



WPLGASC Monthly Association Day Competition

Process, Eligibility & Rules

MONTHLY ASSOCIATION DAY:

- Takes place on the 2nd Thursday of each month February through December (no competition in January).
- Some competitions will take place on the 2nd Monday of each month when the course cannot make Thursday available.
- When Monday play days occur, players may participate in Monday and Thursday competitions providing they are joining as a substitute for one of them. The player is eligible to compete in the game both days, however receives one participation point for the month.
- Points used for acceptance in major tournaments are those accumulated in the twelve month period prior to the registration process.

PARTICIPATION POINTS: One participation point is awarded every time a member participates in an Association Day Tournament. Points accumulate and are used to determine acceptance into Major Tournaments when an elimination process is required due to the event overselling.

ELIGIBILITY: WPLGASC Membership is required for Monthly Association Day tournaments. The WPLGASC Membership Chair must have received and processed a player's WPLGASC dues by the first day of the month of the Association Day tournament. To participate in the tournament game, the entrant must

- Be an amateur golfer, 18 years or older
- Play to a USGA handicap index of 54.0

The USGA Handicap Index used for competition will be based on the 1st day of the month of the Association Day. A member who has No Index (NI) may play but is not eligible to compete in the tournament game. The minimum number of players for an Association Day Tournament is 24.

Persons who are not members of WPLGASC are NOT eligible to participate; no exceptions.

REGISTRATION:

- All WPLGASC members who meet the eligibility requirements are eligible to participate in Association Day tournaments.
- Details for each month (game, courses, format, prices, entry forms) can be found in the Monthly Tournaments section of the WPLGASC website
- Registration takes place Monday through Thursday the 3rd week of each month for the next month's Association Day.
- Entry forms are sent via US Mail and must be postmarked in the correct registration time frame.

- Registrants are not required to submit a foursome, although foursomes receive priority in the acceptance process. Entries of less than foursomes are combined together where possible.
- Acceptance notification is made on Wednesday of the 4th week of each month.
- A \$5 registration fee is collected to fund each tournament's awards pool.
- Green fees may be collected at the time of registration.

CHECK IN: All players must report to the WPLGASC registration table at least 30 minutes prior to starting time. Please follow the instructions and requests of the Division Representative managing the tournament.

CANCELLATIONS/NO SHOWS: Cancellations are accepted through a specific date each month. This date is published on the WPLGASC website in the Monthly Tournaments section for each month. Cancellations on or before the cancellation date are eligible for a refund of all fees. Cancellation after that date is not eligible for a refund. In that event the player should locate a replacement and identify that player to the Division Representative. A No Show is defined as a player registered to play, expected to participate on Association Day, but does not show up. No Shows are liable for all fees.

GOVERNING RULES: All competition shall be played in accordance with The Rules of Golf as currently adopted by the USGA, and any local rules of the course *if communicated to the players in advance by the Division Representative*. In all questions regarding the rules, the decision of the WPLGASC Rules Committee will be final. The WPLGASC Board reserves the right to revise the requirements and eligibility for any WPLGASC Tournament. The Board may refuse the entry of a member at any time with sufficient reason.

CODE OF CONDUCT: Participants shall maintain proper course etiquette and demonstrate the sportsmanlike spirit of the game. Inappropriate behavior or language will be cause for disqualification and may also result in the loss of playing privileges in WPLGASC events. Proper golf attire is required.

PICKING UP: Conditions exist wherein a player may pick up and remain qualified in the competition as follows:

- Max 10 Scores: In the interest of Pace of Play, a player MUST pick up their ball when they reach 10 strokes and have not completed the hole. "X10" is recorded on the scorecard. The player is still eligible in the game of the day in this circumstance, even if the hole is part of the competition.
- A player may pick up at any time if their score will not be used on a hole in a partner or team competition. The most likely score is recorded on the scorecard, preceded by an "X". Qualification for awards in this instance requires that the minimum number of eligible scores was achieved on every hole in the partner or team competition.
- After starting a hole, a player may pick up at any time on a hole that is not part of the competition. The most likely hole is recorded on the scorecard, preceded by an "x".

SCORECARDS: must be signed and attested by every player listed on the scorecard and returned to the scoring table or other designated scorecard collection area immediately following play. Failure to complete the scorecard as directed may result in disqualification.

SCORE POSTING: Monthly Association Day scores are posted by the players by the end of the day as an Away round.

UNDUE DELAY/SLOW PLAY: It is *each player's responsibility* to play efficiently. Players shall play without undue delay. Each group must keep up with the group in front of them. Players are expected to play ready golf.

If you cannot see the group in front of you, then YOU are out of position and MUST catch up. A group will be considered out of position if it

- reaches the tee of a Par 3 hole and the group in front has cleared the next tee;
- reaches the tee of a Par 4 hole and the putting green is clear;
- reaches the tee of a par 5 hole when the group in front is within 100 yards of the putting green.

Key ways to keep pace and catch up if you fall behind:

- Be ready for your turn. Be out of your cart and have your club selection made while waiting.
- Make your club selection and have your cart mate go to their ball and prepare for her turn.
- Have two players putt out, proceed to the next hole and tee off immediately.

Other tournament participants or course personnel may warn slow players of their responsibility in this matter. Players are expected to treat others with respect.

RECORDING PLAY TIME: your group is required to check-in with your Division Representative immediately upon completion of play. This will be your recorded completion time, and this time will be assessed relative to the group ahead of you. Complete your scorecards and return your equipment to vehicles after you have checked in.

The Tournament Committee will consider all complaints regarding slow play and reserves the right to assess the following penalties when appropriate:

- 1st offense: one (1) stroke penalty
- 2nd offense: two (2) stroke penalty
- 3rd offense: disqualification from the game

Pace of Play penalties apply to the entire group.

AWARDS AND PAYOUTS:

- Tournament flighting is accomplished based on handicap index
- Awards are paid to at least 1/3 of the field
- Awards are paid twice a year; July and December, and are delivered to each winner's WPLGASC Home Club of record.
- In order to maintain compliance with USGA Amateur Statues Rules, clubs are instructed that awards should not be in cash but in some non-cash form such as a gift card.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES are permitted providing they measure distance only. Any other features such as measuring elevation changes or functions to assist with club selection must be disabled (Rule 4.3a(1)).

Players who have the USGA Rules of Golf app on a phone may use the phone to access the

rules only if such use does not distract other players and/or interfere with the pace of play.

EQUIPMENT: A player's clubs must conform to USGA Rule 4 and the provisions, specifications and interpretations set forth in USGA Rules.

The ball the player uses must be named on the current list of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the USGA.

CADDIES AND GALLERIES are not permitted.

CONCEDED PUTTS are not allowed.

DROP ZONES: Drop Zones are not authorized unless previously communicated by the Division Representative.

IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN (e.g. Sprinkler Heads): if a ball lies *in the general area or on the putting green* and an immovable obstruction close to the putting green is on the player's line of play and is within two club-lengths of the putting green, and within two club lengths of the ball, the player may take the extra relief under Rule 16.1. The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that is not nearer the hole, avoids intervention and is not in a hazard or on a putting green.

TEMPORARY GREENS: Players must *putt out* on temporary greens until the hole is completed.

PREFERRED LIES ("Winter Rules") may only be enacted by the WPLGASC Monthly Tournament Chair, her Committee, and the WPLGASC Rules Chair. Winter Rules are only applicable when communicated in advance by the Division Representative.