

CWGA ANNOUNCEMENT – Choice of Tee Box

Starting with the 2026-2027 playing season, all CWGA members will have a Choice of Tee Box for league play.

Note: All members will default to the Blue/Aqua tee box unless they meet the requirements to declare a different default tee box.

A member may change her default tee box, subject to the following conditions:

- The member must first post a minimum of six 18-hole rounds from the requested tee box on the Classic's course outside of league play. The rounds must be posted in GHIN and included among the member's most recent twenty (20) posted scores at the time the request is submitted.

- The member must submit a "Tee Selection" form to **John Salerno, PGA, Head Golf Professional**. He will verify that the eligibility requirements have been met before the change becomes effective. Allow 2 days for processing. (Form available in ladies locker/CWGA website.)

- A member may change her default tee box only once during the season. Once approved, the change shall apply to all subsequent league events for the remainder of that season.

After reviewing the CWGA bylaws, the USGA/WHS handicap provisions, and the operational implications of offering a Choice of Tee Box, the Executive Committee determined that implementing this change does not require a membership vote. The Executive Committee is not changing the established tee boxes, their yardages, or the handicap system. Rather, we are providing members with the option to select which existing tee box they will play.

HISTORY & DUE DILIGENCE

- In 2023, the distance of the league's combo tee boxes increased & renamed Blue/Aqua.
- In 2024, the membership requested the Board to explore choice of tee box.
- In 2026, the 2026-27 CWGA Board conducted extensive research and due diligence.

*An in-depth survey of 24 clubs in the Naples area found ALL 18-hole leagues allow Choice of Tee Box. The Classics is the only league that does not provide Choice of Tee Box.

(Bear's Paw, Cedar Hammock, Eagle Creek, Esplanade Golf & CC, Fiddler's Creek, Forest Glen, Foxfire, Heritage Bay, Highland Woods, Island Club, Kensington, Lexington, Naples Heritage, Naples Lakes, Olde Cypress, Pelican Marsh, Quarry, Royal Palm, Treviso Bay, Twin Eagles, Vanderbilt CC, Verandah, Windstar, Wyndemere)

*All of these clubs have successfully implemented Choice of Tee Box for 3+ years.

*A majority of these clubs require golfers to declare their default tee box at the beginning of their league's playing season.

Q&A for Choice of Tee Box

Question#1: CWGA is introducing the Choice of Tee Box in the 2026-27 season. What is the default tee box for the members?

Answer: To start the 2026-27 playing season all CWGA members will automatically have the Blue/Aqua tee box as their default tee box.

Question#2: Do I have to change my default tee box from the Blue/Aqua tee box?

Answer: No.

Question#3: How many times can I change my default tee box during the season?

Answer: A member may change their default tee box **once during a season**, for any reason.

Question#4: What tee box choices do I have?

Answer: You may choose to play from any of the women's tees. Each member's default tee box for the season is presumed to be the tee box she uses both for CWGA league play and for her regular rounds of golf outside of league play.

Question#5: What does a member have to do to change their default tee box?

Answer: The member must first post a minimum of **six 18-hole rounds** from the requested tee box on the Classics course outside of league play. The rounds must be posted in GHIN and included among the member's **most recent twenty (20) posted scores** at the time the request is submitted.

The member must submit a "Tee Selection" form to **John Salerno, PGA, Head Golf Professional**. He will verify that the eligibility requirements have been met before the change becomes effective. Allow 2 days for processing. (Forms available in ladies locker room/on CWGA website.)

Question#6: Can I post twelve 9-hole rounds to change my default tee box?

Answer: No, you must post six **18-hole** rounds to declare your new default tee box.

Question#7: If one member has a Handicap Index of 20 and plays from the Blue/Aqua, and another member has a Handicap Index of 20 and plays the Aqua tees, will they be in the same flight?

Answer: Yes. Flights are based on **Handicap Index**, which reflects playing ability regardless of the tee box selected. While the two players may have different **Course Handicaps** because each tee has a different **Course Rating** and **Slope Rating**, Golf Genius automatically calculates the appropriate **Course Handicap** for the tee each player chooses. This allows players from different tees to compete equitably within the same flight.

Question#8: How does this affect a new member?

Answer: In their "start" season, they default to the combo Blue/Aqua tees. If they want to change their tee box, they must comply by the rules of choosing a new tee box.

Question#9: What if a Classics' 9-hole league player wants to join CWGA?

Answer: If they meet the new member requirements, in their start season, they default to the combo Blue/Aqua tees. If they want to change their tee box, they must comply by the rules of choosing a new tee box.