC officers and roles are listed below. Additional assistance is always appreciated and may be coordinated through the members listed below.
2. The WVMC roles and responsibilities:
 - President & Secretary - Bruce Long
 - Vice President, Treasurer - Leonard Ruffalo
 - Rules Chairman - Vic Reed
 - Handicap Chairman - Bruce Long
 - Tournament Chairman - Bruce Long
 - Membership Chairman - Leonard Ruffalo
 - Handicap Committee - Bruce*, Leonard, Phil Gold, Chris Igelman, Vic
 - Tournament Committee - Bruce*, Leonard, Frank Piracci, Art Branstine, Vic
 - Membership Committee - Leonard*, Phil Gold, Jackie Gold
 - Rules Committee - Vic Reed*, Bruce, Leonard

 - Tournament Coordinator Weekdays - Bruce
 - Tournament Coordinator Saturdays - Bruce, Frank, Leonard
 - SCGA Team Captain/Coordinator - Chris Igelman
 - WEB site updates and maintenance - Bruce
 - SCGA Club Delegate - Leonard

D. WVMC Communication Methods:

1. Due to costs in dollars and time for travel to and from the Golf Course, all WVMC communications will be done via email. Free email accounts are available from Google (gmail), Yahoo, Microsoft (Live Mail) and others. It is hoped that those without a computer can buddy up with someone that does and who is willing to share the notices and sign-up sheet info.
2. Member Handicap Index listings will be placed on the Golf Course bulletin board. Index reports will also be emailed to members as they become available from the SCGA. Membership lists will be provided to members on a periodic basis.

E. WVMC Benefits (subject to change):

1. Woods Valley Golf Course WVMC Tournament participant green fees are different for weekday and weekend tournament play. The tournament fee is negotiated with the Golf Course and may change throughout any given calendar year.
2. Woods Valley Golf Course merchandise discounts which can be taken any day of the week. Discounts are determined through negotiations with the golf course and may change at any time throughout any given calendar year.
3. Coordination with the Woods Valley Golf Course of sign-up of new SCGA/Golf Club/WVMC members, including renewals.
4. Preferred WVMC tournament tee time and preferred individual Golf Course tee times (non-tournament).
5. Active promotion of the WVMC and WVMC tournaments.
6. Issue SCGA Handicap Index to members and performance of handicap index administration.

7. Tournament organization, execution and tracking.

F. The Woods Valley Golf Club Hole-In-One Fund:

1. As most golf club members are aware, there is a long-standing custom that befalls a golfer who scores a Hole-In-One. The lucky person gets the honor of inviting the playing/competing golfers for a drink at the club house or a nearby establishment so they can celebrate this very rare feat together. As we can all imagine, this could get very expensive.
 2. In order to help defray the cost of such a worthy celebration, the Woods Valley WVMC has established a method for members to contribute to, and benefit from a "Hole-In-One Prize Fund".
 3. Any WVMC member who wishes to benefit from this fund would "buy-in" to the Woods Valley WVMC Hole-In-One Fund for \$4.00 (subject to change after each fund payout). A list will be maintained of fund participants. A Fund participating WVMC member who scores a Hole-In-One in an official, and open, WVMC competition event shall be awarded the accumulated funds as a hole-in-one prize. At that point, the fund will be reset to zero dollars and funding for the prize will begin again.
 4. In the unlikely event that more than one WVMC member scores a hole-in-one in the same WVMC competition event (in the same round), the accumulated prize will be evenly split.
 5. The WVMC Club Treasurer will maintain the list of Fund participants, report on the Fund's value and disburse the prize money per these guidelines.
- **NOTE: Additionally, the WVMC Hole-In-One Fund amount will be paid only to a Fund-participating Club member who gets a valid hole-in-one that is witnessed by another WVMC club member playing in the same event.**

G. Woods Valley Golf Club Local Rules:

For the Woods Valley Golf Club (WVMC), play is governed by the current USGA Rules of Golf and its Decisions, and where applicable, by the Woods Valley Golf Course "back-of-scorecard" Local Rules and the WVMC Local Rules and Definitions.

The WVMC Local Rules are contained and distributed in a separate document.

H. Rules for Disabled Golfers – Blindness Disability:

The WVMC Tournament and Rules Committees, effective 2/8/2016, adopts the following USGA Rules for Disabled Golfers in WVMC Tournaments:

Definition of "Coach"

The status of the coach and the duties that he may perform should be defined clearly. Without this clarification, it would be difficult, for example, to determine how a blind golfer must proceed if his ball were to strike his or another player's coach after a *stroke*. Therefore, the following Definition is suggested:

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.

Rule 6-4 (Caddie)

There is nothing in the *Rules* that would prohibit the coach of a blind golfer from functioning as his *caddie*. For a variety of reasons, however, a coach may not be able to perform the duties of a *caddie*. Therefore, it is permissible for a blind golfer to have both a coach and a *caddie*. In these circumstances, however, the coach must not carry or handle the player's clubs except in helping the player take his *stance* or align himself prior to making the *stroke*, or in assisting him as permitted by analogy to [Decision 6-4/4.5](#). Otherwise, the player would be subject to penalty under [Rule 6-4](#) for having more than one *caddie*. Likewise, if a player has more than one coach at a given time, he is subject to penalty under Rule 6-4.

Rule 8-1 (Advice)

In view of the Definition of "Coach," it is recommended that [Rule 8-1](#) be modified as follows:

8-1. Advice

During a *stipulated round*, a player must not:

- a. give *advice* to anyone in the competition playing on the *course* other than his *partner*, or
- b. ask for *advice* from anyone other than his *partner*, either of their *caddies* or, if applicable, their coaches.

Rule 13-4b (Touching the Ground in Hazard)

The following additional Exception under [Rule 13-4](#) is permissible:

Exceptions:

4. Provided nothing is done that constitutes testing the condition of the *hazard* or improves the lie of the ball, there is no penalty if a blind golfer grounds his club in a *hazard* preparatory to making a *stroke*. However, the player is deemed to have *addressed the ball* if the club is grounded immediately in front of or immediately behind the ball, whether or not the player has taken his *stance*.

Rule 14-2b (Position of Caddie or Partner)

Due to the complexities involved in aligning a blind golfer, it may be difficult or unreasonable to expect the blind golfer and his coach to comply with [Rule 14-2b](#). Therefore, there is no penalty if a player's coach positions himself on or close to an extension of the *line of play* or the *line of putt* behind the ball during a *stroke*, provided the coach does not assist the player in any other manner during the *stroke*.

However, given the intent of Rule 14-2b, it may be appropriate to prohibit a coach from remaining in a position that contravenes this Rule if he is performing the duties of a coach or a *caddie* for two different players simultaneously.