



WOMEN'S NINE HOLE GOLF ASSOCIATION

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To: WNHGA Captains & Tournament of Champions Chairperson

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The Tournament of Champions is one of the premier events of the year for the Women's Nine Hole Golf Association. This tournament is held in the fall after each member club has completed its own Championship Tournament.

This year, the Tournament of Champions for all 4 flights will be held on August 29th, 2024 at Valley Hi CC in Elk Grove, CA. Tournament A will be for the low gross champion and the first flight low net winner of each club. Tournament B will be for the low net winners of the second and third flights from each club.

Please review the TOC Guidelines in the Captain's Manual. The manual is located online at WNHGA.com. Your three championship rounds may be played on the same nine or alternate nines. However, all competitors must play on the same nine on the same day. This is a tournament where tee times, one following the other, works well. Make-up rounds are not permitted in this tournament. All players will need to play in the proper flight, according to the indexes below. If you have one person in a flight, they will be the winner of that flight if they complete all 3 rounds.

Starting in 2018, if you have a player who is both a 9er and an 18-holer, then they will need to decide if they want to play in WNHGA's TOC or WGANC's Legacy Champ of Champ's. They may not play in both.

The Champion from each participating club will represent her club in the Championship Flight at the TOC which will play at **Low Gross. There will be no substitutions in this flight.** The First, Second and Third Flights will be played at **Low Net.** You may substitute the first runner-up in these flights if the winner is unable to participate.

All players must have 20 rounds of 9 holes posted or 10 rounds of 18 holes posted in the last 24-months. Six 9-hole rounds must be played in the current year. All TOC's played at the local club level are to be completed by August 15th so that the member clubs can submit their list of participants at least 2 weeks prior to the actual tournament.

Following are the index ranges for each flight for 2024: (These flights are based on the halved 9-hole indexes as per the USGA system used by WNHGA.)

Flight 1	0 to 14.0
Flight 2	14.1 to 19.0
Flight 3	19.1 and above (All competitors will play to a handicap not to exceed par for the course.)

The most frequently asked question is **“What happens if a player’s index changes between qualifying at the Club level and the WNHGA TOC?”**

Each player is placed in a flight on the first day of your Club level TOC. From that point forward, local level through WNHGA TOC, she will remain in that flight. You should print and keep your players indexes on the first day of your tournament.

This is covered in Section 8 of the Captain’s manual, however I will give you some examples:

Sally qualifies for Flight 2 with an index of 18.3 on the first day of her Club’s TOC. By September 1, her index has improved to 15.9. She remains in Flight 2 but uses her improved index of 15.9.

Betty qualifies for Flight 1 with an index of 15.0 on the first day of her Club’s TOC. By September 1, her index has fallen to 17.8. She remains in Flight 1 but uses an index of 15.9 which is the highest allowed for Flight 1.

Players with a handicap higher than 36 are allowed to compete in Flight 3, however the handicap is capped at par for the course being played.

Be sure to keep a copy of each player’s index on the day you start your Club’s Championship Tournament. I will be asking for a copy with your entry form.

You will be receiving more information and the entry form as we get closer to the event. If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call or email me.

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