

# NSWCPD OPEN GOLF ASSOCIATION (NOGA)

## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### 1.0 RULES

- 1.1 All matches played in the NSWCPD Open Golf Association (NOGA) shall be played in accordance with the current Rules of Golf as approved by the United States Golf Association (USGA) with the addition of the following local rules:
  - 1.1.1 In order to expedite play, players shall follow the Pace of Play established by Local Courses and the USGA and may hit away when ready or in an order agreeable with the players in that group with safety of the players being of prime concern.
  - 1.1.2 In order to expedite play, if a player has lost his ball or finds that he has hit the ball out of bounds and has not hit a provisional ball, rather than return to where he struck the original ball he can drop a ball within 2 club lengths of where ball went out of bounds/lost (*use your best judgment regarding where a ball went out of bounds. If the ball is lost, the two club lengths would be where the ball is lost; if that is in the weeds, then that is the drop – not back in the fairway*) with a **two (2) stroke** penalty.

### 2.0 CLUB ORGANIZATION

- 2.1 The Club shall have one officer that is called the President as called for in the Constitution and By-Laws. The President shall have the authority to appoint any committee necessary to make the organization operate in an orderly manner.
- 2.2 There will be at least one meeting each golf season. The President shall appoint a Rules Committee head and the head shall select two additional members from the membership to serve on the committee. The Rules Committee shall be responsible for making decisions on rules interpretations, handicaps of new members, scheduling conflicts and or any conflict arising between teams or players. The Rules Committee may not change, add or in any way alter any Club rule. Any decision made by the Rules Committee shall be made only by the committee members or by the membership in a meeting of the organization.
- 2.3 The Club shall consist of two flights. All play through out the season, other than the special scrambles will be handicap stroke play. Nine (9) events will be In-Flight events and four (4) events will be single flight Club competitions. Points will only be awarded to members in good standing at the time of each outing.

### 3.0 SCORING AND PLAY

- 3.1 All organized play in NOGA shall be played according to USGA rules using the play and scoring techniques that follow.
- 3.2 POINT SYSTEM: The format will have 9 in-flight handicap outings where you will play against the golfers in your handicapped flight. During in-flight outings, points will be awarded for the top 3 places, receiving 10 pts for 1<sup>st</sup>, 7 for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5 pts for 3<sup>rd</sup> places. There will also be 4 single flight handicap outings where all golfers go head to head against all other golfers. During these single flight outings, points will be awarded

starting at 25 for the low net, 24 for the 2<sup>nd</sup> low net, etc. In the case of ties, players will share the average value of the tied rankings (for example, if the 23<sup>rd</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, and 21<sup>st</sup> places are tied, all players will score 22 points, ½ points are acceptable). Ties for first place will all be awarded 25 pts. Further, 2 points will be awarded for every In-Flight to each member who plays; a member who plays in each competitive outing will automatically be awarded 12 points. The 2 point bonus will not be awarded for single-flights.

3.3 **Point Totals** – The top point total will be awarded Golfer of the Year (GOY). A player's total will be computed based on their 6 of their best in-flight outings and 3 of their best single flight outings scheduled. The top point total will be awarded Flight Winner for each Flight. GOY is not eligible for the Flight Winner.

3.3.1 A spreadsheet will be developed accounting for everyone's scores and award points throughout the season. The spreadsheet will be made available to all paid members via the website and by email.

3.4 Golfer of the Year and all other awards will be presented at the End of the Banquet.

#### 4.0 **HANDICAP INDEXES**

4.1 A Handicap Index will be computed according to the methods established by the USGA. The Handicap Index shall be computed from the last 20 scores posted. Scores shall carry over from the previous two years of play only. Scores shall be posted for all matches, for all Club sponsored tournaments, and for new members. This organization shall use USGA sloping and ratings for handicaps for club players in accordance with the USGA Handicap System.

4.2 Players not having a handicap in the organization from the previous year(s) shall turn in up to five 18-hole scorecards prior to the first scheduled week of play. A player with fewer than five scores will be provided a temporary handicap by the Handicap Committee until the requisite five scores have been accomplished. Official handicaps from regularly played clubs will be accepted and verified by this Club for play until the required minimum number of scores is posted.

4.3 Handicap Indexes will be updated per the Handicap Schedule issued by the Golf Association of Philadelphia and will be posted on the web-site and sent electronically to members with known valid email accounts. The maximum USGA men's and women's handicap indexes, 36.4 and 40.4 respectively, will be used for NOGA outings.

#### 5.0 **METHOD OF PLAY**

5.1 All play is individual handicapped stroke play. Individuals may play any time during the designated period (3.4 below) of play and are responsible for making their own tee times.

5.2 All play will be eighteen (18) holes only. Once an outing has been scheduled the venue may be changed for reason such as poor course conditions, conflicting tournament schedules at the course that would prevent a majority of our members from play, other reasons as determined by the Rules Committee. Notice of a change in schedule will be provided to all members a minimum of seven days prior to the scheduled outing.

5.3 Unless otherwise stated on the website, an email, or other notification, all NOGA play will be from the white tees. In order to maintain equitable competition, women and senior men should play from designated forward tees. Members playing from forward tees should remember to so designate on their score cards so that the correct rating and slope are used for handicap calculation.

5.4 Period of Play for all outings will be anytime during the 2 week period corresponding to the pay period and as designated on the current NOGA schedule.

- 5.5 Score Submittal – Each player will submit one score for each outing. Practice rounds may, of course, be played. But the submitted PLAY round should be that one originally intended as the PLAY round. Members may not substitute a score from a subsequent round due to dissatisfaction of the intended PLAY score.

## 6.0 RESULTS

- 6.1 Individual flight winner and GOY awards will be presented at the final award banquet at the end of the season.
- 6.2 Prizes from each tournament and CTP winners will be presented with awards at the final award banquet at the end of the season.
- 6.3 All players are responsible for ensuring that their scores are input to the NOGA Web site
- 6.4 <http://www.nogaweb.org>

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