



Ladies' Four-Ball 2018

# CGA Ladies' Four-Ball Play Days Notice to Players

**USGA Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2016 and the local rules on both sides of this sheet and any additional local rules posted at the starter's table or announced prior to play governs at this CGA One-Day Four-Ball Tournament.**

**TIME OF STARTING** – A player is responsible for being at the assigned tee promptly to begin play on time. **Tee Times:** If a player arrives at their starting point, ready to play within five (5) minutes of his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole (Rule 6-3a). **Shotgun Start:** If a player arrives late but within five minutes after the assigned starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole (Rule 6-3a). The assigned starting time for shotgun events is when a) a horn or siren is sounded, b) if no horn or siren is used, when the group can play without interference or c) if the player is in the second group to start on an assigned hole, when that group can play without interference.

**SCORE CARDS AND SCORE POSTING** - The USGA Rules of Golf requires a marker to record only the gross score of the player whose net score is to count (Rule 31-3). The CGA scoring policy requires markers to record ALL hole scores for all players for handicap purposes. This enables the CGA to post scores to each player's handicap scoring record. Please do not post these scores yourself as this will duplicate the CGA's effort. Section 5-2f of the USGA handicap manual allows a tournament committee to post scores for players. The CGA will do this automatically for you. How to record scores for holes not completed: For unfinished holes, enter the score you most likely would have made (more often than not) and precede that score with an X (e.g. X-6) to denote that the player did not hole out. For holes not started, enter par plus any handicap strokes you would have received on the hole. Failure to record individual hole scores may jeopardize participation in future CGA ladies' four-ball play days.

**HANDICAP ALLOWANCE** - 95% of Course Handicap derived from a player's CGA handicap index. Maximum of 40 strokes prior to reduction. If a team has a Course Handicap difference of more than eight strokes, each team member will receive an additional 10% Course Handicap reduction. Additional course handicap reductions may be imposed according to the multiple net winner policy. Teams are divided into divisions according to team gender composition and handicap (Men A, Men B, Mixed, Women).

**DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES** – Local rule allowing the use of devices that measure or gauge distance only is in effect. Rule 14-3, Note and Appendix I.

**ONE-BALL RULE IS NOT IN EFFECT.** The ball the player plays must be named on the current List of Conforming Golf Balls issued by the United States Golf Association.

**CONFORMING DRIVER HEAD** - The driver the player carries must have a club head, identified by model and loft, that is named on the current List of Conforming Driver Heads from USGA.

**RULE 3-3 - DOUBT AS TO PROCEDURE** - If a competitor is doubtful of his rights or procedure, he may, without penalty, complete the hole with two balls. See page 50 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf for procedure.

**MODIFICATION OF SCORECARD PENALTY EXCEPTION to RULE 6-6d** - Exception: If a competitor returns a score for any hole lower than actually taken due to failure to include one or more penalty strokes that, before returning his score card, he did not know he had incurred, he is not disqualified. In such circumstances, the competitor incurs the penalty prescribed by the applicable Rule, but there is no additional penalty for a breach of Rule 6-6d. This Exception does not apply when the applicable penalty is disqualification from the competition.

**TEES TO PLAY** – The tees to play are listed on the official tournament score card.

**AUTOMOTIVE TRANSPORTATION** - Automotive transportation is mandatory.

**EMBEDDED BALL** - Relief is "through the green" except in sand in an area that is not closely mown. See page 142 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf.

**PACE OF PLAY** - Each group is expected to keep pace with the group ahead. The CGA official-in-charge will decide any necessary pace of play penalties. Pace of play guidelines are listed on the player's score card.

**OUT OF BOUNDS** - Out of bounds is defined by the inside points of white stakes at ground level, by the inside points of fence posts at ground level and by the inside edge of paved roads and beyond.

**LATERAL WATER HAZARDS** - Defined by red stakes and/or lines and includes unmarked drainage ditches and other open water courses. Treat all water hazards as lateral water hazards unless otherwise marked.

**WATER HAZARDS** - Defined by yellow stakes and/or lines.

**GROUND UNDER REPAIR** - Defined by white lines. White-lined areas tying into cart paths are part of those obstructions. Fire anthills and french drains are ground under repair.

**GREENSIDE FANS** - Greenside fans are temporary immovable obstructions. See page 147-149 of the 2016 Rules of Golf.

**SODDED AREAS** - A ball coming to rest in a newly sodded seam or edge may be lifted, cleaned and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay which is not in either condition. Relief is granted for the ball only and not the stance. The nearest point of relief may be on the sod itself. All seams and edges are considered the same condition.

**INTEGRAL PARTS OF COURSE** - Include cables, rods, wires or wrappings when closely attached to trees; artificial walls and pilings when located in hazards, unless otherwise denoted.

**AERATION HOLES** - Through the green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be lifted, without penalty, cleaned and dropped, as near as possible to the spot where it lay but not nearer the hole. On the putting green, a ball that comes to rest in or on an aeration hole may be placed at the nearest spot not nearer the hole that avoids the situation.

**STONES IN BUNKERS:** Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions.

**ELEVATED POWER LINES:** If a ball strikes an elevated power line or cable, the stroke **must be canceled and replayed**, without penalty (see Rule 20-5). If the ball is not immediately recoverable, another ball may be substituted.

**IMMOVABLE OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO THE PUTTING GREEN (BALL IN CLOSELY MOWN AREA)** - Relief from interference by an immovable obstruction may be taken under Rule 24-2. In addition, if a ball lies off the putting green **and in a closely mown area through the green** and an immovable obstruction on or within two club-lengths of the putting green and within two club-lengths of the ball intervenes on the line of play between the ball and the hole, the player may take relief as follows: The ball must be lifted and dropped at the nearest point to where the ball lay that (a) is not nearer the hole, (b) avoids intervention and (c) is not in a hazard or on a putting green. The ball may be cleaned when lifted.

**BALL AT REST MOVED ON PUTTING GREEN** - When a player's ball lies on the putting green, there is no penalty if the ball or ball-marker is accidentally moved by the player, his partner, his opponent, or any of their caddies or equipment.

The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced. This Local Rule applies only when the player's ball or ball-marker lies on the putting green and any movement is accidental. Note: If it is determined that a player's ball on the putting green was moved as a result of wind, water or some other natural cause such as the effects of gravity, the ball must be played as it lies from its new location. A ball-marker moved in such circumstances is replaced.

**DROPPING ZONES (BALL DROP)** - Players will be informed of Drop Zones, if any, prior to the start of play

**CELL PHONES** - Except for emergencies, a ruling, viewing tournament leaderboard or use as a distance measuring device, cell phone use is not allowed on the golf course during tournament rounds. First Offense-Warning; Second Offense-Disqualification (Rule 33-7).

**CADDIES** – A player is prohibited from using a caddie during the stipulated round (Rule 6-4 Note, Appendix I).

**TIES, PLAYOFFS & PRIZE DISTRIBUTION** - Any playoff necessary to prize winners in a flight will be resolved on the score card using the USGA recommended method on page 161 of the 2016 USGA Rules of Golf. If there is still a tie then score cards will be matched beginning with hole #18 going backwards. Merchandise must be redeemed at the host club. The CGA is not responsible for any unclaimed or unredeemed merchandise certificates after a tournament play date. It is the player's responsibility to claim or redeem a certificate or golf shop credit prior to leaving a tournament site. The CGA will not replace any lost or unclaimed merchandise certificates/gift cards after a tournament is played.

**NET KNOCKOUT RULE** - A team is disqualified from net prizes if they beat the course rating by 12 strokes or more **AND** beat the next best net score in their division by four strokes or more. Example: a) Course rating is 70.2. A team posts a net 54, and then the next best net score in their division is net 59. The net 54 team is disqualified from net prizes, but it still eligible for gross prizes.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY** – Signaled by three consecutive air horn blasts. Players in the process of playing a hole may complete the hole. Players in between the play of two holes must stop play immediately. Resumption of play is signaled by two short blasts.

**SUSPENSION OF PLAY FOR DANGEROUS SITUATION** - A suspension of play for a dangerous situation will be signaled by one long air horn blast. All players will be informed of the suspension verbally. All play must cease immediately. All practice areas will be closed during a suspension of play, until the Committee has declared them open again. Resumption of play is signaled by two short blasts.

**STIPULATED ROUND** – Except at shotgun start events, the stipulated round consists of two nine-hole stipulated rounds. Nine-hole scores may be used in the event of inclement weather.

**SPECTATORS** – Spectators are not permitted to ride in a player's cart at any time. Spectators are permitted to rent a spectator cart at any CGA one-day tournament as provided in the CGA Tournament Manual.

**RULES COMMITTEE** – CGA official-in-charge has final authority on any rulings.