

## MOUNT SI LADIES CLUB

### STANDING RULES

**Standing Rules should be observed during Mount Si Ladies Club play. For additional information contact the Handicap Chairwoman or visit [www.wagolf.org](http://www.wagolf.org).**

Play is governed by the USGA Rules of Golf, local rules as stated on the Mount Si Golf Course scorecard, and the following Standing Rules. All members are urged to obtain a copy of and familiarize themselves with the USGA Rules of Golf.

### DUES

Dues: Regular - \$78.00; Senior (80 and above as of January 1) - \$40.00; Junior (17 and younger as of January 1) - \$20.00; New Member joining after September 1 - \$42.00; Social Member - \$42.00 (Social only available to those currently paying GHIN fees to another USGA member club). Dues are non-refundable.

Optional Hole-In-One Fund: We offer an optional Hole-In-One fund each season. To participate in the fund for the current season, a member must pay the optional additional \$5.00 fee when paying their regular membership dues or before their first round played for the season. The Treasurer will record the funds paid by members. If a member achieves a hole-in-one at the Mount Si Golf Course during any Tuesday Ladies Club sanctioned event no funds are awarded until the end of the season as there may be more than one hole-in-one winner. If there is more than one hole-in-one winner during the season the Hole-in-One Fund will be equally distributed among the enrolled winners at the fall Annual Member Meeting. If no distribution occurs all accumulated funds will be rolled over to the following season. At the beginning of each season the optional \$5.00 will again be collected, combined with any funds that may have been rolled over, and a list of participants will be generated and valid only for the current season. A new member wishing to participate will be added to the list only at the time of enrollment.

### TIME OF PLAY

Time of play shall be determined from the sign-up sheet posted in the Pro Shop one week in advance. A member may only sign up for her tee time and any other members in her foursome. If a member is not playing on the current Tuesday, then on that day she may call the Pro Shop after 9:30 AM to make a tee time for the following Tuesday. Courtesy to the course management requires that a member call the Pro Shop and cancel if unable to keep her reserved tee time. Check in and pay all fees at the Pro Shop before play.

### KEEPING SCORE

EACH MEMBER MUST RECORD AND SUBMIT HER SCORE FOR ALL CLUB EVENTS. THE LADIES CLUB WILL POST ALL SCORES. ALL SCORES MUST BE RECORDED AND POSTED HOLE-BY-HOLE.

It is required that a member's score be recorded by another member in the group. It is strongly suggested that one player in the group keep a master record of all scores. Master scorecards may be submitted in place of individual scorecards. (see COMPLETING SCORECARDS).

There are members who occasionally miscount their strokes. Be certain to count all strokes including whiffs and penalties. Only rounds played with and scored by a Ladies Club member with a USGA handicap may be used. After leaving the green, the correct and agreed upon score should be recorded before starting the next hole. Discuss any disagreements with the Rules Chairman after the round. Refuse to sign any card if an incorrect score has been recorded. Any member found to be habitually miscounting her strokes will be barred from competition, team, and tournaments. It is the responsibility of the playing group to make the Rules Chairman aware of such infringement.

## COMPLETING SCORECARDS

The first line of the scorecard will show the member's full name and total gross strokes played. The member is responsible for the correctness and legibility of her score on each hole. **Each scorecard turned in, whether with one player's or multiple players' scores, must be signed by each player listed on the card.** Scorecards not bearing appropriate signatures in the proper places and the correct date may be disqualified.

**If a master scorecard is submitted:**

- **it must include the first and last names of all members in the playing group; and**
- **it must be signed by the scorer and attested/signed by all other members in the playing group; and**
- **no individual scorecard will be submitted by any other playing member listed on the master scorecard.**

Completed scorecards should be placed in the Weekly Competition basket. Scorecards not turned in on the day of play are ineligible for competition.

A separate tournament scorecard may be required by the Tournament Chairwoman (Co-Captain). This requirement will be communicated to the members for each tournament. Scorecards not turned in on the day of play are ineligible for tournament competition.

## TUESDAY CLUB COMPETITIONS

Weekly competitions (determined by the Captain and Co-Captain) are held during the season. To be eligible a member must be in good standing with dues paid for the current season. To participate in a weekly competition a member must sign up for the competition before beginning play by writing her name on the weekly competition sheet and paying \$2.00 to the Pro Shop. The sign-up sheet is located in either the entrance to the Pro Shop or with the Pro Shop staff. Members must play to a handicap no higher than 54.

## TOURNAMENTS

The Tournament Chairwoman (Co-Captain) is responsible for determining and posting the rules for each tournament. Tournaments outlined below are subject to change with notice. Any member with an established handicap and in good standing may enter Club tournaments and must play to a handicap no higher than 54. All medal (stroke) and Match Play tournaments must be played on Tuesday Club play or other Club scheduled days. Sign-ups for all tournaments will take place in the Pro Shop. Any tournament specific rules will be communicated at tournament sign-up or prior to the start of the tournament.

Club tournaments are (no entry fee):

- **APRIL FOOLS** – Format is a combination of the best Front 9 with the best Back 9 (gross and net) from all-rounds played in April.
- **MAY MADNESS** – Format is a Best Ball partnership with a maximum of a 10-stroke difference between playing partners' handicaps. The member may play with any other member. Winners will have the lowest two (2) net rounds played in May. Partners are not required to play rounds together.
- **CAPTAIN'S CUP** – Format is Stableford Points; best two (2) of four (4) rounds played in June.
- **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** – Member must have submitted a minimum of five (5) scorecards during the current season and prior to the first round of the Club Championship. Two (2) day medal (stroke) play. Flights will be established by handicap but will score scratch play within each flight.
- **MATCH PLAY HANDICAP TOURNAMENT** – Format is handicap flighted Match Play during September and October based on the number of entrants.

## SPECIAL AWARDS

Each year at the fall Annual Member Meeting the Club will recognize members for achievements accomplished during Tuesday Ladies Club events. To be eligible a member must be in good standing with dues paid for the current season. Special awards are (no entry fee):

- **EAGLES/BIRDIES/CHIP-INS** – Recorded from the first Tuesday of Club play in March through last Tuesday of Club play in October. When a member achieves an eagle, birdie or chip-in during any Tuesday Club event the member must record it in the binder in the locker room and have another member from her group attest it.
- **ECLECTIC (ECCI)** – All members qualify upon submission of weekly scorecards. Total of the lowest score shot on each hole for Spring (April–June) and Fall (July–September) sessions.
- **HOLE-IN-ONE** – Any member will be awarded \$25.00 for a hole-in-one made at Mount Si during any Tuesday Club event.
- **MOST IMPROVED PLAYER** – To qualify, a member must be in good standing and with dues paid prior to Round 1 of the season. The most improved award will be calculated using the USGA Most Improved Report. The report will be run using handicaps in place as of the first Tuesday round of Ladies Club season (Round 1) through the last Tuesday round of the season (Round 34).

## SUMMER AND WINTER RULES

Summer Rules will be played unless otherwise posted by the Mount Si Golf Course or the Captain. However, USGA and PPGA recommend that “the ball should be played as it lies” whenever possible.

### Mount Si Ladies Club Preferred Lies Winter Rule

The Mount Si Ladies Club Preferred Lies Winter Rule will only be used when the Ladies Club Captain or Mount Si Golf Course communicates that this specific procedure is in effect for the day. Communication will be via a sign located at the first tee of Hole #1 from the course or a sign in the Pro Shop from the Ladies Club Captain.

A ball which lands in the fairway and/or rough is entitled to relief using the following procedures.

- The ball may be marked, lifted, cleaned, and replaced within 6 inches of the original spot, no closer to the hole, without penalty.
- The relief can only be used once per occurrence. A ball cannot be moved twice to provide a better lie.
- A ball in the rough must remain in the rough following the lift, clean and replace procedure.
- A ball that moves after being replaced and after the marker has been lifted, must be played as it lies.
- **EXCEPTION:** A ball landing (fairway or rough) within 36 inches (approximate length of a sand wedge) of a tree, stump, bush or out of bounds is NOT entitled to relief under this provision and must be played under standard rules of golf.
- The use of a club head or any other object to move the ball is prohibited.
- A TWO STROKE PENALTY is assessed if the above procedures are not correctly followed.

## TEE MARKERS

Ladies Club members play from the forward tees (unless otherwise noted).

## HANDICAPS

GHIN (Golf Handicap Information Network) handicap revisions are calculated daily using the World Handicap System (WHS). The Index is used to determine a member's home course handicap and to calculate a member's handicap strokes when playing that or other courses.

The USGA and The R&A announced the first update to the World Handicap System™ (WHS™) as part of an ongoing review of the Rules of Handicapping™ and Course Rating System™ with a continued emphasis on accuracy, consistency, and equity. The latest revisions went into effect January 2024. For all play, players must now post their **all scores hole-by-hole**, not just total scores into GHIN.

Use of an Expected Score for a Hole Not Played:

Improvements have been made to the method used to handle holes not played, which will now be based on a player's expected score rather than a score of net par. This new method will produce a 9-hole or 18-hole Score Differential that more accurately reflects a player's ability. As golfers across the world are playing more 9-hole rounds, an expected score can also be used to convert a 9-hole round into an 18-hole Score Differential. For some countries, this means that 9-hole scores will be considered in the calculation of a player's Handicap Index immediately after the day of play, rather than waiting to combine with another 9-hole score.

Players must complete all 9 holes to produce a 18-hole Score Differential. Players must play through hole 10 to produce an 18-hole score.

To ensure a correct handicap a member must post ALL scores from any course played. It is strongly encouraged that members post all scores directly to GHIN using a mobile device or computer. The Handicap Committee has the option of posting a penalty score (a member's lowest of the last year) if it is determined a member has played and not posted.

**On Tuesday Ladies Club play, the Handicap and Competition Chairs are responsible for posting hole-by-hole scores for ALL LADIES CLUB members.**