

WOMEN'S NINE HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

INTRODUCTION TO WNHGA

About this Manual

This manual is intended to provide information useful to WNHGA members, both for managing events at their home clubs and participating at WNHGA events. Although it is called the Captain's Manual, the information it contains could be useful to any nine-hole player. For instance, it has detailed information on handicapping, such as computing indexes and course handicaps, and adjusting and posting scores. The handicap chair of each club should have copies of the *Handicapping* section. Likewise, the Team Play captains should have access to the *Team Play Competition* section, and so forth.

WNHGA organizes several different tournaments each year, including Open Days, the Tournament of Champions, Team Play, and the Corena Green Classic for Junior Girls. Each of these topics is covered in detail in a separate section of the manual. Rather than distribute the pages from the manual itself, each club captain should copy the appropriate pages and give them to the persons concerned. The manual is also available at *WNHGA.com*.

Updating the Captain's Manual is an on-going project. From time to time, each captain will receive an email notifying her of any updates. The new material should be printed and inserted in the Captain's Manual (discarding the outdated pages) as well as be distributed to the appropriate chair. If there are any problems printing out the material, please contact any WNHGA board member for assistance.

Your suggestions for additions or changes will be greatly appreciated, especially if some aspect of the material is not clear. Your ideas should be communicated to the president of the WNHGA Board of Directors.

HAPPY GOLFING!

The WNHGA Organization

Mission Statement

The Women's Nine Hole Golf Association was formed in order to:

- promote the interests of amateur nine-hole golf in its territorial jurisdiction;
- provide a governing body to maintain uniformity in the interpretation of USGA's *The Rules of Golf* and *USGA Rules of Handicapping*;
- compile and publish the WNHGA Yearbook in order to provide members with a directory and calendar of events;
- conduct Open Days, Tournament of Champions, Corena Green Classic for Junior Girls, and the Team Play Championships;
- help support junior golf for girls;
- share ideas for better programs in nine-hole golf; and
- give encouragement and assistance to clubs wishing to form a women's nine-hole golf group.

Territorial Jurisdiction

The official jurisdiction of WNHGA includes the counties of Monterey, Kern, Tulare, and all of California north of these counties. To ensure equal representation of each member club in the government and affairs of this association, each member club is assigned to one of several geographic areas. This is delineated by the Board in such a manner as to keep the number of member clubs in each section as equal as possible.

WNHGA member clubs are currently divided into four areas: River Valley (north central California), Central Valley (south central California), East Bay (north and directly east of San Francisco), and Peninsula.

These areas are subject to change as new clubs join the organization. A map showing the location of all member clubs can be found on WNHGA.com >About Us>Golf And Country Clubs .

Board of Directors

The affairs of this association are managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a minimum of 9 members, which include at least two representatives from each geographic area.

Nomination of WNHGA Directors

A nominating committee is appointed at least 60 days prior to the Annual Meeting of the delegates. One representative from each area is selected to serve on the committee. The representatives are chosen from the member clubs in alphabetical rotation. Each club delegate is sent a nomination form and should consult with her nine-hole group regarding possible candidates for director.

Annual Meeting

An Annual Meeting is held on the first Friday of December at such place and time as the Board of Directors shall designate. Each member club will send an official delegate or alternate to:

- consider and act upon the reports of directors;
- elect directors for the ensuing year; and
- consider and act upon any other business related to the association.

Only the delegate or, in her absence, the alternate delegate may cast a vote at this meeting.

Area Meetings

Area Meetings are held once a year in the spring in each geographic area. The locale of the meetings is determined alphabetically on a rotating basis. Discussions are held relating to matters at both the club and association levels.

Club Visits

The WNHGA Board of Directors will visit any member club to explain the association, discuss issues that are involved with that specific club, provide membership information, etc. When a visit is requested by the club, two WNHGA directors will go to the club and meet with their membership.

WNHGA.com

WNHGA.com is the website of the association. It is updated frequently and contains forms needed for events, as well as member club news, awards and honors, and other information pertinent to both the association and the membership in general.

Handicapping

WNHGA cooperates with the USGA in order to maintain uniformity of handicapping and requires members to be handicapped in accordance with the USGA World Handicap System, as outlined in the *USGA Rules of Handicapping (effective January 2020)*. USGA publications are available for a nominal charge from:

USGA Publications
P.O. Box 2000
Far Hills, NJ 07931 (800) 336-4446

or on-line at usga.org/publications. If there are any questions, please contact the WNHGA handicap director listed in the WNHGA Yearbook or at WNHGA.com>About Us>Director Information.

Hole-in-one Awards

WNHGA presents an award to any member who makes a hole-in-one on any regulation course during a postable round.

WNHGA Tournament Program

WNHGA organizes several different member tournaments, including Open Days, the Tournament of Champions and Team Play. All WNHGA tournaments are limited to members of the association and are played and conducted pursuant to USGA's *The Rules of Golf*.

A member belonging to more than one member-club may compete only for the club designated as her home club. A member must designate one *golf club* as their *home club*, to be responsible for maintaining their *Handicap Index*. (Refer to USGA Rules of Handicapping 1.4b)

- Several Open Days are held each year at various member clubs throughout the entire WNHGA territory. All members are invited; however, attendance may be limited based on available space. The event is managed by WNHGA directors. No green fees are charged, and players pay only for meals, the sweeps fee, and carts.
- The Tournament of Champions (TOC) is an annual competition for individual winners from all member clubs.
- Team Play competition involves six/eight-person teams competing in divisional play, culminating in a championship. Trophies are awarded to the winning clubs from each of the four geographic areas as well as the overall champion.

Guest Days, Invitationals, Home & Home Exchanges

WNHGA has no jurisdiction over these local events. It is recommended that member clubs schedule these inter-club events, so they do not conflict with events scheduled on the WNHGA calendar. It is also recommended that local events be cleared with other clubs at the local calendar meetings so that conflicts do not occur.