



# THE CLASSY NINERS

WOMEN'S NINE-HOLE GOLF LEAGUE

2026-2027 MEMBER HANDBOOK



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THE CLASSICS COUNTRY CLUB | NAPLES, FLORIDA | ESTABLISHED 2007



## OUR PURPOSE

The purpose of The Classy Niners Women's Golf League at The Classics Country Club is to sponsor and promote participation in the women's nine-hole golf program, foster sociability and good fellowship among all members, and support club events.

The Classy Niners provide an opportunity to play in an organized group with a variety of events while improving our golf games, having fun, expanding friendships, and encouraging good sportsmanship.

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### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

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For information about the role of each board member or chairperson, please refer to the descriptions in the Classy Niners Bylaws.

**Special thanks** to all the Classy Niners who donate their time and effort to making our events successful and our golf season special.



## MEMBERSHIP & WEEKLY PLAY

### MEMBERSHIP

- The 2026-2027 season runs from November 4, 2026 through April 7, 2027.
- All Classy Niners are requested to maintain an official USGA Handicap Index of 43.0 or lower and use GHIN to post scores. See the Handicap section for more information.
- Annual dues are \$75. Dues are collected beginning on Closing Day and must be received before Opening Day in November. Dues must be paid before signing up, playing, or winning prizes. Members paying after Opening Day must complete an application and place it with a check payable to Classy Niners in the Niners lockbox in the women's locker room.
- The optional Chip-In and Birdie Pool is \$25 and must be paid with dues or before Opening Day to qualify. Chip-ins and birdies must be reported to the coordinator on the day of the event. Payouts are based on participation and are presented at Closing Day.
- The membership form is available at [classyniners.com](http://classyniners.com) and on the Classy Niners bulletin board. Questions: Meg Farren at [megfarren@verizon.net](mailto:megfarren@verizon.net) or 732-740-3209.

### INJURED RESERVE / TEMPORARY HOLD

- If an injury or medical condition may prevent you from meeting the six-round participation requirement, contact the Membership Director as soon as possible.
- An approved Temporary Hold applies when at least seven consecutive events will be missed. It excuses the six-round requirement for that season, may be used for one season only, and does not require a detailed medical explanation.
- Notify the Membership Director when you are able to return. The regular six-round participation requirement applies again the following season.

### WEEKLY PLAY

- Weekly play is the cart fee plus \$10 and tax per player. This includes the cart, tax, and prize fee. Consult the latest Classics Handbook for tournament costs and inclusions.
- All paid members may participate. Weekly events and tournaments are held Wednesdays at The Classics Country Club, generally with a 2:30 PM shotgun start. Please arrive by 2:15 PM unless otherwise communicated.
- Dates and formats are posted at [classyniners.com](http://classyniners.com). Questions may be sent to [classyniners@gmail.com](mailto:classyniners@gmail.com).
- Weekly sign-up opens in the ForeTees app on the preceding Friday at 9:00 AM.
- Cancellations must be made through ForeTees at least 72 hours before play. If illness or an emergency occurs after the deadline, including Wednesday morning, call the Pro Shop as soon as possible.
- If Wednesday play is delayed or canceled because of rain, weather, or a course closure, members will be notified by the Pro Shop or Classy Niners through email and/or ForeTees. Check for updates before leaving for the club.
- The Pro Shop creates all pairings and flights. Special pairing requests are not accepted.
- Weekly and tournament prizes are credited through the Classics Golf Shop. Member/Guest tournament guests may receive other gifts selected by the committee.
- Results are posted in Golf Genius and winners are also listed on the bulletin board in the women's locker room.



## DAY OF PLAY & TOURNAMENTS

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- Arrive at your assigned cart by 2:15 PM and be ready for instructions before the 2:30 PM shotgun start. The goal is a two-hour round followed by league announcements, results, and social time at the club.
- If you are unexpectedly running late, call the Pro Shop immediately. Do not go directly onto the course without checking in; the staff will advise whether and where you may join your group.
- Please wear your name tag. Meg Farren provides personalized name tags to new members.
- All golfers are expected to understand the Rules of Golf.
- Weekly and tournament play is from the Aqua tees.
- All putts must be holed out. No gimmes.
- Before play begins, the foursome should choose one member to enter scores in Golf Genius and another to keep the league scorecard. Before submission, all four players must verify every score. The designated Golf Genius scorer is responsible for submitting and finalizing the verified scores.
- Maximum strokes per hole are based on your course handicap. Weekly scorecards include dots to help determine the maximum. Training videos are available on the website.
- The format of play may change based on participation or course conditions.

### PLAYER RECOGNITION

- The Classy Niners recognizes one Most Improved Player from Opening Day through the final March event. The Pro Shop considers GHIN handicap improvement, practice, overall game, and play. The winner is announced at the Closing Day Tournament Party and Annual Meeting. Scores must be posted regularly to qualify.
- Tournament and event questions: Sue McMahon, Tournament Director, at [suekay.mcmahon@gmail.com](mailto:suekay.mcmahon@gmail.com) or 954-600-1097.

### MEMBER/MEMBER & MEMBER/GUEST

- A Member/Guest participant may not invite another Classics member as her guest.
- Both Member/Member participants must be paid Classy Niners members.
- Register through ForeTees. Member/Guest registration also requires the guest's GHIN number.
- The Pro Shop combines the two teams in each foursome based on handicaps to support pace of play and fair prize competition.



## HANDICAPS, INVITATIONALS & COMMUNICATIONS

### HANDICAPS

- New members must have an official full USGA Handicap Index of 43.0 or better.
- The Pro Shop can assist with GHIN registration and answer questions.
- Members should post scores in GHIN after each round, good or bad, except scrambles and designated group play.
- Golf Genius automatically posts Wednesday weekly-play and tournament scores to GHIN. Do not enter those scores again.
- Once a GHIN number is active, post every eligible round played at The Classics or elsewhere. Consistently posting both good and bad scores supports the integrity of golf.
- A handicap promotes fair league play, supports balanced pairings and foursomes, and helps golfers of different skill levels enjoy the game together.

### INTERCLUB INVITATIONALS

- Maureen White, Vice President, chairs the Invitational Committee. Contact her at [mwhite1609@aol.com](mailto:mwhite1609@aol.com) or 630-542-3336.
- Seasonal details are shared on the website and bulletin board in the women's locker room. Invitationals offer a fun opportunity to play other clubs and meet other women golfers.

### CHARITIES

To be determined.

### WEBSITE

- Classy Niners communications are shared through [classyniners.com](http://classyniners.com).
- Questions about the website may be sent to Webmaster Julie Gibson at [julie@gibsonperformance.com](mailto:julie@gibsonperformance.com) or 714-313-6038.

### AVAILABLE ON THE WEBSITE

- Bylaws, membership information, rules, documents, and the handbook.
- Weekly schedules, formats, tournament themes, and event information.
- President's emails and newsletters, dues and registration forms.
- Interclub invitational information and training videos.

### BULLETIN BOARD

- The Classy Niners bulletin board in the women's locker room provides another source of information. It includes announcements, informational flyers, and the Chip-In and Birdie Tree recognizing members' achievements.



## RULES, SAFETY & TOURNAMENT PLAY

### COURSE MARKINGS & FREE RELIEF

- Out of bounds is defined by white stakes or areas outside the golf-course property, including roads and homes.
- Lateral penalty areas are defined by red stakes or lines. A player may play the ball when permitted.
- Environmentally sensitive areas are marked by red stakes with green caps. Do not enter, search for, or play a ball from these areas.
- Free relief is available from anthills, cart paths, staked trees, sprinkler heads, and drains. Take one club-length of relief, no closer to the hole, without penalty.

### PAR 3 WATER OPTIONS

- Re-hit from the teeing area, or use a designated drop area when available. Drop areas are located on holes 4 and 12; either choice results in the next stroke being the third shot.
- Hole 18 has no drop zone. Re-hit over the water until the maximum score is reached.

### COURSE & PACE

- 100- and 200-yard plates are located on sprinkler heads in the fairway.
- Carts must remain on paths around tees and greens and on every Par 3.
- USGA pace guidelines: 18 holes in 4 hours 5 minutes; 9 holes in 2 hours.

### SAFETY & RESPONSIBILITY

- Lightning and thunderstorms are dangerous. Download the alert app and seek shelter immediately when notified.
- Irrigation uses reclaimed water. Do not drink it.
- Each player is responsible for injury or property damage caused by her actions, including errant shots.
- USGA Rules govern all play. The professional golf staff settles disputes.

### TOURNAMENT RULES OF PLAY

- The Pro Shop settles disputes, and its decision is final.
- The maximum handicap for a nine-hole Classy Niners event is 18.
- All players must return a signed and attested scorecard.
- All putts must be holed out.

### QUICK READY GOLF TIPS

- Be at your assigned cart on time and ready for the day's instructions.
- Play ready golf: the first golfer who is safely ready should play.
- Watch each ball until it stops and use a landmark to guide any search.
- When a ball may be lost or out of bounds, announce and play a provisional ball to prevent delay.



## READY GOLF & COURSE ETIQUETTE

### READY GOLF - CONTINUED

- Help search for a lost ball, but limit the search to three minutes and less when the group is falling behind.
- Plan your shot and select a club while approaching the ball or waiting for others.
- Carry sand to the fairway and repair divots without returning to the cart. Be proactive.
- Line up and prepare a putt while others are playing, without distracting them.
- A player may hole out or mark unless another player's line prevents it.
- Record scores at the next tee, not beside the green.
- When behind, take clubs to the next hole before putting them away.

### A FEW RULES OF GOLF ETIQUETTE

- There is no penalty when a ball played from the green strikes the flagstick left in the hole. Each player may choose whether the flagstick remains in or is removed.
- The player nearest the hole should remove the flagstick when requested; the first player to hole out should replace it when requested.
- Loose impediments may be removed from a bunker, and incidental contact with sand is generally allowed. A player may not ground the club when making a bunker stroke.
- Repair divots in fairways and rough and repair ball marks on the green.

### COURTESY ON THE COURSE

- **Silence is golden.** Be respectful while another player addresses the ball or prepares to putt. Do not move, stand too close, stand directly behind the ball or hole, or allow your shadow to interfere.
- Silence your cell phone before play. Use it for calls only in an emergency.
- Maintain visual contact with the group ahead to support proper pace of play.
- Appropriate golf attire is required under The Classics rules.

### MUSIC ON THE GOLF COURSE

Music is permitted during Classy Niners play when enjoyed respectfully and with consideration for other players.

- Ask your playing partners before turning on music.
- Keep the volume at a low, reasonable level so it cannot be heard by players on nearby holes.
- Lower or turn off the music when another player is preparing to hit if requested. Be especially considerate near tee boxes, greens, and other groups.
- Music must never interfere with another player's concentration or pace of play. Follow any additional music or speaker policies established by The Classics Country Club.
- **Cell phones:** Keep phones on silent and limit calls and texting during play except when necessary.

### CART ETIQUETTE

All golfers at The Classics use carts. Thoughtful cart use helps maintain pace of play.

- After teeing off, determine who will play first and drive to that ball. While the first player prepares, the second player should select a club and plan her shot.
- For fairway and chip shots, carry sand when the cart is not nearby and repair divots.
- For approach, bunker, and chip shots, take every club needed to finish the hole, including the putter.
- The player whose ball is on the green first or is closest to the hole should park the cart on the path at the nearest point between the green and the next tee.



## CLUB INFORMATION

### Golf Rules Reminder

This handbook contains a selection from The Classics rules and the USGA Rules of Golf for players of all levels.

Please become familiar with the rules so the game is enjoyable for you and the golfers around you. It is important to know the rules and not rely solely on your partner or foursome.

### CLUB LEADERSHIP

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|----------------------------|----------------|
| General Manager            | Michael Rosa   |
| Assistant General Manager  | Kevin Thompson |
| Director of Golf           | Kevin Thompson |
| Assistant Professional     | John Salerno   |
| Food and Beverage Director | Darryl Johnson |

### CLUB TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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