

West Central Kansas League 2023 Guidelines

ORGANIZATION

WCKL will consist of the following clubs:

1. Lake Barton – Great Bend
2. Larned Country Club
3. Park Hills Country Club – Pratt
4. Sterling Golf Club
5. Ellinwood Grove Park
6. Stafford County

All participating clubs must approve any increase in member club.

COMPETITION

All member clubs will host a tournament. If circumstances exist where this is not possible, the League Coordinator's club will have the option to host or not to host a tournament at their facility.

LEAGUE COORDINATOR

The League Coordinator will assume the following duties.

- A. Supply all league guidelines
- B. Maintain and report league activities as requested.

LOCAL LEVEL RULES

- A. WCKL encourages all golfers to participate who are 18 years or younger on August 1 of the current year. Participants must be able to score the limited handicap to play in the tournaments. This requirement is unique with the WCKL and golfers should be made aware that age restrictions might vary in state tournaments.
- B. Golfers will compete in both a gross and handicap within each classification. Handicaps are to be computed by their JR. Golf Chairman. These handicaps will be assigned to players when calling in tournament line-ups. Handicaps for the WCKL league tournaments can be computed as follows:
 - a. Take players available attested scores (1-10 scores, previous years' scores having priority.)
 - b. Average scores available.
 - a. Subtract average par from average score.
 - b. Round to nearest whole number.

*Handicap can be no higher than 35 for any 9-hole player or 60 for any 18-hole player.

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- B. Any player can move from the 9-hole classification at any time as long as the handicap provision is met (must be declared before the start of play)
- C. Anyone who plays on a school team must play 18-hole classification unless for a medical reason. Any player that plays in the 18-hole division and is not a part of a high school team may compete in a 9-hole event after competing in the 18-hole division.
- D. Tournament fees for entrants and meals costs for adults will be submitted to the tournament host with the entry forms. All entrants must be submitted to the host chairman before Sunday noon preceding the league tournament.
 - a. Each club should pay golfers fees and extra meals in one check.
 - b. All markers will not be charged for their meal.
- E. The rules committee for each League Tournament will interpret the rules and make decisions on each question that arises. The rules committee consists of the coach or designee from each team represented.
- F. Automatic carts **are prohibited**, unless a medical exception applies.
- G. No caddies are permitted
- K. Galleries are permitted with guideline sheet. Attached guidelines were adopted from KSHSAA guidelines.
- H. Markers should report to the rules committee any of the following:
 - a. Foul Language
 - b. Club throwing
 - c. Smoking
 - d. Drinking
 - e. Any form of poor sportsmanship or bad behavior
- I. Any violation of the rules may result in a stroke penalty or possible disqualification.
- J. A knowledgeable golfer should be able to keep in touch with markers during the tournament for the purpose of reporting any problems to the rules committee. This golfer is permitted to use an automatic cart.
- K. If a contestant scratches for any reason, they must report to the tournament chairman and will not be allowed back on the course. If a contestant scratches for no other reason than bad play, they will be disqualified from the next tournament.
- L. Range finders and GPS devices that measure DISTANCE ONLY will be allowed with the following stipulations:

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- a. Range finders and other multi-functional devices that calculate slope, wind speed/direction, temperature, etc. in addition to yardage are not permitted. Possession of said device, even if disabled, will result in disqualification.
- b. Cell phones, Smart Phones, etc. that have apps for measuring distance are not permitted.
- c. If any player in a group uses a range finder/GPS device, all players in the group must have access to the information. If the player uses the device but does not provide information to the other players in their group, said player will be disqualified for a serious breach of etiquette (USGA Rule 33-7).
- d. Parents and spectators will not be allowed to provide any information from a range finder/GPS device to any player.
- e. Coaches may use a range finder to offer DISTANCE ONLY advice to their player and all players in the group.

HOSTING A TOURNAMENT

- A. Tournament hosts will arrange for a noon lunch for all players and assisting adults. If 9 and 18-hole divisions are at separate courses, each club is responsible for lunch at their site.
- B. Awards will be given in each division and will be furnished by the host club. Medals will be used as individual awards. Entry fee for each contestant will be \$10.00
- C. Tournament hosts will provide golfers with a local rules sheet and individual scorecard. 9-hole players will confirm their own score and the walker will tally all players' in the group. It will be considered the official score. 18-hole players will keep their own score plus one other player in the group.
- D. Markers will be assigned to all 9-hole groups. All out of town drivers should assist in the marking. Each marker shall be furnished a marker's guideline and score sheet for their group as well as well as the local rules sheet. Markers will keep track of all scores in their group. All players must sign the markers score card upon completion of the round and the marker will turn it into the tournament scorer.
- E. The following color scheme will be issued at all League tournaments:
 1. Lake Barton – Great Bend RED
 2. Larned Country Club ORANGE
 3. Park Hills Country Club – Pratt GREEN
 4. Sterling Golf Club PURPLE
 5. Grove Park-Ellinwood LT BLUE
 6. Stafford County BLACK

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*Use these colors on the poster sheets for the results.

F. Competitors shall compete under the auspices of the club that instruction is received. Participants shall be identified by coaches from each individual club when registering competitors at tournament sites.

C. All flights will be divided into four classifications: 9-hole girls, 9-hole boys, 18-hole girls, 18-hole boys.

1. The number of entries will decide the number of medals awarded in each flight.
2. Players should be paired so that players of equal ability with each other.
3. Any one player can win one medal with a low gross prize awarded before a low net.
4. The use of this modified handicap system insures that a player who plays well compared to their normal game has an excellent chance to win a prize.
5. Number of prizes awarded is as follows:

TOTAL # OF PLAYERS/FLIGHT	LOW NET PRIZES	LOW GROSS PRIZES
7 or less	1	1
8-12	2	2
13-18	3	3
19-24	4	4
25 or more	Split into equal flights up to 24 players each putting the lower handicaps in one flight and the other higher handicaps in another.	

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2023 Schedule

June 12 Ellinwood

June 19 Lake Barton

June 26 Larned

July 10 Stafford

July 17 Sterling

July 24Pratt

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<p>Larned Country Club</p> <p>Mike Seeman P.O. Box B Larned, KS 67550</p> <p>620.285.3935 (Club) 620.285.5957 (cell) Larnedrec@gbta.net</p>	<p>Stafford County Golf Club</p> <p>Danton Hilton 215 E 3rd Ave St John, KS 67576</p> <p>Course Address 143 SE 20th Ave. St. John, KS 67576</p> <p>Danton Hilton Cell: 620-243-2997 Rec: 620-549-6549 danton@stjohnrec.com</p>	<p>Grove Park - Ellinwood</p> <p>Josh Thomas Ellinwood, KS 67526.</p> <p>Joshcthomas99@gmail.com</p> <p>(620) 562-7096 cell</p>

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SPECTATOR GUIDELINES

Welcome to all the parents and spectators! We are glad to have each of you here to watch the players. While you are watching, we ask that you observe the following guidelines.

1. Spectators are required to follow golf etiquette at all times. When the player you are watching finishes a hole, remember that the other players in the group may still be finishing.
2. Spectators are asked to stay at least 30 yards behind the group they are watching. However, you need to be aware of the group behind you and not slow them down.
3. Spectators are asked to NOT pick up any golf balls on the course during the tournament. These players are not professionals and the owner of the ball may be several fairways over.
4. Spectators may not offer any advice to any of the players. This includes not offering your suggestions on the club selection, direction of wind, or possible rulings on a situation. If you are 30 yards behind them, this should not be a problem.
5. Spectators may help hunt for a lost ball, but may not be in front of the group to watch where their ball lands. (This is called being a fore caddie).
6. Spectators shall in no instances move a player's bag or ball or offer or provide a ride in a cart during the round of golf. (The player shall be disqualified.)
7. Spectators shall not be involved in the scoring or the recording of scores for the group. The spectators may keep score but cannot correct or dispute the scores of any of the players of the group.
8. Spectators may give encouraging remarks such as "nice shot," "great drive" or "good putt." Please keep all comments positive and at the appropriate times and for all players in the group.
9. Spectators are asked to turn cell phones off when in the vicinity of golfers. Golfers in possession of cell phones during play will be disqualified.
10. The Tournament Manager has the right to forbid spectators entirely if deemed necessary. They also have the right to ask any spectator to leave the course. If spectators are not able to abide by these guidelines, they will be asked to leave.

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