

OCCWGA STANDING RULES

Updated January 24, 2024

1. All checks will be drawn by the Treasurer, or in her absence, by the President.
 2. In addition to the payment of annual OCCWGA dues, in the amount established by the OCCWGA Board, an OCCWGA member who is not a member of OCC, is responsible for the payment of any and all applicable greens fees and cart fees during OCCWGA events, as well as applicable handicap fees and any other fees, dues, or amounts required to be an OCCWGA member.
 3. OCCWGA membership requires a USGA recognized established handicap index of 40.4 or less and payment of OCCWGA current dues. If you have not established a handicap index, the player must submit 54 holes for indexing.
 4. For handicap purposes, all 9- and 18-hole scores must be posted. Failure to do so will require action by the Handicap Committee. For an 18-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a minimum of 10 holes must be played. For a 9-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, all 9 holes must be played. A score from an incomplete round or when one or more holes have not been played may only be used for handicap purposes if, among other things, (a) the round has been played over at least the minimum number of holes, and (b) the reason for not completing the round was valid. An automated score differential will be created using the expected score for the hole or holes not played.
 5. A member of OCCWGA who has contributed \$5.00 to the Hole-In-One (HIO) Fund for a calendar year and makes a valid hole-in-one shall be honored by receiving a payout of \$100. Any funds over \$500 in the HOI Fund on December 31 of each year will be contributed to OCCWGA and used for operating and other expenses. In the event there are insufficient funds in the HOI Fund to pay each person scoring a valid HOI \$100, the Board may elect to use other available funds to pay each such person the full \$100.
- To be considered valid, a hole-in-one must meet the following criteria:
- a. Played at OCC any day of the week and attested to by at least two other players.
 - b. Player must have played all prior holes, and continued to play all subsequent holes in the stipulated round according to USGA Rules of Golf. A stipulated round in most cases is 18 holes, however, it may be altered by the Tournament Committee in the event a game such as match play, better ball, scramble, eclectic, etc is scheduled.
6. In order to qualify for major tournaments, a member must be in good standing within OCCWGA, have an established GHIN handicap and have played a minimum of five (5) Tuesday Ladies League events within the past 12 months. Major Tournaments are league sponsored and include: Match Play, President's Cup, Partner's Eclectic and OCCWGA Club Championship. Qualification audit(s) will be performed by the Tournament Chairpersons.
 7. No one may play to a handicap greater than 36 in the Major Tournaments. C (Competition) scores, for Handicap Committee and Tournament Chair review and adjustment, will be used for the following OCCWGA tournaments: Match Play, President's Cup, Partner's Eclectic, OCCWGA Club Championship.

8. Proper golf attire, in good taste, shall be worn by OCCWGA members, and their guests, at all OCCWGA sponsored events.

9. Guests of members may be paired on Tuesdays subject to prior arrangements with the Tournament Chair. Guests are ineligible for sweeps.

10. An award will be presented at the winter meeting to the Most Improved golfer of the year. The handicap chair will determine the recipient of the award according to USGA guidelines and the following eligibility requirements:

- a. The member must have joined OCCWGA by January 15 of the current year.
- b. The member must have an established handicap based on not less than 20 scores played and posted during OCCWGA Ladies Day events at OCC.

11. Member-Guest or Invitational Tournament:

- a. Guests at Member-Guest may not be a member of OCC.
- b. Guests entering one of these events must have an established handicap prior to the date of the tournament to be eligible to compete with a member.

12. A member of OCCWGA must comply with the following USGA and AGA Local Tournament Rules allowing electronic distance measuring devices at OCCWGA organized events. 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 her 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 functions are actually used.

13. Team Play – Priority will be given to OCC members to participate in Team Play. If an OCC member is not available to play, OCCWGA members will be eligible to play.

14. For all major tournaments, and other events as determined by the Tournament Chair, participants will play from the Gold Tees. Otherwise, participants may play from any tee box.

15. If a player wishes to compete from other than the gold tees on Tuesday play, they must specify the tee box, other than gold, at REGISTRATION for the event.

16. Any female OCC or OCCWGA member may play during the Tuesday game, yet not participate in the game.