

## **FWGA NEW MEMBER INFORMATION** (Revised January 22, 2023)

**Mission Statement:** To pursue the enjoyment of women's golf and make new friends while following the USGA Rules of Golf.

**Operation:** The Fayette Women's Golf Association (FWGA) is non-profit organization governed by elected officers and board members according to the by-laws. Even though play is on the city golf courses (Tates Creek, Lakeside, Picadome and Kearney Hill), Fayette Women's Golf Association is not part of the city, or Parks & Recreation.

**Eligibility:** FWGA is an 18-hole league and new members are required to have a handicap index no greater than 34 to participate in the league. Should you not have a handicap, provide attested scorecards totaling 54 holes in any combination of 9-hole or 18-hole rounds, which is the minimum requirement set by the USGA to obtain a Handicap Index, or apply for a Provisional Membership, which allows a player without a handicap, or insufficient attested scorecards, to play with the league until the minimum requirements to obtain a USGA Handicap Index are met. Full membership will be contingent upon establishing a USGA Index of 34.0 or lower at the end of the provisional period.

**Fees:** Currently the league fee is \$70.00. This fee covers all administration expenses as well as league prizes and awards that are distributed at the end of the season. An additional \$5.00 enables members to participate in the 'Chip-in' awards. The 'Chip-in' awards will be distributed at the end of the season.

**Schedule:** A schedule for each week of the season will be posted on the website at the beginning of the season. The season begins the first Tuesday of May and ends the last Tuesday of September. League play is every Tuesday with tee times beginning at 8:30 A.M.

**Sign Up:** It is each member's responsibility to sign up for play each week. You may sign up online using the FWGA website Sign Up & Winners page. Follow the link to sign up, or register, using Golf Genius. If you have trouble signing up using Golf Genius, fill in the form on the website page and click the Send Form button. Regardless of how you sign up, you will be sent an email confirming that you have been added to the weekly roster. Deadline for signing up is 12:00 P.M. on Thursday prior to play. Members should not wait until the Thursday deadline, but are encouraged to sign up on the prior Tuesday. If you have signed up and need to cancel, you can cancel using Golf Genius or by filling out the form on the website; you will receive an email acknowledging that you have canceled. To cancel after 6:00 P.M on Monday, you must call the Pairings Chairperson. To cancel on the day of play, you must call the appropriate course Pro Shop prior to 8:00 A.M. A list of players who have signed up to play is available through Golf Genius and on the FWGA website; the list is updated throughout the week.

**Tees Times:** On the day of play, you should arrive at least 30 minutes prior to your assigned tee time to meet the others in your group, to pay greens fees, and to get ready to play.

**In Case of Rain:** A notice will be posted on the website and an email will be sent if there is a rain delay or play is canceled. The president and pairings chair will make the decision if the weather is uncertain. There must be 20% of the members playing for weekly prizes to be awarded.

**Tournaments:** During the season there will be tournaments that are internal to FWGA: the Ruby Campbell putting contest, the Nancy Hawthorne low net tournament, the President's Cup, and a charity tournament to be determined yearly. There will be a club championship that is open to all members of FWGA. To be eligible for the club championship, members will need to play at least five times during the season.

**Spring Meeting:** The Spring meeting kicks off the season and is generally held the second Tuesday of April (or on a date mutually agreeable by league members). The meeting typically includes an introduction of officers, review of local rules, treasurer's report, and season schedule. This is the time dues are payable (if not previously paid).

**Fall Meeting:** The fall business/luncheon meeting is held after the closing scramble on the last Tuesday of September. During the business meeting, officers for the upcoming year are elected, other league business is conducted as needed, and awards are presented.

**Handicap:** Golfer's USGA Handicap Indexes are calculated on a daily basis and can be viewed via [www.GHIN.com](http://www.GHIN.com) or the GHIN app. Handicap Indexes will be used for setting flights and calculating net scores.

**Flights:** Depending upon the number of players signed up, between two and four groups, called flights, will be formed based on handicap index. Each flight will have approximately the same number of players and will be designated A, B, C, or D.

**Pairings:** Golfers will be paired through a random drawing using flight information. Tentative tee times will be available on Thursday. Actual tee times will be confirmed on Monday prior to play on Tuesday.

**Stroke Adjustment:** The maximum allowable number of strokes per hole is Net Double Bogey, which is the new standard the World Handicap System (WHS) implemented in 2020 and which replaces Equitable

Stroke Control, or ESC. Net Double Bogey is determined by the player's course handicap, the tees played, and the allocation of handicap strokes. Strokes in excess of Net Double Bogey are subtracted from the player's gross score; the resulting score is called the "adjusted gross score". The stroke adjustment is made so that a player's GHIN is not overly penalized for a few bad holes during a round. The adjustment is made automatically when scores are posted through GHIN, either by Golf Genius or by the Pairings Chairperson.

**Recording Scores:** You must turn your attested score in after weekly FWGA play. Each hole is played out, no "gimmies". The total score will be adjusted at the end of play. Should there be a disagreement regarding the stroke count, mentally replay the hole together to help resolve the situation. Should there be a rule of play issue, record the score and check with the pro shop before signing and submitting the score. Each player is responsible for attesting her score card for the accuracy of each hole's score (addition errors in totaling the hole-by-hole scores will not be penalized). Each card is signed by the scorer and attested by you as being accurate. Should you have any unresolved issues, do not sign the card (as scorer or attested). Once the score card is signed, it cannot be changed.

**Post All Scores:** Tuesday league scores are posted for you by the pairings chairperson. Players should post their *non-league scores* on the GHIN site by following the instructions on the site. Post all scores in GHIN anytime you play, other than on Tuesday FWGA play dates.

**Pace of Play:** Every effort should be made to maintain an acceptable pace of play. Groups should play at a pace that does not allow for an open hole ahead. Members should be aware of their pace of play and adjust speed should a group see that the hole ahead of them is empty.

**Chip-Ins:** Should a member wish to participate in the Chip-In Pool, they should pay \$5 when paying dues. If you participate it is your responsibility to ensure the chip-in has been noted on your scorecard.

**By-Laws/Rules:** A copy of the FWGA By-Laws is provided on the website for you to review. This is an important document and it is highly recommended that you review its contents. A copy of the local rules will be provided on the website as well as a link to the USGA. These rules may be updated from time to time. Always check the FWGA and USGA websites for changes or updates. You may also want to download the USGA rules app to your smartphone.

**Important Email Address to Remember:** If you wish to email any information to FWGA, or have questions, please use the following email address: [members@fwga-lex.org](mailto:members@fwga-lex.org). Your email will be directed to the appropriate person.