

**NORTHERN ARIZONA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
STANDING RULES**

GENERAL RULES AND CONDITIONS OF NAWGA COMPETITION SHALL BE AS FOLLOWS:

1. All NAWGA competitions shall be conducted in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System Manual. All NAWGA 18-hole competitions shall be played at a minimum of 5,000 yards.
2. The Tournament Committee in charge of NAWGA Tournaments shall consist of: NAWGA Tournament Director, NAWGA President; NAWGA Handicap Chairperson; and NAWGA Rules Chairperson.
3. Eligibility for NAWGA competitions shall be limited to amateur female (the USGA transgender policy applies) golfers who maintain a recognized AGA/USGA Handicap, are an AGA member in good standing of a northern Arizona golf club and have joined NAWGA at least thirty (30) days prior to competition.
 - a) For the period October 1-March 1, club NAWGA members' dues are to be paid by completing a "NAWGA Membership Information" form and mailing it to the NAWGA Treasurer along with the dues check.
 - b) After March 1, member clubs are to inform the NAWGA Treasurer via email of payment of dues for any new member and should mail the dues check as soon as possible.
 - c) For purposes of tournament play eligibility, the email to the NAWGA Treasurer will trigger the effective date of membership and the NAWGA Treasurer will respond with confirmation of this date. The effective date then can be communicated to the new member. The club and the member will be aware of the timeline.
 - d) Dues must be received before players are eligible to play in an event.
4. The NAWGA Tournament Director will hold spaces for all current NAWGA Board members who shall be given priority for entry to all NAWGA tournaments.
 - a. However, the Board members must contact the Tournament Director within one week of the entry opening date to communicate their wish to participate in a NAWGA tournament so an exact number of spaces can be held.
 - b. If a Board member indicates that she is going to play, her entry form and payment must be received by the Tournament Director by the cutoff date for all entries.
 - c. Forms submitted after this date will be treated as any other NAWGA member and assigned to a waiting list.
5. Entrants for 18-hole competitions must maintain a USGA18-hole handicap.
6. There will be no maximum handicap index for entry into a NAWGA Tournament. However, the maximum handicap allowed on the competition course will be 36 for an 18-hole event.
7. With the exception of special event prizes, competitors may win no more than one prize in each tournament.
8. All competitions shall have gross and net overall champions and flight winners.

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9. A scorecard playoff utilizing the USGA Rules of Golf, as determined by the Tournament Director, will be used to determine overall champions and flight winners.
10. Overall champions will receive a NAWGA award.
11. Prizes shall be awarded on the basis of one-third of the field.
12. Competitors shall use motorized carts. The Tournament Committee conducting the competition will consider special circumstances.
13. Participants in NAWGA events do so at their own risk and NAWGA shall not be held liable for any damage or injury incurred during such competitions.
14. The Tournament Director shall determine entry fees, flights, schedules and other conditions of play.
15. The Tournament Committee will make no refunds of entry fees after the closing date except in circumstances deemed acceptable by the Tournament Committee.
16. The minimum entries required for the NAWGA Tournaments shall be left to the discretion of the host club.
17. All NAWGA Tournaments are funded by NAWGA dues and NAWGA tournament entry fees. However, the Tournament Committee may apply to the Board for incidental expenses for administrative and unusual expenses.
18. Smoking is not permitted on the golf course at any time during the competition. Penalties may include disqualification from the tournament.
19. Distance Measuring Devices are permitted in accordance with Rule 4.3a(1) of the USGA Rules of Golf as long as the player does not access any information that is prohibited under this rule (e.g., measuring elevation changes, gauged or measured variable environmental conditions such as wind speed or altitude, etc.).

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING RULES

These Standing Rules may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors, provided three (3) weeks' notice has been given, or by a two-thirds vote of the Board of Directors without previous notice.

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