

# NOTTAWASAGA LADIES' GOLF ASSOCIATION HANDBOOK

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## LADIES' DAY GOLF GUIDELINES

1. **Rules:** All competitive events shall be played in accordance with the rules of the GAO and local rules.
2. **Weekly Games:** Games are planned by Captains. Weekly winners will be determined by the Captain or Vice-Captain and scores with the winners' names will be posted on the Website.
3. **Tournaments/Trophy Events:** These are as follows:  
**Championship, Match Play, and Pin Days.** Details can be found on the Golf Schedule.
4. **Cancellation:** Cancellation of a scheduled event is the responsibility of the Captains in consultation with the Golf Shop. **Lightning will be the only cause for immediate cancellation.** When in doubt, please call the Pro Shop.
5. **Handicap & Tournament Eligibility:** All players must have an established handicap.
6. **Weekly Golf Schedule** is posted on the Weekly Golf Page of the website and is subject to change. Please check the page regularly.
7. **Weekly Sign-up:** Please follow the Weekly Golf Sign-up Instructions found on the Weekly Golf page of the website and be sure to sign up no later than Friday noon of the prior week by e-mailing [nlga18@rogers.com](mailto:nlga18@rogers.com) for 18 holes or [nlga9@rogers.com](mailto:nlga9@rogers.com) for 9 holes.
8. **What to do if you forget to sign up after the deadline:**  
Contact the league Captain as soon as possible, who will do her best to get you a spot. **DO NOT CALL THE PRO SHOP.**
9. **What to do if you need to request a change to the draw** (i.e., illness, injury, sudden need to move from late to early or vice-versa for unexpected appointment or cannot play): Contact the 18-Hole or 9-Hole League Captain ASAP. Requests for changes will be accommodated if possible. **DO NOT CALL THE PRO SHOP.**
10. **Finding your Weekly Tee Time:** Click on the "Tee Times" button on the Weekly Golf page. Available on the website by noon on Sunday. **DO NOT CALL THE PRO SHOP.**

11. **Weekly Captain:** The first person listed in your group is that week's group captain. As a courtesy to the others in your group, contact your group captain ASAP if you decide to switch from walking to riding. Your decision may affect others within your group. Phone numbers can be found under the "2022 Members" buttons on the Weekly Golf page.
12. **Weekly Draw:** You are responsible for knowing your tee time and being ready on the tee.
13. **Arrival Time:** Members should arrive in the parking lot a minimum of 30 minutes **before** their tee-time. This will allow 15 minutes to pay for green fees and/or cart at the pro shop, and to organize either your rented cart, or your own personal cart, before heading to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee. Members should arrive at the 1<sup>st</sup> tee no later than 15 minutes prior to their assigned tee time and be prepared to tee off earlier if the starter gives the ok.
14. **If you are late** to the 1<sup>st</sup> tee, and your group has already teed off, you are required to walk/drive to immediately catch up to your assigned group. You are not permitted to play any holes while catching up. Your score for any missed holes will be marked with an "X" and the GAO scoring system will record it as a Net Double Bogey (maximum score).
15. **Cancellation: What to do if you wake up on Tuesday morning and the weather conditions are not to your liking.** Check your email for a message from the league. The league will cancel the day only if continual heavy rain or thunderstorms is forecasted. However, if the league has not cancelled, but you decide to cancel on the morning of a scheduled league day, you must inform your group captain at least an hour before your tee time. (Your group captain is identified as the first name listed for each foursome on the draw sheet. Phone numbers can be found under the "2022 Members" buttons on the Weekly Golf page.) If you were able to speak to your group captain, you are not required to contact anyone else. However, if you are unable to reach your group captain live, leave a brief voice mail to advise of your cancellation, and then call the Pro Shop and let them know you are pulling out of your tee time.

## ETIQUETTE

Please refer to the website (Weekly Golf page, NLGA Handbook and Rules button).

## PLAYING by the RULES OF GOLF

1. The NLGA is a league that plays by the Rules of Golf, as per Golf Canada.
2. There are no "mulligans". "Whiffs" count as a shot. There are no "gimmees". You must putt out, even if the ball is hanging over the edge of the hole.
3. Maximum Score per Hole: Golf Canada and Golf Ontario have adopted a maximum score per hole for handicapping purposes. To determine your Maximum score per hole, also known as Net Double Bogey, please refer to the website (Weekly Golf Page, NLGA Handbook and Rules button, World Handicap System).
4. Under this system, it allows players to pick up their ball once their maximum score has been reached. This speeds up play as this procedure encourages a player who has struggled with a hole (i.e., multiple lost balls, or just having a bad hole), to pick up a ball but still allows you to "stay in the game".

## SCHEDULE

1. The schedule for the entire season can be found on the website, Weekly Golf page, green button at the top of the page labelled "SCHEDULE"
2. The schedule document is broken down by date, course(s) played, and the day's event.
3. The various events are:
  - a. Regular Golf:** Low Net scores by flight are recognized. Players play with other players from other flights.
  - b. Flight Play:** Low Gross and Low Net scores by flight are recognized. Players play with others in the same flight.
  - c. PIN Round:** Based on your Net scores, a cumulative total of your best 4 PIN rounds qualifies you for this Golf Ontario program.
  - d. Mystery Games:** A fun day that does not use the traditional Low Net or Low Gross scores. Just play your own game as you normally would. The "game" will be revealed after the round.
  - e. Scramble/Fun Days:** A scramble format, with a mix of players from all flights per group.

- f. **Club Championship Tournament:** A 2-day cumulative score played on 2 consecutive Tuesdays, to determine the Club Championship (overall Low Gross), Overall Low Net, and flight winners.
  - g. **The Memorial:** A “regular” golf day, but in honor of past members.
  - h. **Team Match Play:** a season long competition: played in 2-person teams from June until August.
4. On all Regular, Mystery days, and The Memorial, if you have reached your maximum score (a Net Double Bogey) on any given hole, you may pick up your ball, and mark your scorecard with an “X” for that hole. To speed up Pace of Play, this procedure is encouraged for anyone who has exceeded their maximum score on any hole (too many lost balls, or just having a bad hole).
  5. On Flight Days, where a Low Gross Game is in effect, all balls must be holed out for the score to be considered. Please refer to the Schedule under Weekly Golf.
  6. The 2-day Club Championship requires all balls to be holed out.
  7. Use drop zones where they have been provided. Hill #9, Valley #8, Green Briar #5, and Green Briar #8
  8. Play a provisional ball if there is a possibility that your ball is Out-of-Bounds or lost (i.e., Hill #4)

## **SCORECARDS**

**(Previous procedures involving photographing scorecards and then emailing the photo to the league will no longer continue, as it was a temporary procedure due to COVID precautions.)**

1. The group captain is responsible for keeping the Official scorecard for ALL players in the group. However, each player is also responsible for keeping her own score during the round.
2. At the end of each round, the group captain totals each player’s score, and then confirms the total with each player.
3. The group captain will sign and date the Official scorecard, have another player attest to the scores by also signing it, and finally, drop the scorecard off in the Pro Shop IMMEDIATELY after the round. **DO NOT LEAVE THE GOLF COURSE WITH THE OFFICIAL SCORECARD!!!**

## **ENTERING SCORES**

1. The NLGA utilizes the GAO handicap system for all weekly games. Your Handicap Index is calculated by the GAO system, which the NLGA uses for the weekly league days.
2. **TUESDAYS ONLY:** Following each Tuesday league play, league administrators will enter the day's scores into the GAO handicap system.
3. **OTHER DAYS OF THE WEEK:** Players are expected to enter all their other scores into the GAO handicap system (whether played at Nottawasaga or elsewhere, 9 or 18 holes). If the member requires assistance/instruction, please reach out to a league captain or Rule/Handicap chair. Instructions on how to enter scores can also be found on the NLGA website (Weekly Golf, "Posting Scores for Non-League Days").
4. Failure to enter your scores on a timely basis (within 24 hours of the completion of a round) may affect your eligibility to participate in tournament and/or events. The NLGA Executive reserves the right to adjust an individual's handicap index due to non-posting of scores.
5. Winners' names will be posted on the website as soon after the game as possible.

## **PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS**

As an NLGA member, please advise your captain when you

- break 100, 90 or 80 (18-hole play) or 50 (9-hole play) for the very first time during a NLGA league day
- get a birdie or an eagle for the very first time during a NLGA league day
- get a hole-in-one on ANY day, on ANY course

Advise your league captain with the hole #, date of achievement and name of attestor. These achievements are also recognized by Golf Ontario.



# 2022 GOLF RULES



## **The 20 Most Important Changes to the Rules of Golf 2019**

1. Search Time - Reduced from 5 minutes to 3 minutes.
2. Ball Moved During Search - Replace no penalty.
3. Embedded Ball - Free relief anywhere through the course.
4. Measuring a Drop - Use longest club (except putter).
5. Dropping - Drop from knee height rather than shoulder.
6. Taking stance on wrong green is not permitted.
7. Ball Unintentionally Hits Player or Equipment - No penalty.
8. Double Hit - No penalty, now only counts as the 1 stroke.
9. Touching sand in bunker incidentally is permitted.
10. Loose impediments can be removed anywhere including hazards.
11. Dropping a Ball Out of Bunker - 2 penalty strokes.
12. Water Hazards - Now called "penalty areas."
13. Touching Ground in Penalty Area - No penalty.
14. Ball Moves on Green After Being Marked - Replace without penalty.
15. Ball Accidentally Moved on Putting Green - Replace no penalty.
16. All damage to green can now be repaired.
17. Positioning a club for alignment is not permitted.
18. Caddie assisting with alignment is now not permitted.
19. Putting with flag stick in hole is now permitted.
20. Ball wedged against flag stick and side of hole is now deemed as holed.

## LOCAL RULES

### WINTER RULES

During the early Spring when course conditions make it necessary, the Lift, Clean and Place rule will be used and will be at the discretion of the Captains. All players will be notified at the start of play.

### STAKED TREES

Free drop from staked trees only. (Stance and swing, plus one club length.)

### TREE STUMPS

If a ball should land "ON or IN" one of the several tree stumps found on all 3 courses, it is a free drop of 1 club-length (from the edge of the tree stump), no closer to the hole. A ball nestled against the base of the tree stump is to be treated the same way when nestled up against full grown trees. (Chip it out in whichever direction you can, or call it a "Unplayable Lie", 1 penalty stroke, and take a 2-club-length drop.)

### DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

For all play at these courses, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect their play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is used.

### BALL HITTING HYDRO LINES

Ball must be replayed with no penalty. The next ball hit that does not touch the wire will be the ball in play.

### STONES IN BUNKER

These are not considered loose impediments. They are now moveable obstructions and may be removed without penalty.

### DOUBT ABOUT PROCEDURE FROM RULE 3-3

If in doubt about a rule, a player may play a second ball and announce which ball she wishes to count if the rules permit. She must hole both balls. Following the game, consult the Rule Book or the Rules Director.

### HILL COURSE

**Hole #4:** The forest area on the right side of the hole between the tee box and where the cart path curves towards the 5<sup>th</sup> hole is not a staked area. If your ball is found in this area, you must play it. Play a provisional ball (3 off the tee) in case you cannot locate your first ball.

**Hole #9:** The river ahead of the Red tee box is considered a red-staked lateral hazard. Use the drop zone located on the opposite side of the river, behind the starter's hut (under penalty of one stroke).

### **VALLEY COURSE**

**Hole #3:** All along the river, from the bridge and all along the right side of the fairway, will be considered a red-staked lateral hazard (under penalty of one stroke). Drop 2-club lengths from the stakes (under penalty of one stroke). If the 2-club lengths move takes you to the cart path, you may take another 1-club length ball drop from the edge of the cart path without further penalty.

**Hole #4:** Tall grass/bush/treed area left side of the fairway from the tee box is considered red-staked. Drop two club lengths from the imaginary red stake line (under penalty of one stroke).

**Hole #6:** Preferred lies if your ball lands in a bare area of the fairway. No penalty to place ball in nearest patch of grass (including a clump of weeds) no closer to the hole.

**Holes #4, #5 & #6:** The entire pond is considered red-staked/lateral hazard. Drop 2-club lengths from stakes (under penalty of one stroke). If the 2-club length drop area takes you to the gravel path, then re-measure the allowed 2-club length from the edge of gravel path without further penalty.

**Hole #8:** If over the fence to the right of the tee or into bushes/water to the left. Both areas considered red stake/lateral hazard. Go to drop zone (under penalty of one stroke).

**Hole #9:** Lateral hazard - red stakes along the river Drop 2-club lengths from stakes (under penalty of one stroke).

### **GREEN BRIAR COURSE**

**Hole #6:** Ditch ahead of tees is a water hazard – red stakes. Drop 2-club lengths from stakes (under penalty of one stroke).

## **EVENTS**

### **CHAMPIONSHIP** (Score to be posted as Tournament)

NOTE: THE BALL MUST BE HOLED OUT AT ALL TIMES THROUGHOUT THE CHAMPIONSHIP ROUNDS

- 1 Gross and net scores will be counted although the draw will be divided into Flights according to handicaps. Players will play two rounds on two consecutive Tuesdays (see schedule). In the event of re-scheduling, the Championship rounds will take priority.
- 2 Winners will have the lowest gross and net scores in their Flight, and the overall champions will have the lowest gross scores of the field.
- 3 If, for any reason, play is suspended before the completion of either round, a complete round is to be replayed.
- 4 No caddies are allowed at any time during any round of the Championship.
- 5 All participants must have played at least FIVE rounds on ladies' days and posted all their scores for all rounds played.
- 6 Overall Club Championship only - ties will be sudden death.

### **THE MEMORIAL**

A special day of regular golf dedicated in memory of members that we have lost in recent years.

### **PIN DAYS**

Sponsored by Golf Ontario, a minimum four games of the six Pin Days must be played. The lowest aggregate net total of the four is the winner of the Pin Days. You are allowed to pick up your ball once you reach your Maximum Score for any given hole. Your gross score on the scorecard is your Maximum Score, with an "X" beside it. RCGA Pin is awarded.

## **SCRAMBLE**

Each player drives off the tee. Take the best drive. Everyone plays their second shot from that place and so on until the ball is holed. Lowest total score wins (no handicaps).

## **TEAM MATCH PLAY**

Choose your own partner. Handicaps must be up to date with all rounds played. Strokes given are based on the lowest handicap person, using 75% of each player's handicap. NOTE: Settling ties will be decided under rule 33-6, that in regular season play and all flights in Club Championship play, ties will be broken in accordance with the recommendation in the RCGA rules book - Appendix 1 Part C -10, page 143/144.

## **THE FALL INVITATIONAL**

A new event for 2022. Details to follow

## **NEW FOR 2022!!!**

### **"BCR" games (Birdie, Chip-in, Ringer Board) - OPTIONAL**

#### **Three Season-Long Games**

Sign up once at a cost of \$10 per player and participate in all 3 games for the entire season. Deadline to sign up is the Friday prior to our first official regular golf day. Sign up and pay at the Opening Day Luncheon where further details will be available for the following games: (contact your League Captain if unable to attend luncheon)

- **BIRDIE TREE**

Each time you get a birdie, your name gets added into the Birdie Nest. At season end, names will be randomly drawn for cash prizes.

- **CHIP IN**

Each time you hole out from OFF the green, your name gets added to the Chip-Bowl. At season end, names will be randomly drawn for cash prizes.

- **RINGER BOARD**

IF you recorded your best score all season long on every single hole, what would your score be? That is what the Ringer Board is recording for you!! Both total low net and total low gross scores will be awarded. A full description on this program and ongoing results throughout the season of the Ringer Board can be found on the website. A fun way to track your progress throughout the season.

## **EXECUTIVE AND OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

### **CAPTAINS - 9 and 18 Hole (2 yr term)**

- Coordinates and runs all meetings of the NLGA as well as assisting with recruitment for other Executive positions
- Deals with all matters relating to golf activity and functions
- Schedules golf games for approval by the Golf Director and the Executive
- Helps with prizes and trophies

### **VICE-CAPTAINS - 9 and 18 Hole (2 yr term)**

- Assists the Captain with golf functions
- Establishes and works with the Golf Committees
- Fills in for the Secretary in her absence

### **PAST CAPTAINS (1 yr term)**

- Assist and train incoming Captains with timelines & procedures.
- Provide the incoming Captains with knowledge gained through previous experience.

### **RULES/HANDICAPS/OUTSIDE EVENTS**

- Handle rule inquiries from members
- Conduct Rules Seminars whenever necessary
- Handles all aspects of handicap factor monitoring
- Instructs members on Handicap Factor System on the computer and the World Handicap System
- Advises Association of changed rules of golf
- Signs handicap cards for outside tournaments
- Signs up entries, etc., for GAO events and displays tournaments
- Attends GAO meetings and rules seminar

### **PUBLICIST/COMMUNICATIONS (SECRETARY)**

- Records and distributes minutes of all meetings to the members of the Executive
- Deals with social and business correspondence
- Writes all announcements with respect to the Ladies' Golf Association
- Liaises with local media if necessary

### **TREASURER**

- Collects annual dues and maintains an up-to-date membership list
- Prepares budget and statements for Executive meetings
- Controls petty cash and chequing account
- Prepares annual closing report

## **TOURNAMENT & SPECIAL EVENTS COORDINATOR**

- Plans and organizes league tournaments and special events
- Communicate details of special events to members
- Liaises with Social Committee to coordinate themes for events

## **SOCIAL COMMITTEE COORDINATOR**

- Works with the Executive to arrange social events, including selecting themes, and plans each event
- Assists the Special Events Committee with arrangements and ticket sales

## **DRAW COMMITTEE COORDINATOR**

- Develops Draw Guidelines
- Establishes a Draw Schedule
- Trains/reviews procedures with a team of volunteers at the beginning of each season
- Coordinates the creation and publication of the weekly draw for the NLGA

## **WEBSITE & DATA ENTRY COORDINATOR**

- In consultation with the Treasurer, maintains the membership/draw files
- Maintains the email addresses and groupings, where necessary, in the Rogers email accounts.
- Maintains general information on the website
- Ensures that the website is up to date
- Trains other volunteers in posting appropriate information to the website