

2024-2025 Handbook



Jacaranda Tree on 13th hole

Mission Valley WGA

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The current rules of the United States Golf Association govern play, except where noted by local rule. Thursdays 8:00AM to 12:00 noon are reserved for WGA play. Designated tee times on specified Tuesday mornings may also be reserved for WGA play. May 1 to October 7 open play is permitted.

When play is "pairings made by Pro Shop" on days reserved for WGA play, members may not sign in to play before the assigned tee times. A member may request an early or late tee time, but not a particular group. Ladies must sign up for Thursday play by noon on the previous Monday or by the designated date if earlier. Pairings will be posted Tuesday afternoon or before.

Eligibility

Membership is open to Equity, Honorary and Legacy, Lifetime, Social with Sport, and Seasonal Members of Mission Valley. Dues are \$85. To be eligible to join, participants must have a handicap index of not more than 37.5. If a member's index moves higher, she must play to a maximum 36 handicap. Any member signed up for the President's Award, Buddy Tournament, or Club Championship, is expected to participate in all rounds.

Weekly Events

1. Players must play from their designated tees unless tees are assigned for an event. Scores will be posted by the Pro Shop.
2. Starting tee times will begin at 8:15AM. Shotguns will begin at 8:30AM.
3. Chip-Ins, Birdies/Eagles, and Ringer Board participation is \$5 each for the season. (optional)
4. To qualify for prizes, all putts must be holed out unless it is determined that you can pick up once you hit the maximum score for that hole.

5. Scoring will be via the Golf Genius (GG) App on a mobile phone. The Pro Shop will provide one paper scorecard for each group with a code for the GG App. One person will keep the score on their phone and one person will keep the paper score. At the end of the event the players in the group must ensure the GG score and the paper score match. GG score is the legal score for the round. The paper scorecard should be turned into the Pro Shop.
6. Ties will be awarded equal prizes when possible and decided by card playoff when necessary. This does not apply to the President's Award, Buddy Tournament, and Club Championship, which have specific designated playoff rules.
7. Events which use percentage of handicap resulting in a fraction will be rounded to the higher whole number if the fraction is .5 or over.
8. Six players completing 18 holes constitutes a tournament. If six players do not complete play, no ringers, chip-ins, or birdies/eagles can be posted.
9. Players must use motorized golf carts for shotgun starts.
10. Weekly prize money (merchandise credit) will be recorded in the Pro Shop.
11. If a shotgun event is cancelled because of inclement weather or other unforeseen circumstances and a luncheon is scheduled, the luncheon will be held and the member will be charged even if not in attendance.
12. No guests are allowed on Thursdays before noon, from November through April, except on scheduled Guest Days. Potential members may play in one regular WGA event (not a major tournament) during the season on a trial basis but will not be eligible for prizes.
13. Proper golf attire for the golf course and practice areas is as follows:
Golf shoes- no metal spikes.
*** Slacks, shorts, or skirts and golf shirts.** The clothing standard may reflect styles and fashions that are currently being worn on professional tours or sold in golf shops.

* The following are unacceptable at any time: Jean-style attire, bathing attire, tee shirts, gym shirts, tank tops, tube tops, halter tops, mesh shirts, cut-offs, coaching shorts, tennis shorts, tennis dresses or skirts.

14. Players may use devices that measure distance only.

Note Questions or concerns regarding pairings should be directed to the Pro Shop.



Courtesy on the Golf Course

Keep pace with the group ahead. Rakes should be left outside the bunkers after raking. When removing the flagstick, lay it gently on the green. Repair ball marks on the green and fill fairway divots with sand. Observe the 90* rule on the fairways at all times. During extenuating circumstances, such as during Covid outbreak, follow local rules as to bunker rakes and flagsticks.

Tournaments and Special Events

Please be on the tee 5 minutes before tee time. Failure to be on time may result in a two-stroke penalty or loss of hole for match play as per USGA rules.

No exceptions will be made for signing up after the date noted for special tournaments.

Hole in One

All members with a USGA handicap will automatically be billed \$5.00 annually for hole-in-one insurance. This entitles the person and players in the foursome to a round of complimentary drinks after their round. The Golfer scoring the hole-in-one will receive a \$100 credit to their account in the Golf Shop. Their name will be added to the perpetual Hole in One plaque.

Special Awards

Ringer Tournament: Entry fee is \$5.00. The Pro Shop will complete the ringer board with the first postable score of the season. **Thereafter, a member participating in WGA events shall post her own better gross score on the ringer chart in the locker room.** Winners will be those with the lowest score and runners-up in each designated tee category for play before the Club Championship. Awards will be presented on Closing Day.

Birdies/Eagles: Entry fee is \$5. Awards will be presented on Closing Day.

Chip-Ins: Entry fee is \$5. Awards will be presented on Closing Day.

Note: To post Chip-Ins, Birdies/Eagles, and Ringer scores the member must be participating in a scheduled WGA event, play from their designated tees, and have completed an 18-hole round. Play format must be individual score. Books for posting and verifying Chip-Ins & Birdies/Eagles will be on the vanity in the locker room on event days that they are postable.

Closest to Pin: Awarded weekly when applicable starting on Opening Day. The Tournament Committee will select the holes on a weekly basis. \$5 will be awarded for closest to the pin regardless of tees played.

Most Improved Golfer: The following is the formula to determine the most improved golfer. Add 12 to the player's USGA handicap index at the start of the season. This is value A. Add 12 to the player's USGA handicap index at the end of the season, this is value B. Divide A by B, calculating to

three decimal places. This is the improvement factor. The player with the highest improvement factor will receive the most improved golfer award. You must play in at least 10 WGA events, and be an equity member, to be eligible.

UPS (U Played Spectacularly) Cup: This is the Season Long Points Competition. All current members of the WGA are eligible to earn points every week. No entry fee to participate. Points earned will be noted on the weekly event payout sheets and a running total will be included on the WGA website. Points are awarded for winning prize money in weekly events and for weekly play and luncheon/meeting attendance.

Tier One is comprised of our three major tournaments during the year - (President's Award, Buddy Tournament, and Club Championship). These events will have greater point values for the Overall Event Winner(s) as well as Win/Place/Show in Flights.

Tier Two includes team events. Tier Three are the regular weekly events. Both the Valley Cup and Mission Match Play have their own point values. No points will be awarded for the WGA Guest Day Event, Weekly Closest to the Pin or Birdies/Chip Ins.

The top 10 point winners will participate in the UPS WGA Shootout. The winners and the format will be announced at Closing Day. UPS Shootout winnings will be cash prizes. WGA members not participating in the UPS WGA Shootout will be invited to cheer on the participants as they make their way around the course.

Course Etiquette and Expectations

The ball must be holed out unless it is determined that you can pick up once you hit the maximum score for that hole. The ball can never be picked up in a gross score event.

Pace of Play: Your foursome should be no more than half a hole behind the group in front of you. Wait until the green is clear to tee off on a par 3. On any other hole wait behind the 150-yard marker until the green is clear.

Cart Rules: All four tires should remain on the cart path around the greens and tees.

Handicap Flags: Carts must remain 30 yards from the greens, not where the flag is located.

Bunkers: Always rake footprints when done. If no rake is available, use feet to brush over footprints.

Divots: Fix your divots in the fairways with sand. On the greens use a tool to fix ball marks.

Flag Stick: Do not toss/drop the flag stick to the ground when removing from the cup. Lay it gently on the ground.

Cell Phones: Refrain from talking on the phone while playing golf. Place phones on vibrate so that ringtones do not disturb other golfers.

Smoking: Smoking is discouraged. Be discreet, if you do smoke, and clean up your debris.

WGA Website

Access the WGA website at: <https://www.missionvalleywga.com>

