2026-2027 Handbook Mission Valley WGA

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Mission Valley WGA

The current rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, except where noted by local rule. Thursdays 8 AM to 12:00 noon are reserved for WGA play. Designated tee times on specified Tuesday mornings may also be reserved for WGA play. May 1 to October 7 open play is permitted.

When play is "pairings made by Pro Shop" on days reserved for WGA play, 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 Monday or by the designated date if earlier. Pairings will be posted Tuesday afternoon or before. If the tee sheet is full with all foursomes, the Pro Shop will institute a "waitlist". Members will be notified Wednesday afternoon (for Thursday play) if they are added to the tee sheet.

Eligibility

Membership is open to Equity, Honorary and Legacy, Lifetime, Social with Sport, and Seasonal Members of Mission Valley. Dues are $85. To be eligible to join, participants must have a handicap index of not more than 37.5. If a member's index moves higher, she must play to a maximum 34 handicap. Any member signed up for the President's Award, Buddy Tournament, or Club Championship, is expected to participate in all rounds. New Members must also agree to and sign the WGA Code of Conduct.

Weekly Events

1. Players must play from their designated tees unless tees are assigned for an event. 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 and Birdies/Eagles participation is $5 each for the season. Sign up is by Opening Day(optional).Participation starts the event after

Opening Day. Chip-Ins & Birdies/Eagles can only be recorded when a player can post a full individual 18 hole score.

4. To qualify for prizes, all putts must be holed out unless it is determined that you can pick up once you hit the maximum score for that hole.

5. Scoring will be via the Golf Genius (GG) App on a mobile phone. The Pro Shop will provide one paper scorecard for each group with a code for the GG App. One person will keep the score on their phone and one person will keep the paper score. At the end of the event the players in the group must ensure the GG score and the paper score match. GG score is the legal score for the round. The paper scorecard should be turned into the Pro Shop.

6. All WGA members are expected to post all non event scores in GHIN in order to maintain an accurate handicap. The WGA website notes how many times you played as of a specified date and what percent of scores have been posted. To be eligible for prizes for WGA events, your number of posted scores must be 75% or higher. If it is below 75%, you may play in individual events but you will be ineligible for prize money. If it is below 75%, you are not allowed to play in group/team events. Players below the 75% threshold will be notified on Monday if they are ineligible for prizes or participation.

7. Ties will be awarded equal prizes when possible and decided by card playoff when necessary. This does not apply to the President's Award, Buddy Tournament, and Club Championship, which have specific designated playoff rules.

8. 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.

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

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

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

12. 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.

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

14. Proper golf attire for the golf course and practice areas is 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.

15. 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 according to the Club's standard 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 degree 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 Events

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 annually for hole-in-one insurance. This entitles the person and players in the 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: Entry fee is $5 for the season for your designated tee. Awards will be presented on Closing Day.

Chip-Ins: Entry fee is $5 for the season for your designated tee. Awards will be presented on Closing Day.

Note: To post Chip-Ins and Birdies/Eagles, the member must be participating in a scheduled WGA event, play from their designated tees, and have completed an 18-hole round. Play format must be individual score. Books for posting and verifying Chip-Ins & Birdies/Eagles will be on the vanity in the locker room on event days that they are postable. Please make sure a member of your foursome verifies the hole number & score.

Ringer Board: Golf Genius will track Ringer Board scores for the season. All WGA members are eligible. There will be no charge. At the end of the season, the lowest score for each designated tee category will be awarded a prize.

Closest to Pin: Awarded weekly when applicable starting on 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: To be eligible for the Most Improved Golfer award, you must be a WGA member and have played in 12 events during the season. Any multi day event counts as one. 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.

UPS (U Played Spectacularly) Cup: This is the Season Long Points Competition. All current members of the WGA are eligible to earn points every week. No entry fee to participate. Points are awarded for winning prize money in weekly events and a running total will be listed on the WGA website. The top point earner will be recognized at the Annual Meeting on Closing Day.

Course Etiquette and Expectations

The ball must be holed out unless it is determined that you can pick up once you hit the maximum score for that hole. The ball can never be picked up in a gross score event.

Pace of Play: Your foursome should be no more than 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. You are behind if there is one open hole in front of your group. To catch up, the first 2 players to hole out should proceed to the next hole and tee off.
Practice "Ready Golf" – do not wait for "honors" on the tee. Be ready to hit your shot in the fairway and proceed if another player is not ready as long as it is safe. Putt out on the green without marking your ball & waiting for another player to putt.

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.

Music: If you listen to music while playing, be respectful to the other players in your foursome and keep it to yourself.

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

WGA Website

Access the WGA website at: https://www.missionvalleywga.com