

## **POLICIES OF THE OKANAGAN GOLF CLUB LADIES CLUB**

1. **Annual Fees** - Fees shall be payable to the Okanagan Golf Club with membership dues. These fees cover Golf Canada Access, zone levies and computer use. After the Okanagan Golf Club has been paid for all the aforementioned expenses, the remainder shall be turned over to the Ladies Club for the purchase of annual awards, match play awards, club championship awards, junior levies and any approved expenses of the Ladies Club. Fees will be determined annually based on the above expenses.
2. **Zone Meetings/Workshops** – Any Executive Officer (maximum 3) attending the Spring Captains Meeting and the Annual General Meetings shall have their lunch paid for by the OGC Ladies Club. The Rules Chair and Handicap Chair attending a Zone Meeting/Workshop, shall have their lunch paid for by the OGC Ladies Club.
3. **Ladies Day Competitions** – A fixture sheet shall be provided outlining the weekly competitions. Sign up notices and weekly draws will be communicated online. Each lady is responsible for knowing her tee time. Cancellations or additions to the Draw after it is emailed must be made directly to the Pro Shop. Ladies Day fees will be decided at the start of the golf season by the Executive Committee.

Competitions may be divided into flights depending on the number of players and their handicaps. Players can play from silver, combo or red tees, but if play is from mixed tees a Course Handicap Adjustment must be made based on the course rating for the tees played.

Ladies have the option to request playing partner(s) to be accommodated by the Ladies Day Draw such that there is fair distribution of players each week. Ladies Day is played on both courses as available. Prizes will be awarded accordingly.

Guests are welcome to play at a rate negotiated with the golf club. Guests are not eligible to play in the daily competition or deuce pot.

4. **Club Championship**
  - A. Eligibility requirements are defined in Article IV of the Constitution.
  - B. The Club Championship shall be held each year at a time agreed upon by the Ladies President and Club Management.
  - C. The Club Championship shall consist of 36 holes of medal play over two days on the Bear and Quail Courses. The Club Champion and overall Low Net Champion must play from the silver tees.
  - D. Flights will be determined by the number of players and their handicaps on both the silver and red tees.
  - E. Prizes shall be awarded as follows:
    - a. Overall low gross
    - b. Overall low net
    - c. Flight Winners
      - Low gross and runner(s) up
      - Low net and runner(s) up
      - Low gross red flight and runner(s) up

- Low net red flight and runner(s) up
- F. KP prizes and other prizes are awarded at the discretion of the Executive.

5. **Match Play Tournament** – This is a club tournament based on Match Play rules. A draw is provided by the Handicap/Match Play Chair and each segment of the competition must be played by a certain date. These matches are not to be played during the Ladies Day competition. Prizes are awarded as follows:
- A Side Winner and Runner Up
  - B Side (Consolation) Winner

6. **Annual Awards**

- A. Hole-in-One Award – For a hole-in-one, while participating in the Ladies Day Wednesday Draw, she (the golfer) receives \$250.00 (\$150.00 in Gift Cards from the Ladies Club and \$100.00 in Golf BC cards from Golf BC). If she gets her hole-in-one outside of the Ladies Day Draw, she receives \$100.00 in Gift Cards from the Ladies Club only. To be eligible, ladies must be full play members. The Ladies Club will also provide a pin. Typically, the gift card is provided to the golfer close to the time of the event, but the pin (or similar) is awarded at the Ladies' Club Wind-up.

A separate fund for hole-in-one awards will be budgeted and maintained in the Treasurer's ledger each year.

- B. Eagle and Break 100, 90, 80 and 70 Pins – These pins shall be awarded to the player who attains an eagle or breaks 100, 90, 80 and 70 for the first time on the Quail Course, Bear Course or any other equivalent rated course. An attested scorecard is to be given to the President and a signature of a playing partner is to be recorded next to the achievement listed in the "Birdie Book." Typically, these pins (or similar) are awarded to the golfers at the Ladies' Club Wind-up.
- C. Ringer Board – The first scores of the Ladies Day are posted for each player. As scores are improved on Ladies Days, they are changed. Before the AGM the lower scores for each player are totalled and the player's current handicap is subtracted. Prizes are given to the lowest net in flights from players from the silver, red and combo tees. The number of flights will be based on the number of participants in each.
- D. Birdies – Birdies on Ladies Days are to be recorded in the "Birdie" Book. Birdie pins are awarded to a winner in each flight at year-end.
- E. Most Improved Golfer – The prize is awarded to the most improved golfer of the golf season. The season in BC begins October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends September 30<sup>th</sup>. To be eligible for the most improved golfer, a member must have played and entered a minimum of 20 games in that season into the Golf Canada website.
- F. Fun Awards – These awards are for members who had something funny or special happen to them on the golf course or at any of the tournament outings. The awards shall be presented by the person who was part of this "happening" and at the discretion of the Executive.

7. **Tournaments** – Information for all tournaments in our Zone is provided in a binder in the cabinet under the computer. Handicap cards are now printed from the Golf Canada website and no longer need to be signed by an Executive Committee member or Pro Shop staff.
8. **Zone 2 Tournaments** – Levies to the Zone must be paid by the Club in order for players to be eligible to enter Zone 2 Tournaments. Players are responsible for their own entry but there should be a sign up sheet posted on the Bulletin Board to show who from our Ladies Club has entered. The President must choose a Low Gross and a Low Net Team from the players who have entered these tournaments. The order of acceptance into these tournaments is by handicap factor and not by date of receipt of entry. The Two Zone 2 Tournaments are:
  - A. Zone 2 Senior Ladies Championship – This tournament is open to anyone 50 years of age or older who is a Golf Canada and Zone 2 member in good standing and has an accurate handicap factor.
  - B. Zone 2 Ladies Amateur Championship – This tournament is open to anyone who is a Golf Canada and Zone 2 member in good standing and has an accurate handicap factor.
9. **Other Events**
  - A. Zone 2 Supporting Events – In lieu of events supporting the Zone 2 Ladies and Amateurs representing our Zones in Provincial and National competitions, ladies are requested to make a minimum \$5.00 donation to be collected by the Ladies Day Captain before June 30<sup>th</sup>. These monies are given to the Treasurer who will submit a cheque to the Zone 2 Treasurer.
  - B. The Okanagan Ladies Solheim Cup
    - a. It is a two-day event held annually; dates to be determined by the Executive.
    - b. The Executive and the Solheim Committee will determine the course(s) for play.
    - c. It is played from the silver tees.
    - d. It shall be limited to 32 players. If more than 32 players sign up to participate in this event, those players will be listed as alternates in order of sign up.
    - e. The format includes four nine-hole matches: scramble, alternate shot, better net ball and single matches. Details pertaining to the format are outlined in the Solheim Cup Binder.
    - f. Each year the Chair (appointed by the Executive) shall form a committee to organize and run this tournament.
    - g. If possible, one of the committee members shall be named Assistant Solheim Cup Chair and assume the duties at the completion of the Chair's term, or in the event of the Chair's illness or absence.
  - C. The Okanagan Ladies Memorial Cup – The Memorial Cup is a tournament held every year to remember women who were former members and who have passed away.
    - a. The Chair (appointed by the Executive) shall form a committee to organize this tournament.
    - b. The entry fee shall be whatever the committee decides.
    - c. There shall be no prizes for the day. The net proceeds from the day shall be given to a charity.
    - d. The format shall be four lady teams with the best two nets per hole used for scoring.

F. The names of the players on the winning team shall be engraved on the trophy.

**10. Local Rules**

- A. Water hazard in front of #14 Quail green: If there is doubt whether a ball is in or is lost in the water hazard on #14 Quail, the player may play another ball provisionally under any of the applicable options in Rule 26-1. If the original ball is found outside the water hazard, the player must continue play with it. If the original ball is found in the water hazard, the player may either play the original ball as it lies or continue with the ball played provisionally. If the original is not found or identified within the five-minute search period, the player must continue with the ball played provisionally.
- B. Stones in bunkers are movable obstructions (Rule 24-1 applies) and may be removed.
- C. Distance measuring devices: For all play on the Bear and Quail Courses, a player may obtain distance information (and only distance information) by use of a distance-measuring device. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., elevation changes, wind speed, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3.
- D. Accidental movement of a ball on a 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, her partner, her opponent or any of their caddies or equipment. The moved ball or ball-marker must be replaced as provided in Rules 18-2, 18-3 and 20-1. 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 the 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.

**11. Changes to Policies** – Policy changes may be made by a 2/3 majority of the members present (or represented by proxy) at any general meeting of the Ladies Club.

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