Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association

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Membership Handbook

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Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association By Laws

Article I

Section 1. The name of the Association shall be Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association.

Section 2. The purpose of the Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association is to promote the game of golf and to encourage the related social aspects of golf activities.

Section 3. The fiscal year of the Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association shall be October 1 to September 30 annually, with dues payable prior to commencement of league play.

Article Il

Section I. Membership in the Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association is open to all interested women who are at least 21 years of age. To be qualified to join the Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association the applicant must have a verified Handicap Index of 36 or less. Any current member with a Handicap Index higher than 36 is grandfathered in and no changes will be made to their membership status.

Section 2. Acceptance of membership shall bind each member to uphold all rules of this Association and the Stoneybrook Golf Club; to abide by rules and etiquette of golf as set forth by the USGA; and to accept and abide by all decisions of the Board of Directors.

Section 3. Any member whose attitude or behavior, in the judgment of the Board of Directors, is not compatible with the stated purpose of this Association shall be dismissed from the Association with three-fourths (3/4) vote of the Board. In the event of dismissal, the member's Association dues will be refunded on a prorated basis and any awards shall be forfeited.

Section 4. Anyone qualified to become a member may join the Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association by submitting a membership application and paying one year's dues in advance. The annual dues, as determined by the Board of Directors, shall be paid to the Treasurer. No member is eligible to play on league days unless dues are paid.

Section 5. Only members of the Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association and their guests (space and type of event permitting) may participate in events, tournaments and special functions of the Association. An individual playing as a guest may do so a total of 2 times per season excluding the member/guest event. Only members of the Association, who have an established handicap with Stoneybrook Golf Club from at least three (3) scores, or a validated current USGA handicap, are eligible to receive prizes on regular league days.

Article III

Section 1. A majority vote of the Board of Directors shall be required for the spending of any funds over two hundred and fifty dollars ($250)

Article IV

Section 1. A Board of Directors consisting of officers of the Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association shall govern the Association. The officers of the Stoneybrook Women's Golf Association shall be:

The President

The Vice President

The Treasurer

The Secretary

The Tournament Director

The Special Events Chair

Membership Chair

Section 2. The term of office for each officer shall be two (2) years. Each term of office commences on May 1 and concludes on April 30.

Section 3. The President, Secretary, Tournament Director and Membership Chair, shall be elected in even-numbered years. The Vice President, Treasurer and Special Events Chair shall be elected in odd-numbered years.

Article V

Section 1. The duties of the Board of Directors shall be to:

- establish the operations policies of the Association;
- establish an annual operation budget for the Association;
- establish the annual dues of the Association;
- establish the dates of, anticipated cost of, participation fees and distribution of any prizes for any special event
- establish participation fees for any regular season event and establish the prize pool for those events;
- establish the authorization of disbursement of prize funds of the Association;
- Create committees from within the general membership to assist the Board of Directors in the management of the Association.

Section 3. The Board of Directors shall meet monthly during the season or at such other times as the President deems necessary, with three days prior notice.

Section 4. The Board of Directors shall meet upon the request of any three of its members. A three day official notice of the meeting must be given.

Section 5. A quorum consists of four (4) Board of Director members.

Section 6. All decisions shall be by a majority of those voting.

Article VI

Section 1. The President of the Association shall preside at all meetings of the Association, shall be the Chair of the Board of Directors and shall have general charge of the business affairs of the Association.

Section 2. The Vice President shall, in the absence of, death of, and/or resignation of the President, assume the duties of the President. The Vice President shall co-ordinate and oversee all committees (except the Nominating Committee).

Section 3. The Secretary shall write necessary correspondence and keep the minutes of the meetings.

Section 4. The Treasurer shall keep all funds of the Association, pay all of its bills, report to the Board of Directors on the financial condition of the Association, and keep all valuable papers of the Association.

Section 5. The Tournament Director shall set up the schedule of events for league play and shall also organize special tournaments and post information regards same.

Section 6. The Special Events Chair shall establish an organization committee for each special event scheduled by the Association, oversee the planning and preparation for each special event, secure any prizes/sponsorships/decorations, etc. needed to conduct the special event. She shall keep the Board of Directors informed about special event preparations and submit a proposed budget and a post-event report to the Board of Directors. The budget issued is a set amount and any cost-overs must be pre-approved by the Board.

Section 7. The duties of the Membership Chair shall send and receive membership applications each year, collect dues each year and be responsible for keeping an up-to-date membership list including addresses and telephone numbers. At the beginning of the playing year, she shall distribute a directory containing a list of current officers, members, committee chairs and all activities of the Association. The Membership Chair will work closely with the Treasurer to coordinate records and membership fee payments.

Section 8. If a member of the Board of Directors resigns or fails to attend three (3) consecutive meetings for other than a legitimate reason (such as illness or absence from the area), the Board may, at its discretion, terminate her membership on the Board. The Board may select a replacement to serve out her unexpired term of office.

Article VII
(Elections)

Section 1. The election of officers shall be held at the end of March at the Annual Membership Meeting of the Association.

Section 2. The Board of Directors shall serve as the Nominating Committee. The President shall name the committee chairwoman.

Section 3. Notice of all nominations shall be posted on the bulletin board at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting held for the purpose of the elections. Nominations by the nominating committee shall not preclude nominations from the floor.

Section 4. If the slate, as presented by the nominating committee, is not unanimously approved, elections shall be by closed ballot. All nominees shall be included on the written ballot and those receiving the most votes shall be announced as the new officers. In the event of a tie, the Chair will cast the decisive vote.

Section 5. Those elected shall be by a simple majority of those voting.

Article Vlll

Section 1. The By-Laws may be amended by the general membership of the Association at a meeting called for that purpose by the Board of Directors at least fourteen (14) days in advance. Ratification shall be by (2/3) of those present and voting. Written notice of the proposed amendment shall have been posted for the members at least two (2) weeks in advance.

Article IX

Section 1. The elected Board of Directors shall appoint one chairperson for each committee established by the Association. Standing Committees shall include:

Historian

Rules

Birdies, Chip-ins / Ringer Board

Section 2. Special committees may be appointed by the Board of Directors and they shall perform such duties as are specified at the time of appointment.

Section 3. The Historian shall keep records (including appropriate photos and other materials) of all Association activities.

Section 4. The Rules Chair shall furnish answers to all questions concerning rules of golf play and settle any disputes that may arise. When necessary, she shall advise members concerning rule changes, local rules and temporary rules. She shall be assisted by the Golf Professionals.

Section 5. The Chair for Birdies, Chip-ins and Ringer Board shall set up a Ringer Board and plan for appropriate recognition of the members who have achieved birdies, eagles or chip-ins and shall keep accurate records of the same.

SWGA MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Annual Dues: Includes the SWGA Membership Fee and the Club's GHIN Handicap system fee. Range balls are complimentary on request on league days. "Ringer Cards" are provided on your first day of play during the season so that you can keep track of your best GROSS score per hole throughout the season.

League Play: The league plays on Wednesdays from November thru March with assigned tee times. Weekly discounted golf rates are determined by Stoneybrook GC and are payable at the Pro Shop the morning of event day. Active members will receive an email with a link to sign up up via Golf Genius the week prior to play or register directly in Golf Genius using league GGID code NO later than 12:00PM on the Monday prior to Wednesday's play. Cancellations should be made as soon as possible to the tournament director or call the Pro Shop at 239-948-3933

- If a member does not show up for play and has not cancelled they will be removed from the membership if this occurs two (2) times during a league season. The dues will not be refunded.

- Requests for special pairings will not be honored

Dress code: Women may either wear a collared shirt with or without sleeves or a non-collared shirt with sleeves. NO JEANS

Wednesdays: Plan to be in your cart and ready for play 30 minutes prior to your scheduled tee time. Also, allow extra time if you want to practice. Members' golf bags will be loaded from bag drop area into the assigned carts. Pairing names will be displayed on the front of cart along with the starting hole.

Game Schedule/Calendar: each member will be provided with a document that outlines the game for the week. A calendar of the complete season with games, special events and meetings is available on the league website: www.stoneybrookwomensgolf.com

Scorecards: A scorecard, configured for the game of the day, will be available on each cart. Both scorecards should be marked, with confirmation of strokes and putts (if necessary), at the end of each hole (leave the green area before you do this perhaps at the next tee box). At the conclusion of the round, both scorecards should be totaled and verified that they match and signed by 2 people.

GOLF GENIUS Scoring: Each group is required to assign one playing partner to enter gross scores in the Golf Genius App. The game code for the group is printed on the bottom right of the scorecard. The scores should be verified with the scorecards at the completion of the round.

GHIN – Your Personal Score: Each time you play during league your score for that day will be posted by the Pro Shop into the GHIN system. It is suggested that you verify your posted score is correct. You can go online at home at www.GHIN.com or use the GHIN mobile device app. Record any birdies and/or chip-ins you got on the designated sheets on the SWGA bulletin board located in the Pro Shop office.

Handicaps: the maximum handicap given for league play is 36. Even if your handicap is higher, you are only allowed a maximum of 2 strokes per hole for league or special event play.

Prize Money — Regular League: Prize money in the form of shop credit will be awarded bi-weekly. The recognition of most birdies and chip-ins and "Ringer Card" best results are awarded at the Member/Member tournament. Special tournaments including Solheim Cup, Club Championship and Member Member will be paid out in cash at the end of each tournament.

League Roster: Each member will be provided with a roster of member names and contact information. The Board member information and Assistant Pro information is located at the top of this document. For privacy reasons, we require that this document and its associated information only be used for league purposes.

Tipping: The discounted league rate does not include tips for the bag attendants. SWGA encourages tipping before and/or after your round.

Note: USGA RULES OF GOLF GOVERN ALL PLAY

STONEYBROOK LOCAL RULES &USGA REMINDERS

Out of Bounds: Defined by White Stakes, inside edge of roadways, and property line.

Penalty Areas & Bunkers: Defined by Yellow or Red Stakes or Lines (Lines Supersede Stakes)

Environmentally Sensitive Areas: Defined by red stake with green top. Particularly holes 2, 13, 15 and 16. A ball hit into these areas cannot be played. You must take a penalty and drop outside of these areas.

Coquina Paths: A golfer is allowed a free drop from all coquina paths no matter the width of the path with the exception of hole # 8. On hole #8 the cart path widens out on the left side of the fairway to form a waste area before narrowing back down to a cart path closer to the green. The wide area will be played as a waste area and you must play your ball as it lies.

Drop Areas: Par 3's Silver Markers. On hole #5 the drop area is on the right of the cart path in front of the grasses.

Free Relief: A free club length relief if putting over sprinkler heads.

Ball Hawking: Is prohibited in all preserve areas.

Pace of Play: 4Hr 10Min or less. "Play Ready Golf" be ready to take your shot when it is your turn. One practice swing only. Keep up with the group in front of you to avoid slow play.

Spike Marks: Spike marks on the green may be repaired whether or not they are in the line of a putt.

'Mushy' ground: Water soaked ground is considered 'standing water' or 'ground under repair'. You may drop one club length (no closer to the hole) from the ground under repair or from standing water.

When returning to the Pro Shop at the end of your round, do not drive on the sidewalks use cart paths or roadways only.

SWGA LEAGUE RULES AND POLICIES

Late Players: If a team member is not there at the time of tee-off, the rest of the group must not wait, but tee-off on schedule. The Late Player will be assessed 2 strokes if they are not at the tee for their scheduled tee time. They may still play that day if their group has not completely holed out the first hole and the player can catch up. However, they will have to forfeit the day of play if the group is past the first hole played.

Teeing Ground Area: The ball must be teed up on or behind a line made by the two tee markers. You can move your ball up to two club lengths behind this line if you like, but you may not have your ball in front of this line without incurring a two stroke penalty. If you top your ball off the tee, you must play it where it lies even if it is only one inch away. This counts as a stroke. Play it as it lies or retee with a penalty stroke. Teeing up a second time is "hitting three". No Mulligans!

Club Championship Play To qualify for the annual Club Championship tournament, players must have played a minimum of 4 rounds during the current season.

No 10 Stroke Maximum Rule: For individual and flighted game purposes, you must play your ball out regardless of the number of strokes on the hole. If you pick up on a hole, you are disqualified from the game as well as from the putting contest. Mark DQ for that hole on your scorecard and leave Golf Genius blank for that hole. You can still finish the game; you just won't win any money. Continue to record your scores for the remaining holes and finish your round. Your score will be adjusted by the Pro Shop using the Net Double Bogey method (see below) For team events, if your ball will not count on a certain hole, you do not need to putt out unless you are in the putting contest.

Maintaining Your Handicap: On league day your scores will be entered into GHIN by the Pro Shop. Games played on other days or on other courses should be entered when you play by the Rules of Golf. There is a maximum number of strokes that you can take for GHIN purposes, net double bogey. (Net Double Bogey = Double Bogey + any handicap strokes received on a hole). GHIN will automatically calculate your max score if you enter your actual score using the "hole by hole" option.

Putting Green: If you hit another player's ball when putting it is a 2 stroke penalty. It is the responsibility of the player putting to ask for the ball to be marked. If you are on the green and putt off the green, it is still considered a putt when you are putting back onto the green. (League Rule)

Scoring: Keep two scorecards and Golf Genius, verifying scores after each hole. If you disagree with someone's score, talk through the hole shot by shot to see what was missed. If you get challenged about a reported score, be polite! We all miscount sometimes. The official scorecard must be signed by the scorekeeper and the backup scorer before being turned in. Count all strokes. If you swing at the ball and miss, this is a whiff and must be counted as a stroke.
****NO MULLIGAN'S****

Cell Phones: Cell phones should only be used on the golf course for emergencies. In the event of an Emergency dial 911 first then call the Pro Shop.

GOLF ETIQUETTE

Consideration for Other Players

- No Disturbances or Distractions: Players should always show consideration for other players on the course and should not disturb their play by moving, talking or making any unnecessary noise. Players should ensure that any electronic device taken onto the course does not distract other players.
- On the teeing ground, a player should not tee her ball until it is her turn to play.
- Players should not stand close to or directly behind the ball when a player is about to play.

On the Putting Green

- On the putting green, players should not stand on another player's line of putt or behind the hole when she is making a stroke or cast a shadow over her line of putt.
- Players should remain on or close to the putting green until all other players in the group have holed out. The player who finishes putting first should pick up the flagstick and have it ready to place in the cup after the last player putts out.

Pace of Play

- Play at Good Pace and Keep Up. *** It is a group's responsibility to keep up with the group in front. ***

Be Ready to Play

- Play "ready golf." Players should be ready to play as soon as it is their turn to play. Sometimes a person closer to the hole should go ahead and hit if the person farthest from the hole is a long ball hitter or has a long walk to get to their ball. Have your club selected before it is your turn to play. Drive to the next ball before putting your clubs away. When playing on or near the putting green, leave your cart where it will enable quick movement off the green and towards the next tee. When the play of a hole has been completed immediately leave the putting green to leave it clear for the next group.

- PLEASE!!! Replace all ball marks on greens and place sand in divots. Smile!!