

**LVWGA STANDING RULES**  
**(Rev: 12/11/2023)**

- 1) This Association shall play golf according to the USGA Rules, with local rules that are in force and published, and the USGA Handicap System shall govern handicaps.
- 2) To become a member and compete for weekly prizes, you must have a handicap based upon at least five posted scores or furnish a current handicap card from another club approved by the Golf Professional. Maximum handicap for 18-hole players is 40. Members shall pay the play day fee to compete for prizes. **(Rev: 04/29/21)**
- 3) All Regular LVWGA members may play in and compete in official LVWGA play day(s) in any given week; however, only one play day per week may be applied towards special games and participation for a tournament. Members must sign up to play each week no later than 12:00 p.m. on the day prior to play.
- 4) There must be a minimum of 4 players to constitute an official Wednesday play day. There must be a minimum of 4 players to constitute an official Saturday play day. If there is an insufficient number of players to play the designated game for that day (but enough to constitute a play day), the play shall be point-quota. **(Rev. 05/01/19)**
- 5) In order to compete for prizes on play days, a member must be present 20 minutes prior to LVWGA tee time. Last minute cancellations on play day morning should call the Play Day Representative-in-charge. **(Rev: 04/29/21)**
- 6) A play day may be cancelled (i.e., insufficient number of players, inclement weather) by the person in charge of that particular play day in coordination with the Pro Shop.
- 7) Players shall be divided into Flights according to current handicaps. The flights shall be determined by the Play Day Chairwoman (or her assistant in charge) for play day competition and by the Tournament Chairwoman for major tournaments. In case of a tie on play days, all ties will be paid (according to the payout sheet on the website). First low gross and first low net will always receive equal prizes. **(Rev: 04/29/21)**
- 8) The Play Day Chairwoman (or her assistant in charge) will determine the number of places paid (according to the payout sheet on the website). No more than half of the flight should be paid with exception of ties for last place (according to the payout sheet on the website).
- 9) A player who defaults during play day competition is obligated to forfeit any play day prizes and is considered to have eliminated herself.
- 10) All prizes for play days and special events, such as the annual Turkey Shoot, shall be paid out by the Play Day Chairwoman (or her assistant in charge). Tournament Chairwoman (or her assistant) will pay out prizes for special tournaments (with the exception of the Invitational Tournament).
- 11) All scores are to be posted from courses played (including play on courses outside Lago Vista) that have a course rating and slope. Match play scores shall be used for handicap purposes according to USGA Rules.

- 12) Committee Chairwomen and Representatives must have the approval of the Executive Board for any and all un-budgeted expenditures.
- 13) Women may attend one social event as the guest of a member. If she desires to participate in official play days thereafter, she will become a member of the LVWGA.
- 14) A guest of a member will be allowed to compete for prizes in play day events and be charged a play day entry fee, provided that the host member will vouch for her handicap. Guests may compete on any play day except those designated for members only. Guests shall not be eligible to participate in the "chip-in" competition. The privilege of inviting guests is a courtesy extended to accommodate occasional out-of-town visitors and new local residents.
- 15) To play in any LVWGA-sponsored tournament, the player must have an established USGA Index. This rule applies to all tournaments. **(Rev: 04/29/21)**
- 16) The LVWGA Club Championship Tournament will be a 2-day event and requires competitors to compete on both days. Members may win in only one category: Club Championship, Legends (minimum age 70), or Saturday (if applicable; Saturday winner will be net score).
- 17) To be eligible to compete in the LVWGA Club Championship a member must: **a.** Be in good standing with the LVWGA. **b.** Have a USGA-handicap based on scores played on the LVGC. Twenty, 18-hole rounds must be on the handicap print out sheet on the month preceding the tournament. Additionally, 5 of these 20 rounds must be played on LVWGA official play days (i.e., from Tournament date to Tournament date; not within the same calendar year). **c.** Payout order is: Low Gross over the field(Club Champion), with the highest payout and expense emphasis, followed by Low Net over the field (2<sup>nd</sup> highest payout), followed by Legends (3<sup>rd</sup> highest payout). Legends winner is determined by the lowest 2 day net score of the players that are minimum age 70 and have declared inclusion in this category at tournament signup. Also, each flight will be paid 1<sup>st</sup> low gross and 1<sup>st</sup> low net prizes, and additional places paid commensurate with the number of players participating. All payout amounts will be determined by the Tournament Chairwoman and her committee. In case of a tied score for the club champion, there will be a hole by hole sudden death playoff, starting with hole #1 and continued until the tie is broken. **(Rev: 12/11/2023)**
- 18) Hole-in-one Guidelines: **a.** The Hole-in-One pool is for a one-year period, from President's Day through the day before President's Day the following year and is optional for all LVWGA members. Participants will sign up with the Treasurer and pay \$5.00 to join, prior to round to qualify. The Treasurer will inform the Special Games/Hole-In-One Representative of current participants. **b.** Pot paid for Hole-In-One only on the Lago Vista courses. **c.** You must have intentions of playing a full round of golf, even though your round may not be completed due to various reasons. Scrambles, etc. are acceptable. **d.** You must report your Hole-In-One to the Pro Shop upon completion of the round and to the Special Games/Hole-In-One Representative or a member of the Board within 24 hours. **e.** On President's Day of each year, a share of the funds will be awarded to hole-in-one participants for EACH hole-in-one obtained during the time period specified above. There will be a 30-day grace period for previous participants. In the event there is no winner, the member's \$5.00 fee will be carried over to the following year. No refunds will be given. **(Rev. 03/31/21)**

- 19) Most Improved Player will be determined by percentages based on handicaps beginning January 1 and ending December 1. LVWGA members who have played on 15 or more LVWGA play days during this period shall be considered for "Most Improved Player". The award will be presented by the Play Day Chairwoman (or her assistant in her absence) at the President's Day luncheon.
- 20) A member will be responsible for any charge for a meal unless she cancels by 4:00 p.m. on the Sunday prior to the event. Members will cancel with the Vice-President.
- 21) On January 1st of each year, the LVWGA Treasury shall show a balance of not less than \$25.00.

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