

## STANDING RULES

1. United States Golf Association (USGA) Rules shall govern all play except where local rules apply.
2. Only women who are members of the Willow Fork Women's Golf Association (WGA) shall be entitled to participate in any of the events sponsored by the Association for accumulation of points and year-end awards and prizes.
3. **Players may choose to play 9 or 18 holes. Must specify which group when signing up for ladies play day.**
4. **All WGA members are eligible to compete for prizes on Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon play days**, if they have an established USGA handicap\* at Willow Fork. Net score, when it applies, will determine winners on play day. A player working on a handicap can still participate but will not be eligible for prizes.
  - In order to obtain a World Handicap System (WHS) handicap at Willow Fork, a player must have at least (3) three posted adjusted gross scores from Willow Fork. These scores are subject to review by the Handicap and Rules Committee.
  - **The maximum handicap for 18-Hole players will be 36 in all tournaments and play days.**
  - **The maximum handicap for 9-Hole players will be 27 in all tournaments and play days, unless they are participating in an 18-hole event when it will be 36 for 18 holes.**
5. It is recommended that all beginner golfers start by playing 9-holes but are encouraged to participate in the group of their choice.
6. **For the convenience of our members, stated Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon are play days. Thursday afternoon players will play same format as Thursday morning play. Chip in pot will be excluded from Thursday afternoon playday. Any member may participate in play both times, but must declare on Wednesday, before play begins, if her score that day will not count as her "official" score for competition and year-end awards. Only one official play day per week will be counted. For this purpose, the week will run from Thursday morning through Thursday afternoon. Members who wish to participate should sign up online by noon the preceding Wednesday so pairings can be arranged. Call the Pro Shop to cancel if you are unable to participate. The Pro Shop is the only one that can cancel the playday due to weather or course conditions. A push notification will be sent by the Pro Shop advising play day cancellation. However, WGA members can still play that day if desired.**
7. In keeping with Section 1.2, (WGA Purpose), pairing requests will **NOT** be honored by the pro shop under any circumstances, unless stated by the tournament chair. Always call the pro shop before **7:30 a.m.** on play day if withdrawing from play, otherwise there will be no changes to the pairings on play days.
8. There must be a minimum of **two (2) players each play day from start to finish to constitute a play day.** Thursday morning and Thursday afternoon play days will be combined in order to determine the winners each week and allocate participation points.
9. **The scorecard for the day's event shall be signed, attested, and dated and recorded in log book for the day, and given to the pro shop**
10. Any questions about proper scoring should be called to the opponent's attention ***at the hole that is in question.*** If the problem cannot be resolved among the players playing together, the hole should be circled. Please put U.S.G.A. Rule 3.3 into effect; play two balls and keep both scores for the hole. (Local Rule for Match Play). On completion of play, **DO NOT SIGN** the card in question and present your problem to the Club Pro. The decision of the Club Pro will be final.
11. **On play days, or tournaments, the WGA will follow USGA rules, which includes no gimme putts and no root rule.**
12. When a player reaches the equivalent of **net double bogey** on a hole, she has the option of picking up her ball and not finishing the hole. Score for that hole is the players's maximum followed by an X (Ex: 8X); however, depending on the day's competition, picking up MAY eliminate the player from the day's game. EX: If the game

is Ts and Fs and you pick up on a T or F, you are not eligible to win. This does NOT exclude the player from the chip in pot on other holes.

13. Flights shall be determined at the discretion of the Tournament Committee, and based upon participation.
14. All playday scores and Interclub scores will be entered by the Pro Shop. All scorecards on days other than play days must be posted by the player on **GHIN hole by hole (not total score)**. This includes play outside of Willow Fork Country Club. Be sure to enter your adjusted Net Double Bogey Score.
15. Young ladies of high school age and older are invited to play with the WGA on Thursdays. They are not eligible to win chip in pots or prize money.
16. First time break pins and birdie pins will be awarded. Birdie pins or cash can be awarded for each birdie, even if you birdie the same hole multiple times. Players are eligible for \$2 or 1 pin per birdie with a maximum of \$36 or 18 pins. Members must indicate their preference at the beginning of the year. Birdie pins can be earned on "official play days at Willow Fork" only. The tournament chairman or her designee must be notified and initial/record the event and date at the end of play.
17. Each player must note birdies on scorecard. Each player will be responsible for recording their birdies, chip ins and score for that play day on the Game Day Sheet.
18. In consideration of other players, it is requested that members refrain from bringing non-golfing children under age 18 on the course during a playday.

## MAJOR TOURNAMENT RULES

In order to be eligible for major tournaments, a member must meet the following requirements:

1. Must be a **full** member in good standing of Willow Fork Women's Golf Association; and must have an established WHS handicap\* at Willow Fork Country Club.  
  
\* A member must have a WHS handicap, with 3 scores from Willow Fork, that is printed and posted by the pro shop. Members who join with a previous handicap must use that handicap until a WHS handicap at Willow Fork has been established.
2. A player must have five scores on Official WGA Play Days (**Thursday morning or Thursday afternoon**) for the current year to qualify for Club Championship (Fall).
3. For match play tournament, players will have 1 month to complete each match beginning in April ending in September.
4. Net score will determine the winners in the Match Play tournament. For the Club Championship tournament, the Club Champion will be the golfer with the lowest gross score.
5. **Players below a 28 handicap index are only eligible to play in 18 hole club championship.**

*\*The standing rules are reviewed yearly. They will be reviewed by the WGA Executive Board prior to the first meeting in February of each year for any revisions. The WGA executive Board will make revisions as required throughout the WGA season.*