

Turkey Creek Ladies' Golf Club

Standing Rules

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Standing Rules contain the policy governing tournaments and general club procedures and policies. They may be amended by a simple majority vote of the Board of Directors. Additions or revisions to the Standing Rules must be emailed to the members within ten (10) days of change.

1. Break-the-Barrier-Awards. Eligibility for participation is considered in all weekly tournaments. Exceptions: Best Ball, Guest Day, Scramble and Alternate Shot formats.

Pins are awarded to members who have scores that break 100, 90, 80 or 70 for the first time. Members must have established handicaps and have played at least 6 times with TCLGC. A new member with an established handicap of 28 or less is not eligible for a break 100 pin. A new member with an established handicap of 18 or less is not eligible for a break 90 pin.

2. Postable, Non Postable Scores and Adjusting Scores

All scorecards whether you finish the round or not must be signed and handed into the tournament chair – no scorecard, no point for playing.

Postable Scores

- All rounds played under the Rules of Golf must be posted.
- For an 18-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, a minimum of 10 holes must be played.
- There must be a valid reason for not completing the round (weather, injury, etc.).
- For a 9-hole score to be acceptable for handicap purposes, all 9 holes must be played. If a player has not played at least 9 holes, the score is not acceptable for handicap purposes. An acceptable 9-hole score must be played over 9-holes with a current Course Rating and Slope Rating (ie: holes 1-9 or 9-18).

Non Postable Scores

- When you play in a competition limiting the types of clubs used, such as irons only, or three irons and a putter.
- When a majority of the holes aren't played under the Rules of Golf, as in a scramble.
- If you play alone and your score cannot be verified by another person
- When you use non-conforming equipment.

- When being coached on the course.

Adjusting Scores

- The Maximum Score of 10 will be used for all regular play days.

Incomplete Holes

- If you pick up on a hole you must record the score as a 10.
- A score of 10 will be used for the tournament results but will be adjusted to net double bogie for posting.
- The player is still eligible to participate in the tournament.

Holes Not Played

- If you do not finish an 18 hole round (played 10 or more holes) for an acceptable reason, leave the holes not played blank on the scorecard. An 18 hole score differential will be calculated.

3. Guest Days and Special Tournaments

- Are held on days specified in the calendar of events, weather permitting.
- Fees are payable before play for each member and guest. Failure to do so will result in disqualification.
- Members and guests must have an established handicap. Maximum index allowed is 40.4.
Exceptions: Specialty tournaments like Bring a Friend Day where handicaps are not required.
- Refund of Entry Fees: A member/guest who has paid the entry fee and is unable to play in the tournament because of extenuating circumstances may request a refund. Depending on the day of the notification and contract obligations among the Club, Pro Shop and Restaurant, all or a portion of the entry fee may be refunded.

4. Guests and Prospective Members. A member is allowed to bring women guests on regular play days subject to the following:

- Notification to, and authorization from, the Tournament Director four (4) days prior to play.
- Space is available.
- Guests are not part of the Tournament, but can participate in the optional Closest to the Pin competition.
- Pay any fees required by the Pro Shop.

- A guest is allowed to play only 3 times (excluding Guest Days and Bring a Friend Days) during one year.
- Guests are not allowed during the H/C Tournament or the Club Championship Tournament.

5. Handicaps

- The World Handicap System is used for calculating an index. Indexes are updated by WHS every day of the month.
- Members must have an established handicap.
- Maximum index is 40.4.
- Course Handicaps are updated on the Saturday prior to the Tuesday play day.
- Scores for all play days must be posted by the Tournament Director or the Tournament Committee Chair using the Golf Genius scoring program web site.

Exceptions: Specialty tournaments like Guest Day or non-postable tournaments.

- Eight (8) or more cards are required for a new member without a handicap. Once these scores have been posted the new member will have a handicap.

6. Hole-in-One.

- Coverage is included in the club dues.
- The amount allocated is included in the annual budget. The amount is determined by the Board of Directors.
- Member must be playing in a TCLGC event.
- Each person getting a hole-in-one receives \$50 per hole-in-one.
- Payout is made at the year-end luncheon. This is not a cash award.

7. Pace of Play Policy. All members of the foursome are responsible for pace of play and keeping the group ahead of them in sight.

- Players should play at a prompt pace throughout the round. Players are both allowed and encouraged to play “ready golf” in a safe and responsible way (Rule 6.4b) and should make a stroke in no more than 40 seconds (Rule 5.6b).
- Time allowed to search for a lost ball is 3 minutes.
- Be ready to hit when it is your turn. Do your pre-shot routine on the fairway while others are hitting. Minimize practice swings.
- To eliminate having to return to the tee box, play a provisional ball if you think your ball might be Out of Bounds or lost. Another option is to use the new local rule by applying a 2 stroke penalty and dropping in the relief area. See Model Local Rule E-5.
- Two members of the foursome should look for a ball. The other two may hit their next shots.

- If you are riding in a cart, don't wait to be driven to your ball. If possible, select your clubs, walk to your ball and hit when it is safe.
- While approaching your ball, plan your next shot and club selection.
- Study your line of play while others are putting, instead of waiting until it's your turn. Continuous putting is encouraged. If possible, without standing on your competitor's line of play, putt until you hole out.
- When 2 players have holed out, they can move to the next tee and tee off.
- Leave the green immediately after completing a hole. Put clubs away at the next hole. Mark score cards on the next tee while others are teeing off.
- Have someone watch each of your shots to note where they land.
- If a foursome is significantly behind (more than 1 hole) they should split into 2 twosomes and continue this way until they catch up with the group in front of them.

8. PWGA Team Play: TCLGC pays the Team Play intent to Field a Team Entry Fee. A portion of the qualifying round green fees and a portion of the final round green fees may be paid if the annual budget allows.

9. Reimbursement. When requesting funds from the Treasurer, a Reimbursement Request form with legible receipts attached must be submitted.

10. Starting Times, Starting Hole, Pairings and Results.

- Members use the Golf Genius website to sign up. New members receive information from the Membership Chairperson on how to sign up. Deadline for signing up is 12 p.m. (noon) on the Saturday prior to the Tuesday play day.
- Members use the Golf Genius website to check for start times, starting hole, information about pairings and results.
- If you need to cancel the morning of the tournament (round) call the pro shop.
- Shotgun starts are at 8AM in the summer and 9AM in the winter.

11. Tournaments. All tournaments must be played in accordance with USGA rules. Maximum index is 40.4.

12. Weekly Play Tournaments.

- Weekly Play Tournaments are played on Tuesday, unless prevented by weather or major holidays, golf course closure, or otherwise re-scheduled.
- Twelve (12) or more players constitute a tournament.
- Players must play from the same tees on all 18 holes, unless designated by the course or the Tournament Director.
- One (1) legible, signed and attested scorecard must be turned in at end of play, unless otherwise indicated by the Tournament Director.

- The Maximum Score of 10 rule will be used for all regular play days. The player will mark a 10 on the scorecard for any hole that the player picks up on. The Golf Genius program will automatically score a 10 for the tournament results but will adjust the score for posting to be the maximum stroke hole allocation. The player is still eligible to participate in the play day tournament.
- A 9-hole tournament may be declared at the discretion of the Tournament Director.
- The Tournament Director and/or Rules Chairperson may declare Winter Rules when they deem it necessary. (See Winter Rules in TCLGC Local Rules for specifics.)
- All ties get equal points for the day.
- Accumulated points will be converted to dollar equivalents and will be paid out in the form of a gift card at the year-end luncheon. Dollar amounts that are less than \$10 will be paid out in cash.

Award points are as follows:

Stroke Play:

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| ○ Low Net Over the Field | 6 points |
| ○ Low Gross and 1 st Low Net in each flight | 5 points |
| ○ Second Low Net in each flight | 4 points |
| ○ Third Low Net in each flight | 3 points |
| ○ Fourth Low Net in each flight | 2 points |
| ○ All other players | 1 point |

Team Events:

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| ○ Flights: Low to high score | (5, 4, 3, 2, 1 Points) |
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Major tournaments, special events, guest days,

General Meetings and ATF (after the field): 1 point

- Points are paid out based on the size of the field. Ties are retained. 30% - 50% of the field will be paid each week as determined by the Tournament Director and/or the Tournament Committee.

Birdie/Chip-in Tournament

- All members are automatically included in this tournament.
- Tournament begins on the first playable Tuesday in January. Tournament ends on a Tuesday play day in November as determined by the Captain and the Tournament Director.
- Any birdie or chip-in made on a regular play day or major tournament day counts.
- Birdies and chip-ins need to be clearly marked on the scorecard to be counted.

- The amount paid out each year for birdies and chip-ins is determined by the Board of Directors and allocated in the annual budget.
- A chip-in is defined as a stroke made from off the putting green where the ball goes into the hole. The Chip-in Chair tracks them from the weekly posted results on Golf Genius.
- Birdies are tracked by the Golf Genius program.
- At the end of the season, the Tournament Director calculates the amount due to each player.
- Awards are given at the year-end luncheon.

Eclectic Tournament 1 and 2

- There are two eclectic tournaments per year. Each tournament is optional and costs \$5.00. The first one runs from the first playable date in January and ends the last playable date in May. The second tournament runs from the first playable date in June and ends the last playable date in November. Both tournaments close to participation with the first playday. No new members will be added after that date.
- All weekly tournaments are considered for “ECC” play purposes. Excluded are guest days and special events such as Match Play or Scrambles.
- The Eclectic tournaments use the best net score recorded for each hole over the course of a playday and uses these 18 best hole scores at the end of the tournament to determine the winners. Weekly playday scorecards must be legible, attested, signed, dated and turned in to count for all TCLGC tournaments. ECC results come from these scorecards.
- Golf Genius will handle the scoring of the ECC tournaments as net tournaments using a common standard 86% of the player’s handicap.
- Each tournament is flighted by handicap at the beginning of the competition. At the end of the competition, ties are retained. 50% of the field is paid from the ECC fees collected.
- Awards are presented at the year-end luncheon. This is NOT a cash award.

Closest-To-The-Pin Contest

- Each week there is a Closest-To-The-Pin competition available on two holes predetermined by the Tournament Director. To participate you must sign-up and pay the \$1 buy-in in the Pro Shop prior to the call to carts. Guests can participate in the optional Closest-to-the Pin competition.
- Please measure and record the distance in feet (‘) and inches (“). Also, if you are on the green and there is a player(s) name on the marker, please make sure you recognize the name as a

TCLGC member or a guest. If you are not sure, please measure and record your distance just in case.

- In the event the player closest to the pin is not a TCLGC member or a guest or no one lands on the green or on the rare occasion no one lands on either designated hole, the prize money will roll over to the next week's contest. You will still need to buy-in for the current contest.

Major Tournaments: Handicap and Club Championship

The Handicap and Club Championships are the club's two Major Tournament Competitions. Rules, entry requirements, and entry forms are posted at least three (3) weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

Major Tournament Information:

- Tournaments are played over 54 holes. The best 2 of 3 rounds is used to determine the winner, unless a change is warranted by the Board of Directors.
- Members must have an established handicap.
- Maximum handicap is 40.4.
- Entrants are seeded in flights by handicap (no handicap splits).
- Players are awarded one (1) point for each day of participation.
- All scores will be posted as a "C".
- Awards are presented at the year-end luncheon.
- If extenuating circumstances such as illness of the player or family has occurred, the player may petition the Board to waive the minimum qualifying rounds. It must be in writing and 2 weeks prior to the start of the tournament.

Handicap Tournament: Member must have played a minimum of four (4) qualifying rounds with TCLGC, prior to the tournament, to be eligible to participate in the tournament. The format of the tournament will be Stableford. Winners will be based on net Stableford points. The player with the highest net Stableford score over the field is the "Handicap Tournament Champion".

Awards are given in the following categories and based on the budgeted amount allocated for this event:

- Handicap Champion – Highest Net Stableford points over the field
- Runner Up – Second Highest Net Stableford points over the field
- Flight Winners: 1st, 2nd and 3rd high net Stableford points in each flight.

Other awards will be given at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Club Championship: Member must have played a minimum of eight (8) qualifying rounds, prior to the tournament, to be eligible to play. The player with the lowest gross score over the field will be declared the “Club Tournament Champion”.

Awards are given in the following categories and based on the budgeted amount allocated for this event:

- Club Champion – Low Gross over the field
- Runner Up – Second Lowest Gross over the field
- Flight Winners: 1st, 2nd and 3rd Low Gross in each flight

Other awards will be given at the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Pro Points and Pro Putts: Unless otherwise specified, this tournament is played on the first playable Tuesday of the month, January through November. A putt is defined by any stroke made on the putting green.

- Players must have an established handicap.
- If there are fewer than 12 members playing, or weather prohibits play, the tournament will be rescheduled.
- The player with the most points for Pro Points at the end of the season receives an award from the Pro Shop.
- The player with the most points for Pro Putts also receives an award.
- Pro Points and Pro Putts winners are also presented with a personalized bag tag from TCLGC.
- Awards are presented at the year-end luncheon.
- This tournament is based on the point system.
- The same point system is used for both Pro Points and Pro Putts:
 - Lowest net score or fewest putts 10 points
 - Next lowest 9 points
 - Next lowest 8 points
 - continues down to one point
- In case of ties, points are divided equally. For example, if there are three players who tied for low net, add 10, 9 and 8 which equals 27. Divide by three. Each player gets 9 points.