

**RED WING SENIORS GOLF ASSOCIATION  
(RWSGA)**

**LOCAL RULES OF GOLF**

**ADJUSTED FOR ASSOCIATION MATCHES**

As of XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

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THESE RULES OF GOLF APPLY TO THE RWSGA AND ALL DO NOT COMPLY WITH THE USGA RULES OF GOLF. HOWEVER, USGA RULES OF GOLF SHALL APPLY IN ALL OTHER SITUATIONS NOT COVERED BY THESE RULES. RWSGA IS A HANDICAP LEAGUE BASED ON POSTED SCORES FROM ASSOCIATION SPONSORED ROUNDS. THE MAXIMUM HANDICAP FOR ANY PLAYER IS SET BY THE USGA AND CURRENTLY IS 54.

## SECTION I RULES OF PLAY

1. **THREE OVER PAR MAXIMUM:** If a competitor fails to hole out on any green, the player will record an automatic 3 over par; however, EXCEPT AFTER REACHING TWO STROKES OVER PAR, the player must pick up and record a 3 over par for that hole. At any time when playing a hole, the maximum number of strokes to be recorded is 3 over par.
2. **BALL LOST OR OUT OF BOUNDS:** If a ball is lost outside of a water hazard or out of bounds, the player will drop a ball, under penalty of one (1) stroke, as nearly as possible to the spot from which the original ball was last seen crossing the margin of the rough or out of bounds lines and/or stakes.
3. **PREFERRED LIES:** A ball in the fairway, rough or trees may be lifted, cleaned, and placed as well as rolled with a club head without penalty, within one (1) club length of where it originally lay, not nearer the hole, and so as to preserve as nearly as possible the stance required to play from the original lie. A ball in a bunker may not be moved except as provided for under USGA rules.
4. **DRAINAGE DITCHES:** A ball coming to rest in a "drainage ditch" and found by its owner may be removed and dropped or placed at the nearest point of relief within two (2) club lengths from the spot where the ball came to rest but not nearer the hole without penalty providing the ditch is not red-staked. If the ditch is red-staked, then the lateral water hazard rule applies.

## SECTION II PACE OF PLAY

Members of the RWSGA are senior citizens whose prowess over the years has diminished and whose abilities are not the same as they once were. These abilities include hitting distance, mobility, and visual impairments. These factors impact the "pace of play." The "pace of play" is not viewed in the same way by all players. The enjoyment of playing golf with friends and acquaintances is the purpose on which this Association was founded. However, in order not to detract from the enjoyment of other golfers, all efforts must be made to maintain a "pace of play." It is the goal of this association to complete eighteen (18) holes of golf in no more than four hours and fifteen minutes (4:15). A player is considered "in position" when he remains within a shot of the group in front of him; the player is "out of position" when the group behind is waiting to play its next shot or the group falls more than one (1) shot behind the group in front of them. In order to encourage this "Pace of Play," the following rules are provided:

1. **PLAY READY GOLF:** A player should proceed directly to his own ball and immediately play his shot if he is "out of position" on the Course. Plan the next shot and select a club while approaching the next shot. Be ready to hit after other players in the group hit. A player should keep a spare ball in his pocket and play a "provisional" ball when in doubt. Read and memorize the rules of golf especially those regarding "out of bound," "hazards," and "lost balls."
2. **SAVE TIME DURING YOUR ROUND:** Players should never record scores or replace clubs in the bag until reaching the next tee. Park the bag and/or cart away from the green and heading to the next tee. Give lessons on the practice tee, but not on the golf course. Players should not delay the next shot if "out of position." Players should carry enough clubs, balls, tees, towels, and ball markers with them; don't return to the cart to retrieve these items. If a ball is lost, respect the "three-minute rule" and drop a ball in a timely manner.

3. **SMART CART GOLF:** Players should make every reasonable effort to utilize the golfcart to maintain pace of play. Whenever it is practical and safe, a player should exit the cart, pick a club (or two) and then allow their partner to proceed to play their ball. Once the partner who has taken the cart has played their shot, they can then return to pick up the other player (or that player can walk to the cart) and proceed to the next shot. There is absolutely no excuse to be at your golf ball and **not** have a club in hand.
4. **WHEN ON THE TEE:** The first player to reach the tee should promptly hit when safe to do so especially if your group is “out of position.” Each player should return to his cart/bag after teeing off and be prepared to move to his next shot.
5. **WHEN ON THE GREEN:** Players should place cart/bags in line with the next tee. Each player should know the putting line before he approaches his putt. Putt out if possible especially when your group is “out of position.”
6. **PAY ATTENTION TO OTHER PLAYERS:** Watch other players’ shots and identify landing areas by other landmarks to speed up the process of finding all players balls.
7. **CART PATHS ONLY:** When carts are restricted to cart paths, each player should take his clubs, balls, and towels with him so he will be ready to play away.
8. **PUTTS:** All putts will be holed out with the below listed exceptions:
  - a. See Section I paragraph 1 Three Over Par Maximum.
  - b. A putt may be conceded if the ball is “within the leather” of a putter unless the putt is for a Birdie or Par in which case the player must putt it out (**during the Club Championship, all putts must be putted out**).
9. **FAILURE TO MAINTAIN PACE OF PLAY:**
  - a. Any group who falls one (1) hole behind the group in front of them, will be warned to speed up play.
  - b. Any group who falls two (2) or more holes behind the group in front of them may be told to pick up their ball, head to the next tee box and record a triple bogey for all members of their group for the hole not completed. Subsequent violations will result in disqualification for that week including a forfeiture of all skins or birdie money paid.

### **SECTION III**

#### **CLUB CHAMPION TOURNAMENT ELIGIBILITY**

1. Participants must be members in good standing with all applicable dues paid.
2. Participants must have a minimum of 10 rounds of golf played during sanctioned events of the RWSGA during the current year and prior to the Club Championship Tournament.
3. Sanctioned events for RWSGA are held on Thursdays from March to November.
4. Only participants who meet the ELIGIBILITY requirements will be considered to be the CLUB CHAMPION or winners of any flight in the CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT.

## SECTION IV CLUB CHAMPION WINNERS

1. There will be a Low Gross Score Winner and a Low Net Handicap Winner.
2. Low Gross Score Winner will be designated as the Club Champion.
3. Low Net Handicap Winner will be designated as Club Champion Low Net Winner.
4. In addition to above winners, there will be three handicap flights, and each flight will have a first, second, and third place winner.
5. **If Low Net and Low Gross is the same person**, the Low Net will be Club Champion Low Net, and the next lowest gross score will be Low Gross winner. If the second place or any Low Gross Winner placed in any handicap flight, he would be removed from that flight, and then 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners would be established for that flight. If the second place or any Low Gross Winner was a winner in flight, his winnings would be \$30.00 less than what he would have won by staying in the flight.
6. Low Gross Winner or Low Net Winner will not be allowed to win any place in any of the three handicap flights. Only one win per player.

## SECTION V PAYOUT FOR EVENT WINNERS/RWSGA PAYOUT SCHEDULE

INDIVIDUAL PLAY	TEAM PLAY	MEMBER/MEMBER	CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
PAY 3 FLIGHTS	PAY 4 PLACES	PAY 5 PLACES	PAYS 3 FLIGHTS
<b>TOTAL \$90</b>	<b>TOTAL \$132</b>	<b>TOTAL \$200</b>	<b>TOTAL \$300</b>
1 <sup>ST</sup> Place \$15	1 <sup>ST</sup> Place \$60	1 <sup>ST</sup> Place \$60	1 <sup>ST</sup> Place \$50
2 <sup>ND</sup> Place \$10	2 <sup>ND</sup> Place \$40	2 <sup>ND</sup> Place \$50	2 <sup>ND</sup> Place \$30
3 <sup>RD</sup> Place \$5	3 <sup>RD</sup> Place \$20	3 <sup>RD</sup> Place \$40	3 <sup>RD</sup> Place \$20
	4 <sup>TH</sup> Place \$12	4 <sup>TH</sup> Place \$30	
		5 <sup>TH</sup> Place \$20	
<b>\$30 each flight</b>			<b>\$100 each flight</b>

### CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP AWARDS

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| <b>CLUB CHAMPION LOW GROSS TROPHY</b>                    | <b>RECEIVES FREE FOLLOWING YEAR MEMBERSHIP</b> |
| <b>CLUB CHAMPION LOW NET TROPHY</b>                      | <b>RECEIVES FREE FOLLOWING YEAR MEMBERSHIP</b> |
| <b>1<sup>ST</sup> Place all three (3) Flights TROPHY</b> |  |

## SECTION VI SUPER SENIOR TEES REQUIREMENT

1. All members who are 80 years old or older will have the opportunity to play from the forward (super senior) tees.

2. The member must submit a request, in writing, by March 1<sup>st</sup> to the Handicap Committee stating their intention to play from the forward (super senior) tees. If turning 80 during the RWSGA season, a request must be made in writing to the Handicap Committee no later than the first day of the month **following** the month the member turns 80 (for example, turn 80 on May 15<sup>th</sup>, notify the Handicap Committee by June 1<sup>st</sup>).
3. Once a member has elected to move to the forward (super senior) tees, they will not be able to move back to the regular senior tees during the RWSGA season. If they wish to move back to the senior tees for the following season, they must submit a request, in writing, by March 1<sup>st</sup> to the Handicap Committee stating their intention to play from the regular senior tees.
4. Temporary medical condition - Anyone may petition the Handicap Committee to move to the Super Senior tees for specific period of time due to a temporary medical condition (ex. recovering from surgery).
5. Extenuating Circumstances – Anyone may petition the Handicap Committee to move to the Super Senior tees for extenuating circumstances. Please note that the inability to hit the ball as long as you used to does not qualify as none of us hit it like we use to.

## SECTION VII NEW MEMBER HANDICAP OPTIONS

1. Provide signed score cards from five (5) rounds of golf played with RWSGA members or five (5) signed score cards from other courses showing eighteen (18) holes played or a combination of both. Rounds must have been played within the last three (3) months.
2. Play five (5) rounds of golf with RWSGA including both winter play and summer play.

## SECTION VIII HONORARY MEMBERS

The RWSGA recognizes that there will be exceptional cases where certain members may (1) incur long-term disabilities that no longer allow them to partake in golfing events, and (2) are recognized for their contributions and support over the years. Such individuals may be nominated (and considered) for an honorary membership. Honorary membership is awarded solely at the discretion and simple-majority vote of the Board of Directors. The number and term of honorary memberships are limited and determined by the Board of Directors. Conversely, the Board reserves the right to revoke an honorary membership at any time.

1. **Eligibility:** It is preferred that a nominee have been a continuous member for at least fifteen (15) years. However, in exceptionally unusual circumstances, a nominee may be considered with at least seven (7) years of continuous membership. Honorary members will be considered individually and on their personal attributes and achievements, and not in comparison to others.
2. **Submission Process:** The Honorary Membership Nomination form shall be completed and sent to the Secretary, who will present the nomination to the Board of Directors for consideration/approval.
3. **Limitations:** Members awarded honorary membership status are:
  - exempt from paying annual dues;
  - may not vote or hold any office;
  - may attend local social events;
  - may not transfer out of honorary membership status to another membership status (i.e., Full Membership/Social Membership);
  - Once terminated, Honorary membership status cannot be reinstated.

## **SECTION IX ASSOCIATION COMMITTEES**

Association Committees are responsible for directing the regular golf sessions as to procedures and types of competitive play and will be responsible for staging tournaments and planning occasional play away from the home course on regular golf days.

1. Golf scheduler is responsible to establish annual schedule for regular golf days.
2. Pairing scheduler is responsible for assigning pairings and starting holes for players signed up to play on regular golf days. This position comes with dues paid by the Association.
3. Extra play scheduler is responsible for setting days and courses to play on non-regular golf days, i.e. Monday, Tuesday, and Winter golf.
4. Score Verifiers are responsible upon the completion of regular Thursday golf to verify scores and determine winners for each flight.
5. Handicap Committee will maintain and approve the handicap of each member. This position comes with dues paid by the Association.
6. Website Manager gathers league news, information, and pictures to post as well as maintains the RWSGA website.
7. Officer Selection Committee each September each year provides the Board with a Slate of Officers for the following year. This Committee provides a minimum of two (2) names per position and consists of members appointed by the President.
8. The Jim Cooper Award Committee will meet in September of each year to select an award winner. The committee will consist of past Jim Cooper Award winners.
9. Memorial Gifts are provided to the family of an Association member, the spouse of the member, or the child of a member if he/she is living in the same household. The gift should not exceed \$70.00 and is procured by the President and/or the Vice-President.
10. Plaques and trophies are purchased for the Association for a member. Bulletin boards are also maintained. The member is appointed by the Board.
11. The Refreshment and Entertainment Committee will be responsible for arranging and providing these as needed for RWSGA events.