

Summary of Approved WWGA Policies as of May 2024

WEEKEND TOURNAMENTS

1. **Handicaps for Weekend Tournaments**– All WWGA/WMGA members with a GHIN handicap may play in the Weekend Tournaments.
 - a. On Mountain View for all tournaments except for 4 person scrambles:
 - The highest number of handicap strokes a player may receive (even if their actual course handicap is higher) is capped at:
 - Women Gold Tees = 39*
 - Men Member Tees = handicap strokes determined based on recent course rating, maxed at 33 handicap
 - *These handicaps are equivalent to the WWGA/WMGA course handicap caps that were in effect prior to the USGA adoption of the World Handicap System in 2019.
 - Since a player’s individual score is not used for scrambles, the maximum USGA handicap will be allowed.
 - b. On Stony Lick for all tournaments:
 - Women = the maximum USGA handicap index of 54 will be allowed, which translates to a Stony Lick course handicap of 38.
 - Men = NA, WWGA does not have any Tournaments with Men on SL.
2. **Flights** – when possible, all tournaments will be flighted provided there are at least 6 players or Teams in each flight (5 if the number is uneven). If there are fewer than 10 players/teams then flights will not be used. Flights are used to more fairly allocate the awards across players/teams of varying handicaps and have no effect on tournament pairings.
3. **Sunday Tournaments** - Approved the elimination of 1-day tournaments scheduled on a Sunday (e.g., Derby) and instead all 1-day tournaments will be held on Saturday.
4. **Local E5 Rule** for Lost or Out of Bound balls shall be in effect for all tournaments including Championships.
5. **Max Score of 10 on MV Holes #3 and #9**, when playing in the Club Championship, or any individual stroke play tournaments. A player may take a max score of 10 in lieu of hitting over the water or once 5 balls are in the water. They will be ineligible for any gross or overall net awards but may still compete in the net score for their flight.
6. **Tournament Payouts** – Tournament payouts will go to 25-33% (1/4 to 1/3) of the players in the field based on the schedule. These payouts are used in the Tournament reconciliation spreadsheets.
7. **Entry & Proximity Contest Fees** – A small percentage of the entry fees and proximity contests fees are retained by the WWGA. This retention may be waived by the Board for specific tournaments i.e. charity tournaments. This excludes the fee for Match Play and Ringer Board in which 100% of the fees are paid out.
8. **Event Tees**– for mixed scramble/shamble tournaments, when the men have the option of playing from the green tees; event tees can be set up to move the gold tees forward on certain holes to give the women an equivalent advantage to the green tees for the men.
9. **Computer Generated Teams for Mixed Tournaments** – Once the Pro Shop generates the teams for a mixed Tournament with 4 person teams, the Tournament Chair may then tweak teams when the computer generates an all-female or all male-team by switching player(s) with similar handicaps between teams to ensure the team(s) are mixed.

10. **Proximity Prizes** – the prize money for proximity awards (e.g., closest to the pin, longest putt, etc.) shall be paid out to the winners, rounded down to whole dollars. If there is no winner for a proximity prize, the WWGA will retain those monies.
11. **Tournament Cancellation Policy:**
 - a. Prior to tournament day: The Board majority may approve a cancellation of a tournament (typically the evening prior) due to inclement weather or any potential unsafe conditions.
 - b. During play: The Tournament Chair or her delegate along with The Pro's advice may suspend play due to unsafe conditions.
 - The field **MUST** play 9 common holes for a tournament competition.
 - If the field did **NOT** play 9 common holes, all monies will be returned to the members (except 50/50).
 - The 50/50 drawing will take place after suspension of play.
 - If 9 common holes are played, only the "Closest to the Pin" holes on those common Par 3s will be paid out.
 - The money associated with the Par 3 "Closest to the Pin" that are **NOT** paid out will be given to the WWGA for the association's account for general expenses.
12. **Championship Tournaments** –
 - a. The Senior Club Championship will be a 1-day tournament played on MV the first day of the Club Championship and the Club Championship will be a 2-day tournament played on MV.
 - b. Members wishing to play in the Senior Club Championship must be 65 and older on the day of the tournament.
 - c. Trophies will be awarded to the winner of the Club Championship, Senior Club Championship and Stony Lick 9- and 18-Hole Championships in addition to gift cards money. All other players who place in these tournaments will be awarded gift cards, not trophies. WWGA supplements the monies received from entry fees for the gift cards awards.
 - d. No trophies are awarded for the Mixed Partner Championship, but 100% of the entry fee is used for the gift card awards.
13. **Invitational Tournament** (changed from Member Guest 2024)
 - a. This is self-funding and does not use any WWGA funds. Any surplus funds from this tournament shall be used for future Member-Guest/Invitational Tournaments and are not for WWGA use.
 - b. The Invitational Tournament shall refrain from giving actual cash as tee gifts to the players although cash prizes for the tournament winners are okay.
14. **Outsiders playing in WWGA tournaments** shall be limited to the Member-Guest Tournament and/or Ladies Invitational and Charity Tournament only. However, the Opening Season Tournament/Lunch (or Breakfast) is open to new women Woods Class A Members who are interested in joining the WWGA.
15. **Member-Member**
 - a. Trophies will be awarded to the overall winners of each tournament along with the gift card award.
 - b. Social Chair/Committee will handle the lunch and Tournament Chair will handle the Tournament with the President handling the meeting.
16. **Match Play Withdrawals** - If a player withdraws after the start date of the tournament, the entry fee is not returned to the player and remains in the pot to be allocated to the winners as prize money.
17. **50/50 Raffles** –Must play in the tournament to purchase a ticket, except attendees at the Opening Season, Mid-Season Potluck and Season Closing Lunch may purchase tickets without playing. Sale of 50/50 tickets for the Mixed Derby will be held at the Derby dinner.

TUESDAY GAMES

1. Players must have a USGA handicap, full handicaps, up to the USGA Maximum course handicap of 53 on MV (26 on front 9 and 27 on back 9) and 38 on SL (20 on front 9 and 18 on back 9). (Carry-over from when Tuesday was a separate group from WWGA.)
2. Players awaiting a handicap may play without a handicap but will only receive participation and chip-in points, no game day points.
3. Players can choose to play in any of the four groups (MV18, SL18, MV9, SL9) from week to week.
4. Players must sign-up via the WWGA website by 9:00 am on Monday for regular Tuesday play or 5:00 pm on Sunday for Tuesday scrambles.
5. Points will accumulate all season long. Each player with at least 5 points will be awarded \$1/point to be given at the season ending luncheon.
6. The Board approved conducting 50/50s for the Tuesday Scrambles to support the cost of the points (in lieu of the financing coming from Weekend Tournaments)

AWARDS

1. Trophies will be awarded to the overall winner of Championship, Senior Championship, Stony Lick Championship, and Member-Member tournaments along with the gift card award.
2. A year-end award in the form of a trophy shall be given to the Most Improved Golfer.
3. Birdie and Eagle pins are given the first time a player gets their career birdie or eagle as a WWGA member.
4. Prizes to tournament winners shall be in a Woods gift card except for the trophies noted in 12.d under Championship Tournaments.

FOOD/ENTERTAINMENT

1. WWGA will provide breakfast or lunch for Opening Day Scramble and Member-Member Tournament.
2. Note: Member dues are used to fund meals/refreshments at Opening Day, Mid-Season Scramble, Mixed Derby potluck and Member-Member Luncheon.

CAPS ON DONATIONS & APPRECIATION GIFTS

1. WWGA will contribute all entry fees to the annual charity tournament during years when it is hosted by WWGA. No other contributions from the association are necessary.
2. The maximum amount for the total of all Appreciation Gifts to The Woods Club staff (e.g., to Pro Shop Personnel & Head Grounds Keeper etc.) shall not exceed the total sum equivalent of \$5/member based on the number of members at the end of the season. The total allocated amounts may be less, and the final amount is approved by the Board each year as funds permit. This applies as well to any gift for the maintenance crew, such as pizza or other treats.
3. All WWGA funds should be used to support WWGA member activities and the WWGA Board shall refrain from using funds for:
 - Food/refreshments at WWGA Board meetings/activities.
 - Gifts to individual members or their families for appreciation, bereavement or otherwise, due to the difficulty in ensuring all members are treated equally. This does not affect the use of collections among members for these purposes.

MASON DIXON DISTRICT – (MDD) - No WWGA funds shall be used to support MDD. MDD is an outside league that collects its own dues and tournaments fees and should raise any necessary fees from their members.