

The Canoa Hills Women's Golf Association

Mission

The mission of the association shall be:

- to promote good fellowship and sportsmanship among members,
- to promote greater interest in women's golf,
- to foster a supportive and educational environment where golfers can learn from or mentor others on the rules and etiquette of golf,
- to recognize golfers for their improvement and success, and
- to provide a format that allows the participation of many and promotes both the competitive and fun sides of golf.

By-Laws

Article I – Name

Section 1: The name of the organization shall be the Canoa Hills Women's Golf Association (CHWGA), hereafter referred to as 'the Association.'

Section 2: The Association shall be a non-profit association organization solely for the social benefits of its members.

Section 3: The Fiscal and Officer Calendar year for the Association shall be January 1 through December 31.

Article II – Membership

Section 1: All women belonging to the Association must have an established USGA Handicap Index provided by the Arizona Golf Association (AGA). To join the league, a new member shall post five scores at a handicap equivalent of (40) 36 or less.

Section 2: Members of the Association are amateur women who have paid the annual dues, which include the 18-hole handicapping and the AGA dues.

Section 3: Members have the right to vote at meetings and to participate in Association activities when eligible. Members shall observe all rules of the Association.

Section 4: A visiting woman guest may play on Association play days up to four times per year. The guest will not pay prize money (only green fees). A blind will be used in place of the guest if the game of the day is a team event.

Article III – Meetings

Section 1: Official Association meetings may be held monthly. Meeting time and place shall be announced at least one week in advance.

Section 2: The voting members present at the meeting shall constitute a quorum.

Section 3: Special meetings may be called at any time by order of the President or any three members of the Executive Committee. The Secretary shall give notice of special meetings to the membership.

Article IV – Officers

Section 1: The elected Officers of the Association shall be President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Tournament Chair, Southern District Women's Golf Association (SDWGA) representative, and AGA representative shall be appointed to the board by the president with the approval of the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The elected Officers shall constitute the Executive Committee.

Section 3: It shall be the duty of the Executive Committee to supervise and manage the affairs of the Association. The Board shall appoint the necessary committees and representatives.

Section 4: The Board members shall hold office for one year and may be re-elected or re-appointed.

Section 5: The Executive Committee shall make replacements for the Executive Committee from the membership, if necessary.

Article V – Duties of the Officers

Section 1: The President shall preside at all meetings and shall be an ex officio member of all committees and shall serve as an Advisor to the Executive Committee the following year. She shall serve as the formal liaison with the head professional of the golf course.

Section 2: The Vice-President shall assist the president and shall preside at the meetings in the absence of the President.

Section 3: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the meetings of both the Association and the Executive Board.

Section 4: The Treasurer shall keep a record of the money received and paid out for all Association activities. She shall report a statement of accounts at each meeting. The Treasurer or President may sign checks for the Association.

Section 5: The Tournament Chair shall chair the tournament committee and have charge of all major tournaments.

Section 6: The AGA and SDWGA representatives' responsibilities are described by the AGA and SDWGA.

Article VI – Election of New Officers

Section 1: Nominating Committee: The President shall appoint a Nominating Committee consisting of three active members of the membership at large. With the consent of the nominees for office, the slate, signed by the Nominating Committee, shall be announced by posting it on the Association Website thirty days prior to the Association meeting in November.

Section 2: Nominations from the floor: Nominations may be made from the floor only if acceptance has been obtained prior to the election.

Section 3: Election Process: Voting of the Officers of the Association shall take place at the November meeting by hand, by ballot or electronically. Any member who is unable to attend the November meeting may vote electronically in lieu of in-person voting. New Officers elected at the November Association meeting shall take office January 1.

Article VII – Handicaps

Section 1: A certified Handicap Chair shall monitor the handicaps of the club members utilizing the computerized handicap system provided by the AGA.

Section 2: No fewer than five score cards from rated courses shall be used to calculate a temporary handicap. Thereafter, a handicap shall be determined by the best 8 out of 20 scores.

Article VIII – Tournaments

Section 1: The Association's weekly play day will be held on Thursday. All women who are members in good standing shall be able to play on all play days. The Tournament chair (director) may set aside tee-times for those women who cannot or choose not to play in Major Association Tournaments.

Section 2: Thursday play days and all tournament play for CHWGA shall be to a handicap no greater than 36.**Section 3:** Major Tournaments are to be held annually between January 1 and December 1.

Section 4: To qualify for play in Major Tournaments, entrants must have at least five (5) play days (Thursday) during the twelve (12) months, excluding the days played in the Major Tournaments, preceding the Tournament. Members who do not otherwise qualify can be granted entrance into the tournament by a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 5: Other Tournaments may also be scheduled throughout the year.

Section 6: When the number of participants in an event is limited, (i.e., Shoot Out, Interclub), priority will be given to members who have played at least five (5) regularly scheduled league play days (Thursday) during the twelve (12) months preceding the event.

Article IX – General

Section 1: The Bylaws may be added to, amended, or replaced by a majority of voting members of the Association present at any meeting of the Association between the months of November 1 and May 1.

Section 2: Proposed changes to the Bylaws must be posted on the Association bulletin board and website (www.chwga.com) two weeks prior to the scheduled meeting.

Section 3: Except for local rules, the Association play shall be governed by the United States Golf Association Rules effective January 20, 2019.

Standing Rules and General Information

Tournaments:

Club Championship – Participants shall participate in the Gross and Net Stroke play competition on two consecutive play days. The participants will be flighted according to their handicap prior to the opening round.

State Tournament – Medallion – Members of the Association are automatically members of the Arizona Golf Association (AGA). The AGA sponsors the Medallion Tournament; they establish rules for the tournament. CHWGA will not cover expenses to send representatives to the state Medallion Tournament. Our members will play for the Medallion Pin and written recognition. CHWGA'S Medallion tournament is played in two rounds. The rounds shall be played between April and November. Participants must compete in both to earn the Medallion pins in either best gross or best net scores.

Telegraph Tournament – Participants must be members of Southern District. This is a net event.

La Conquistador del Sud (Eclectic) – Participants must be members of Southern District. This is a 2-day ringer event held between January 1 and May 1. Breaking Ties: All ties (individual & team events) will be broken according to USGA recommendation.

Distance measuring devices: The devices may be used in amateur championships and play to measure distance only, and may not be used to measure other conditions such as wind speed or direction, temperature or elevation

posting Scores: The league shall post adjusted scores as soon as possible after league play. A player is responsible for posting adjusted gross scores for all non-league play as soon as possible after play.

All Scores shall be posted for:

- Rounds of Eighteen (18) holes
- Rounds of Fourteen (14) holes or more
- Nine (9) hole rounds
- Scores played on all courses with USGA ratings
- Scores from all forms of competition

Adjusting Scores for Handicap Index: If a player does not finish a hole, or is conceded a stroke, she shall record the score she most likely would have made. This most likely score is preceded by an "X". This score shall not exceed net double bogey. If a player has more strokes on a hole than is allowed for by her handicap, she must subtract those strokes from her gross score before posting

Explanation of Chip-ins: The ball must be off the green and chipped (or putted) into the hole to be considered a chip-in. If your ball is on the green and your next stroke causes the ball to leave the green and is then chipped (or putted) back onto the green and into the hole, it does NOT count as a chip-in.

Tee Markers: If your group is first on the teeing ground, please take a minute to make sure the markers are placed properly in relationship to the flag, heading in the right direction, spaced out properly, no branches hanging overhead or behind you, and at least two (2) club lengths from the back or front of the teeing ground.