

Committee for exhibiting behavior detrimental to the game or other players. These include but are not limited to:

- Willful damage to the golf course or clubhouse
- Offensive or unbecoming language
- Potential endangerment and/or distraction of others
- Verbal abuse, physical abuse or harassment of WGA members or club staff
- Intentional failure to abide by tournament rules

Violations could result in removal or suspension from future WGA events. Failure to accurately post all golf scores which, by definition, results in an inaccurate handicap could result in suspension or disqualification from future WGA events.

# 2023-2024 Handbook



Jacaranda Tree on 13th hole

## Mission Valley WGA

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## WGA Code of Conduct

As members of the Mission Valley Women's Golf Association, we abide by a set of principles based on respect for our club, our golf course, MVCC employees and all other WGA members. The WGA expects all members to play in the spirit of the game by acting with integrity, showing consideration to others, and taking good care of the course while conducting themselves in accordance with the following Code of Conduct.

- Avoid slow play and apply "ready golf" principles. If your foursome falls behind the group in front, split into twosomes until back in position.
- Follow established golf etiquette and respect the course by repairing ball marks on greens, filling in divots in fairways and rough, raking bunkers etc.
- Know and adhere to all USGA rules as well as all local rules.
- Follow course rules for motorized golf carts including the 90 degree fairway rule and distance rules for greens and tee boxes.
- Silence mobile phones. Applications for distance and scoring are allowed.
- Post all golf scores within 24 hours. That includes both 18 and 9 hole scores whether played at MVCC or at another club.
- Refrain from negative social media activity related to the WGA or individuals associated with MVCC.
- **Treat all fellow golfers and MVCC staff with respect.** Shouting, misusing equipment such as throwing clubs, physical or verbal abuse or harassment are never acceptable.

## Penalties for violation of the Code of Conduct

- Penalties may be assessed based on each individual situation including the severity of the breach and the factors that contributed to the breach. Possible penalties:
  - Warning
  - One stroke or two stroke penalty

A player may be disqualified and removed from any competition at the discretion of the MVCC WGA Rules Committee and/or the Tournament

determined that you can pick up once you hit the max score for that hole.

**Pace of Play:** Your foursome should be no more than a half a hole behind the group in front of you. Wait until the green is clear to tee off on a par 3. On any other hole wait behind the 150-yard marker until the green is clear.

**Cart Rules:** All four tires should remain on the cart path around the greens and tees.

**Handicap Flags:** Carts must remain 30 yards from the greens, not where the flag is located.

**Bunkers:** Always rake footprints when done. If no rake is available, use feet to brush over footprints.

**Divots:** Fix your divots in the fairways with sand. On the greens use a tool to fix ball marks.

**Flag Stick:** Do not toss/drop the flag stick to the ground when removing from the cup. Lay it gently on the ground.

**Cell Phones:** Refrain from talking on the phone while playing golf. Place phones on vibrate so that ringtones do not disturb other golfers.

**Smoking:** Smoking is discouraged. Be discreet, if you do smoke, and clean up your debris.

## Mission Valley WGA

The current rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, except where noted by local rule. Thursdays 8:00AM to 12:00 noon are reserved for WGA play. May 1 to October 7 open play is permitted.

When play is "pairings made by Pro Shop", members may not sign in to play before the assigned tee times. A member may request an early or late tee time, but not a particular group. Ladies must sign up for Thursday play by noon on the previous Tuesday. Pairings will be posted Tuesday afternoon.

### Eligibility

Dues are \$85. Participants must have a handicap index of not more than 36. If a member's index moves higher, she must play to a maximum 36 handicap. A member must have a signed Code of Conduct on file to participate in WGA events. Any member signed up for the President's Award, Buddy Tournament, or Club Championship, is expected to participate in all rounds.

### Weekly Events

1. Unless tees are assigned for an event, players must play from their designated tees. Scores will be posted by the Pro Shop.

2. Starting tee times will begin at 8:15AM. Shotguns will begin at 8:30AM.
3. Chip-Ins, birdies, and ringer board participation are \$5 each for the season. (optional)
4. To qualify for prizes, all putts must be holed out. A player may pick up on any hole if it does not interfere with the day's Tournament rules. Scores must then be adjusted.
5. Score cards will be prepared in advance by the Pro Shop. Score cards should be exchanged within the playing group. One name and score should be entered on one card unless it is a team event. Players are responsible for entering correct hole by hole scores. The card must be signed and attested. ***Cards not properly completed will be disqualified.*** Cards will be turned into the Pro Shop.
6. Ties will be awarded equal prizes, when possible and decided by card playoff when necessary. This does not apply to the Presidents Award, Buddy Tournament, and Club Championship, which have specific designated playoff rules.
7. Events which use percentage of handicap resulting in a fraction will be rounded to the higher whole number if the fraction is .5 or over.

Points earned will be noted on the weekly event payout sheets and a running total will be included on the WGA website. WGA VP is responsible for updating the website: in addition, the Tournament Committee will keep a written copy of all point totals. Points awarded for winning prize money in weekly events, WGA members will also earn Participation Points for weekly play and luncheon/meeting attendance.

Tier One is comprised of our three major tournaments during the year (President's Award, Buddy Tournament, and Club Championship). These events will have greater point values for the Overall Event Winner(s) as well as Win/Place/Show in Flights.

Tier Two includes team events. Tier Three are the regular weekly events. Both the Valley Cup and Mission Match Play have their own point values. No points will be awarded for WGA Guest Day Event, Weekly Closest to the Pin or Birdies/Chip Ins. Participants and format of the UPS WGA Shootout will be announced at our closing meeting in April. Winnings of the shootout will be cash prizes. WGA members not participating in the UPS WGA Shootout will be invited to cheer on the participants as they make their way around the course.

### **Course Etiquette and Expectations**

When in league play with prizes available at the end of the game, exchange scorecards in your group so you do not have your own card. Always double check hole by hole scores and check addition. Make sure two signatures are on the card when submitted to the Pro Shop. The ball must be holed out unless it is

only if an 18-hole round was completed. Winners will be those with the lowest score and runners-up in each class for play before the Club Championship. Awards will be presented on Closing Day.

**Chip-Ins:** Entry fee is \$5. Winners will be awarded at the WGA Closing meeting. An 18 hole round played by a participant in the WGA events is eligible.

**Closest to Pin:** Awarded weekly when applicable starting after the Opening Day. The Tournament Committee will select the holes on a weekly basis. \$5 will be awarded for closest to the pin regardless of tees played.

**Most Improved Golfer:** The following is the formula to determine the most improved golfer. Add 12 to the player's USGA handicap index at the start of the season. This is value A. Add 12 to the player's USGA handicap index at the end of the season, this is value B. Divide A by B, calculating to three decimal places. This is the improvement factor. The player with the highest improvement factor will receive the most improved golfer award. You must play in at least 10 WGA events, and be an equity member, to be eligible.

**WGA 18H—UPS Cup:** Season Long Points Competition

All current members of the WGA 18H will be eligible to earn points every week. No entry fee to participate.

8. Six players completing 18 holes constitutes a tournament. If six players do not complete play, no ringers, chip-ins, or birdies and eagles will be posted.

9. Players must use motorized golf carts for shotgun starts.

10. Weekly prize money (merchandise credit) will be recorded in the Pro Shop.

11. If a shotgun event is cancelled because of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances and a luncheon is scheduled, the luncheon will be held and the member will be charged even if not in attendance.

12. No guests allowed on Thursdays before noon, from November through April, except on scheduled Guest Days. Potential members may play in one WGA event (not a major tournament) during the season on a trial basis but will not be eligible for prizes.

13. Proper golf attire for the golf course and practice areas as follows: Golf shoes- no metal spikes.

\* **Slacks, shorts, or skirts and golf shirts.** The clothing standard may reflect styles and fashions that are currently being worn on professional tours or sold in golf shops.

\* The following are unacceptable at any time: Jean-style attire, bathing attire, tee shirts, gym shirts, tank



tops, tube tops, halter tops, mesh shirts, cut-offs, coaching shorts, tennis shorts, tennis dresses, or skirts.

14. Players may use devices that measure distance only.

**Note** Questions or concerns regarding pairings should be directed to the Pro Shop.



### **Courtesy on the Golf Course**

Keep pace with the group ahead. Rakes should be left outside the bunkers after raking. When removing the flagstick, lay it gently on the green. Repair ball marks on the green and fill fairway divots with sand.

Observe the 90\* rule on the fairways at all times.

During extenuating circumstances, such as during Covid outbreak, follow local rules as to bunker rakes and flagsticks.

### **Tournaments and Special Event**

Please be on the tee 5 minutes before tee time. Failure to be on time may result in a two-stroke penalty or loss of hole for match play as per USGA rules.

**No exceptions will be made for signing up after the date noted for special tournaments.**

### **Hole in One**

All members with a USGA handicap will automatically be billed \$5.00 for hole in one insurance. This entitles the person and his/her foursome to a round of complimentary drinks after their round. The Golfer scoring the hole-in-one will receive a \$100 credit to their account in the Golf Shop. Their name will be added to the perpetual Hole in One plaque.

### **Special Awards**

**Birdies & Eagles:** To post a birdie or eagle, the member must be participating in a scheduled WGA event and have completed an 18-hole round & play from their designated tees. Recognition, Pro Shop credit for each birdie or eagle will be given at the awards presentation on Closing Day.

**Ringer Tournament:** Member will choose which tees they will play. This tee position shall be used for all ringer postings for the season. Entry fee is \$5.00. **A member participating in WGA events shall post her own better gross score on the ringer chart in the locker room.** Ringers may be posted