

LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION
UNIVERSITY PARK COUNTRY CLUB
CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

12/23/2022

ARTICLE I -- NAME AND PURPOSE

This association will be known as UNIVERSITY PARK COUNTRY CLUB LADIES GOLF ASSOCIATION (LGA) and will promote an interest in golf. Weekly and special competitive events will be scheduled to promote fellowship and sportsmanship.

ARTICLE II -- EVENTS

LGA will be active year-round.

LGA day will be every Tuesday, unless otherwise posted because of holidays or special events. The Pro Shop will assign tee times and do pairings for the events.

LGA will sponsor major tournaments annually. The dates will be chosen by the board and the tournament committee and approved by the Head PGA Professional. To participate in these tournaments, the player must be a member of the LGA and a member in good standing at the University Park Country Club.

ARTICLE III -- MEMBERSHIP

Any full member of University Park Country Club, 18 years of age or older, is eligible for membership in the LGA, as long as her handicap index meets the parameters established in the standing rules. Once her membership has been established, she shall remain a member as long as she pays her dues each year. Members must abide by the association by-laws and constitution and the rules of golf, etiquette, deportment, and attire as prescribed by the United States Golf Association (USGA) and University Park Country Club. The rules committee and the golf professional will resolve disputes.

Annual dues, determined by the board and stated in the standing rules, must be paid before participating in any LGA event.

ARTICLE IV -- MEETINGS AND ELECTIONS

SECTION A -- MEETINGS

The association will hold three meetings a year: Opening Season Luncheon/Meeting, January Luncheon/Meeting, and Closing Season Luncheon/Meeting. Additional meetings may be scheduled at the discretion of the president or on written request of 10% of the members following at least 10 days' notice to the members. At all LGA meetings, each member is entitled to one vote on any resolution offered. A quorum for conducting association meetings is 20% of the membership.

SECTION B -- ELECTIONS

In addition to other business, election of officers will be held every other year, or as needed, at the annual January meeting. The membership will elect the LGA Executive Board composed of the President, the Vice President, the Treasurer, and the Secretary. The Vice President from the previous term will become the President for the current term and will select the LGA members to be nominated for the other Executive Board positions. If necessary, the incoming president will appoint a nominating chair to assist in the selection. The incoming president will post a slate of officers at least 15 days before the annual meeting. Nominations will also be accepted from the floor at the annual meeting provided the nominee has agreed to serve before her name is presented. A majority vote of members present is necessary for election of officers. The newly elected officers will take office May 1.

SECTION C -- EXECUTIVE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES

The president will preside at all executive board and LGA board meetings. She will have joint interest in association funds with the Treasurer. The vice president will assist the president, and if the president is absent or incapacitated, she will be responsible for performing the duties of the president. The secretary will take care of association correspondence and record the minutes of the meetings. The treasurer will collect and disburse funds belonging to the association. She will keep proper records and report at the board and association meetings. The board will review expenditures.

SECTION D -- MEETINGS OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD

The executive board will hold meetings before the fiscal year begins to create the budget for the following year. Other meetings may be held at the discretion of the president.

ARTICLE V -- THE LGA BOARD

SECTION A -- LGA BOARD MEMBERSHIP

The LGA Board will consist of the LGA Executive Board and seven other voting members, each for a term of one year and no more than two years in the same position. The seven additional members are the chairs of the of the standing committees appointed by the president. The immediate past president may also serve as ex-officio, non-voting, member of the board. The board members may fill any vacancy arising on the board for the remainder of the term.

SECTION B -- LGA STANDING COMMITTEES

The president will appoint chairs of the standing committees and will act as an ex-officio member of each committee. Standing committees are major tournaments, rules, social, membership, outreach, chip-ins/birdies, and historian. Ad hoc committees may be formed when necessary.

SECTION C -- LGA BOARD MEETINGS

The president will preside at all board meetings, usually monthly, and other times at the president's discretion. LGA board meetings usually will be held monthly from October through June and at the discretion of the president during the summer months.

ARTICLE VI -- AMENDMENTS SECTION

SECTION A -- CONSTITUTION AND BY-LAWS

The constitution and by-laws may be amended by a two-thirds majority of the members present and voting at an association meeting, providing there is a quorum present. Notice of the proposed amendment must be posted on the bulletin board and on the website at least 30 days before the meeting. The constitution and by-laws should be reviewed at least every two years.

SECTION B -- STANDING RULES

The standing rules may be amended by a majority vote of the LGA Board.

ARTICLE VII -- FISCAL YEAR

The fiscal year of the LGA will be from May 1 through April 30.

LGA STANDING RULES as of 4/16/2024

1.0 ELIGIBILITY AND DUES

1A. LGA ELIGIBILITY

Once a new member has established a handicap index of no more than 40.7 by posting at least three (3) 18-hole scores in the GHIN system, she is eligible to join the LGA. She may play as a guest with the LGA on the days established as “Summer Shotgun” from May through September until the three (3) scores are posted and she meets the requirement, but she will be ineligible for any prizes, except the chip-in contest, until the requirements are met. For their first few events, new members will be paired with board members for LGA events.

If, during the season, a member’s handicap index goes above 40.7 and remains above 40.7 for two months, she will be ineligible to play in team events until her index is no more than 40.7. Those ladies whose index remains above 40.7, may play in individual and pick-your-partner events.

In LGA events, all players will receive 100% of their handicap, except for players whose handicaps are above 36 strokes; they will receive 36 strokes.

Tee Box Selection: An LGA player should designate and select their Tee Box assignment to be used for all LGA events and tournaments at the beginning of the LGA season (by October 31). During the LGA season, players experiencing medical or other issues may be permitted to change their Tee Box designation per communication to the UPCC golf professional.

1B. 9-HOLE/18-HOLE DUAL MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Any UPCC 9-Hole LGA member is eligible to join if she has posted at least three (3) 18-hole scores in the GHIN system and meets the maximum 40.7 index. Once she has joined, if her index goes above 40.7, the above policy applies. Nine-hole LGA members who join the 18-hole LGA as secondary members may not be board members of the 18-hole LGA and may not play in the Club Championship.

1C. USE OF GHIN APPLICATION

Members are expected to use the GHIN application on their phones/computers to input their scores. The application may also be used to check your index or to calculate your handicap for the course you are playing.

1D. DUES AND FEES FOR FULL MEMBERS

LGA dues are \$60.00 anytime during the year (no pro-rating). For members continuing each year, UPCC charges players’ accounts effective with the May 1 billing cycle. LGA members who no longer want to be members should notify the UPCC accounting office, who will issue a refund within the first thirty (30) days after the May 1 billing date (generated by UPCC). NO refunds will be issued after this billing cycle.

A \$3.00 fee will be charged for each weekly event and dispersed among the winners of the day’s event.

2.0 TYPES OF MEMBERSHIP

2A. TRIAL AND SUMMER MEMBERS

Trial and Summer Members who meet the eligibility requirements may join one time only and can only join through one of these categories. The dues will be \$60.00 payable at the time of the verification of a UPCC membership, eligible handicap index, and completed LGA application. For their first few events, new members will be paired with board members for LGA events.

Individuals who are renting a home in UPCC and have been “assigned full member benefits” may participate in the LGA under the policy requirements as stipulated for Trial and Summer members.

2B. TRIAL AND SUMMER MEMBER PLAY

Trial and Summer Members may play in weekly events. Trial Members may not play in the following events: Partner’s Fall Classic, President’s Cup, Club Championship, Sue Collins Eclectic, and the Four-Member.

3.0 HANDICAP REGULATIONS

Players shall post their scores for each time they play, whether it is an LGA event day (when the Pro Shop will post for players) or a separate play day or even a game played at another course. The USGA World Handicap System formula will be used to adjust scorecards for handicap purposes after completing 18 holes. However, each player should record the total of actual strokes taken for purposes of the event. The maximum strokes to record for each hole is net double bogey (par + player’s handicap + 2). If not provided for you as in LGA events, a player must know her handicap for the course being played. In order to determine the day’s handicap, the player can access GHIN and input the course and tees being played to see the handicap for the day. Then each hole’s handicap can be determined.

According to the World Golf Handicap System, the following guidelines apply:

- If you play < 9 holes, Do Not Post a Score.
- If you play 9 holes – Post a score and the GHIN system will calculate and create a complete 18-hole score for you based upon your handicap index for the course you played.
- If you played more than 10 holes, up to 17 holes, you should post your scores hole by hole and the GHIN Index will calculate your total 18-hole score for the course based upon your GHIN handicap index.

4.0 SCORECARDS

The UPCC Pro Shop will post each player’s score for Tuesday’s LGA events and any other official LGA events. For LGA Events, the UPCC Pro Shop will provide each group of four or fewer players with two score cards. The cards will include assigned tees, handicaps, and a format consistent with the game to be played that day. There will also be instructions for the game to be played that day. Players must complete these two scorecards with total gross scores, net scores, and adjusted gross as is appropriate for the game played. Both scorecards must be signed by two players from the group. A player’s signature on a scorecard signifies that the recorded scores are true and accurate. Players will give the primary card to the Pro and put the other one in the LGA green folder on the table in the Pro Shop.

TO AVOID DISQUALIFICATION, MAKE SURE THAT BOTH SCORECARDS HAVE ACCURATELY RECORDED ALL PLAYER SCORES, ARE LEGIBLE, DATED, SIGNED AND ATTESTED.

5.0 RECORDING SCORES FOR HANDICAP PURPOSES

To have a true and equitable handicap every round of golf played, players should always record their scores properly adjusted.

If you play at a different course, each player should use the GHIN application to determine her course handicap there by inputting the course name, the number of holes to be played (9 or 18) and the tee position to be used. Using the course handicap shown, players may figure out the handicap for each hole of the course.

If you pick up on a hole or are conceded a stroke, record the score you most likely would have made. It is the number of strokes (including penalty strokes) taken thus far, plus the number of strokes you estimate it will take to complete the hole from that point. An "x" should precede the score on the scorecard. If that score is higher than net double bogey (par + player handicap + 2), use the net double bogey on the hole with an "x" before the score. Alternatively, if you input your GHIN scores hole by hole, the system will automatically convert a higher input score to the max score.

If a player does not play a hole, the player will post net par (par + player handicap).

A HANDICAP WHICH IS NOT BASED ON ALL YOUR SCORES IS AN INCORRECT HANDICAP AND IS NOT IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GAME.

RECORD ALL YOUR SCORES***COMPLETE YOUR CARD*****EACH HOLE MUST HAVE A SCORE*******

6.0 HOLE-IN-ONE INSURANCE

When an LGA member has a hole-in-one at UPCC, each LGA member will be assessed \$2.00. These monies are intended to be used as insurance against the cost of purchasing drinks and will be credited to the account of the hole-in-one winner. A member who scores a hole-in-one will also receive a pin.

7.0 CHIP-IN CONTEST

For LGA events that have a chip-in contest, each participating player may contribute \$.50 to the chip-in pool when they check in with the pro for the event. Any ball hit from off the green that goes into the hole wins, regardless of the club used to hit the ball. The pool of money for that event is evenly divided among winners. If there are no chip-ins that week, the money is carried over to the following Tuesday; players must again deposit \$.50. During play, players should record clearly the player's name and the hole for any chip-ins on the scorecard and place the scorecard in the LGA green folder on the table in the Pro Shop. A player who has not contributed to the chip-in pool is ineligible to participate in the winnings, even if she has made a chip-in. If the secondary score card showing a player's chip-in is not in the green folder, no winnings will be awarded to that player.

8.0 RINGERS

Players may participate in the LGA ringer contest which lasts over the period from April 1 through March 31 each year. Winners are announced at the LGA spring closing luncheon. In the Pro Shop on the table there is a metal box with index cards for each player who would like to participate. Please fill in your name at the top. On each card there is a line for each of the course's 27 holes with scores from 1 through 9. The player's first entries on the card each year would be a circle around the first gross score of the year on each hole. As the year progresses, the player will circle any lower score on each hole. Do NOT

ERASE the previous circles. At the end of the year, the player's lowest gross score on each of the 27 holes will be added together and used to determine a winner for each flight. To post ringers, an 18-hole round must be completed. Each golfer is responsible for posting her ringers. Ringers can be recorded only for LGA events. Ringer prizes will be flighted.

9.0 BIRDIES AND EAGLES

During LGA play from April 1 through March 31, any gross birdie or eagle should be annotated clearly with the player's name and the hole number on the scorecards. If the secondary scorecard is not in the green folder, no recognition will be given. Anyone getting one or more birdies/eagles during the year will get a birdie/eagle pin at the LGA spring closing luncheon. Also, a prize will be awarded for the member in each flight who scores the most birdies during LGA events throughout the year. Birdie prizes will be flighted.

10.0 MOST IMPROVED GOLFER

To be eligible, a player must have an established UPCC LGA handicap and must complete a total of at least twenty rounds of golf at UPCC during the period from April 1 through March 31. This award is calculated on the handicap index according to the USGA. Most improved prizes will be flighted.

11.0 CANCELLATIONS

A player must cancel by 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday morning to avoid the weekly LGA event charge.

12.0 SHOTGUN EVENTS/LUNCHEONS

Except for June through September, all Tuesday LGA events with Shotgun format have an associated LGA scheduled luncheon. If a player signs up and does not attend the luncheon, the luncheon fee will be charged. A player who cancels golf and luncheon by the Friday before the event will not be charged.

13.0 MEMBER-GUEST EVENTS

A member is considered signed-up for an event after the committee has received the entry fee and a verifiable USGA handicap or three score cards for her guest. Players will be awarded no more than 36 strokes in the event. A signed-up LGA member whose guest drops out within 5 days of the event may ask another LGA member to play. Their foursome is eligible to win prizes. Secondary members may ask guests to participate. Secondary members may not be a guest of a primary member unless it is within the 5-day period as a result of guest withdrawal referenced above. The LGA will pay the guest cart fees for all guests, where applicable. The LGA will not pay for any member who does not pay an annual UPCC Trail fee.

14.0 MAJOR TOURNAMENTS –

Major tournaments are the Partners Fall Classic, President's Cup, Club Championship, Sue Collins Eclectic, and Four Member.

In case of a tie, the following systems are used:

The LGA Club Championship and LGA President's Cup have a sudden death playoff to break a tie.

-Partners' Fall Classic and Eclectic resolve ties by matching Cards starting with the hardest hole.

-Any tie in the 4 Member is resolved by matching Holes 10-18 on Day 2.

Club Championship: All LGA members may participate in the Club Championship which is played from the Ruby Tee box. This could include players who have selected and usually play from the Bronze, Combo or Ruby Tee boxes. The lowest gross score from the Ruby tees will be the Club Champion.

Bronze Tee Championship: Participation in this gross score championship tournament is limited to LGA players who have selected the Bronze Tee Boxes for their seasonal LGA play.

Combo Tee Box Championship: Participation in this gross score championship may be available depending upon player interest.

A minimum of 8 players is required in each championship event unless decided by the Major Tournament chair, the President and the Club Pro.

15.0 TOURNAMENT RULES

All tournaments will be scored in flights.

A player can cancel up to 48 hours before a competition and receive a refund. If a player drops out after that, no refund will be given.

The number of flights will be determined by the size of the field of each particular tournament and may vary from tournament to tournament. The field for each tournament will be divided into flights as evenly as possible, according to players' handicap indices.

Prizes will be awarded to 25% of the field and will be evenly distributed among the flights except in those instances where, due to division by handicap index, the size of the flight might warrant an extra prize.

Prizes for weekly tournaments and special events may be in the form of cash, gifts, trophies or Pro Shop credit. Events are subject to revision as needed.

16.0 TOURNAMENT WEATHER CANCELLATION POLICY

Partners Fall Classic: Should there be a weather-related cancellation of a round it will be the responsibility of the players in that round to reschedule their match to be completed no later than the end of the month in which the Partners Fall Classic is slated. If the players cannot agree on a date, the head pro will resolve. Should the weather cancellation occur after any number of holes are played the scores will not be counted. There will be one makeup day indicated on the LGA Main Events calendar to allow for a day that is cancelled.

President's Cup and Club Championship: Should there be a weather-related cancellation of either round, the tournament will be rescheduled for the following Tuesday after the slated event.

Sue Collins Eclectic: Should there be a weather-related cancellation of either round, the tournament round will be rescheduled for the Tuesday following the Eclectic scheduled days.

Four Member: Should there be a weather-related cancellation of round 1, the event will be continued the following day and become a one-day event. Should there be a weather-related cancellation of round 2 the event will become a one-day event. Should there be a weather-related cancellation of both rounds, the event will continue as scheduled with participation in Doe night and Awards dinner; no prizes will be awarded and the members will be refunded accordingly.

Member-Guest: Should there be a weather-related cancellation the event will continue as scheduled with participation in the luncheon or dinner with your guest. No cash prizes will be awarded and the member will be refunded accordingly.

All of the above will be decided by the LGA President and Golf Pro.

17.0 USGA RULES

Current USGA Rules govern all play except where modified by local rules, which can be found in this booklet. Play the ball as it lies unless otherwise specified. Any specific rules for a tournament will be announced before the event.

18.0 THE “2 CLUB “

The “2 Club” is an unofficial LGA group, common to many clubs, whose members have all scored a gross score of 2 while playing with at least one other “2 club” member. If a player has a gross 2 on a hole, she can choose to join the “2 Club” by paying her playing partners \$1 each (if they are already members) and by buying a “2 Club” pin for \$5, which is optional. Once in the “2 Club,” the next time the player scores a 2, the player collects a dollar from each of the “2 Club” members in the group.

19.0 LGA CHARITABLE GIVING

The UPCC LGA is committed to promoting an interest in golf with an emphasis on fellowship and sportsmanship. Our organization annually operates a charitable donation drive with the Board selecting a worthy organization in our local community with LGA members voluntarily making individual contributions. In addition, the LGA may make charitable contributions from our Treasury to charitable organizations that meet certain guidelines including:

- promotes interest in golf in the local community
- supports golf related events raising money for charities. The LGA currently assists in hosting an annual breast cancer fundraising golf tournament during UPCC Pink Week. Activities are usually held in October of each year.
- supports underserved women, girls and or children principally in our local area

The Executive Board will establish a maximum contribution budget each year, review all applications for contributions and present them to the full Board for its approval. Decisions are in the sole discretion of the Board.

20.0 LGA LOCKER POLICY

The lockers #1-10 in the ladies locker room will be for the exclusive use of the LGA with a requirement that anyone requesting access will have to contact an LGA member designated as the “Keeper of the Keys”, to meet at a mutually agreed time and date in the Locker Room to manage storage of LGA related materials.

21.0 INTERCLUB REGIONAL PLAY

The LGA may designate a representative to coordinate and organize LGA members who are interested in local inter-club play. Potential inter-club play may include participation in the Mid-Gulf Ladies league, Gulf Coast Women’s Golf Association, and the local Florida State Golf Association.