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General Information

Membership Eligibility:

Must be owner or transfer member (tenant) 18 years or older of Forest Glen GCC upon payment of dues.

New Members/Transfer Members:

Application must be obtained from the Golf Shop or Administrative Office. Complete the application and return to the FGGCC Accounting Office or the Golf Shop.

A GHIN number is assigned (if necessary).

Owner: Membership dues are charged to member's account.

Transfer member: Membership dues are charged to transfer member's accounts.

Returning LGA Members:

A returning LGA member's account is automatically charged the annual dues in September for October.

LGA members wishing to rescind their FGLGA membership must inform the FGGCC accounting department by November 1st to receive a refund.

After November 1st, a refund of the annual dues is not allowed.

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Golf is a Game

Golf is a game of courtesy and rules that everyone is responsible for following.

Tuesday is Ladies Day. Sign-ups are entered either on-line through the Chelsea system or by telephone. They must be entered by Saturday noon to play the following Tuesday.

The Golf Shop has the sole responsibility for pairings, unless the event states otherwise. If unable to play, notify the Golf Shop as soon as possible to cancel.

The player is responsible for keeping gross and net scores. See the section on Scoring & World Handicap System for how to score for individual and team events.

Unless the tournament is a Mulligan event, there are no mulligans on tournament days. When there is a Mulligan tournament or special event, scores may **not** be recorded in the Handicap System.

In order to qualify for the day's event, you must have one scorecard **signed** and **attested** to. Scorecards should be turned into the pro shop for prize determination. Any scorecard that is not signed and attested will be disqualified and any prize money will be forfeited.

Suitable golf attire is required at all times. Please refer to the Forest Glen Dress Code.

The care of the golf course is everyone's responsibility. Please repair your ball marks on the green, replace divots on the course with the sand and rake the bunkers. It's important for all players to do their part to keep the course in great shape.

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Golf Rules

USGA rules govern play, except for Local Rules.

Scores

Member scorecards must have a score for all holes and signed by two members of the team. Any omission will result in the team being disqualified from the competition for the day. Your score will be posted by the Golf Shop on league day.

Golf Season

The LGA season is from November 1 to April 30. The awards season is from November 1 to one week before the Annual Meeting.

Tournament Sign-Up

Sign up for weekly tournaments through the Chelsea System should be done by Saturday Noon for the following Tuesday of LGA play day.

USGA Handicap Guidelines will be followed and the maximum handicap index will be used for all competitive events based on the tee box assignment.

Members will select the tee box that they wish to play from, either Red or Hybrid, at the beginning of each season. You may change your tee box selection prior to the first association event played or December 31th for the LGA. Then your selection is considered final for the season. However, each member will have the option to select their tee box for events such as Match Play, Member/Member and the Member/ Guest outings.

A buffet lunch will be available to LGA members on selected shotgun events. This will be a member charge.

Weekly Prizes/Fees

Each week \$6.00 will be collected from members playing in a LGA event. \$5.00 will go for prize money and \$1.00 will be returned to the LGA. It is optimal that 1/3 of the field will be awarded prize money.

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Blind Draw

The Golf Professional will select a blind draw when necessary. The player will not be notified or receive any prize money.

Most Improved Golfer Award

The Most improved Golfer Award is determined by the percentage decrease in handicap from beginning of LGA season to March 15 and determined by the Head Golf Professional. All members of the 18-hole LGA are eligible for this award as long as they have played in LGA league events at least eight times within the season.

Ringer, Birdie, Chip-In And Hole-In-One Awards

The Ringer Committee will keep a weekly record of the gross scores for each player on a hole by hole basis. At the end of the season, the committee will review each player's lowest score on each hole played during the season and the sum of these lowest scores is added up for one 18 hole score, or Ringer Score. The lowest Ringer score in each flight will be awarded at the end of the season.

Individual birdies and chip-ins must be recorded after each week of play. Circle the birdie and note the chip-in on the official scorecard (must be signed and attested) and the Ringer committee will record it for prize money at the end of the season.

Hole-in-One: LGA members who have a hole-in-one on league day, while playing an event which follows USGA rules, will be awarded a golf shop gift certificate for \$100. Play must be from the Club's official score card tee box.

Above & Beyond Award - In Memory of Joyce Schulte

This award is given to celebrate a LGA member who has continued to go above and beyond in support of the league with their time, talent and skills. The criteria is:

- Demonstrates support for the LGA Purpose to provide a positive and friendly atmosphere
- Contributes her talents, energy and skills to promote safe and courteous golf play
- A good standing member of the LGA
- A member will need to be in at least her second year in the league

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Pace of Play Suggestions

The Forest Glen Pace of Play is 4 hours & 15 minutes per the Master Board. Here are some tips to help you in meeting the time.

Always be prepared to play “Ready Golf”. Be ready to play when it’s your turn. Do all of your preparing for your shot by getting your yardage, choosing your club and moving close to your ball while others are playing theirs.

Below are some additional tips to support Pace of Play

- Drop your cart mate off at her ball and go to yours. If being dropped off, always take a few different clubs. If you and your cart mate’s balls are relatively close, park between them and get ready to hit at the same time.
- When waiting to tee off, watch the ball flight of others in your foursome. With an errant shot, watch the ball until it comes to rest so you will have a decent idea of where to look for the ball. If appropriate, hit a provisional ball.
- Around the green, take the club you think you will hit and at least one other club to give yourself options.
- When you take extra clubs to the green, place them on your route off the green or in close proximity to where you are putting so you do not have to walk back across the green to pick them up.
- When exiting the green, move to the cart and proceed to the next tee box. Wait till you get to the next tee box to replace your clubs and mark your score.
- Your correct position on the course is immediately behind the group in front of you. Pay more attention to the foursome in front of you rather than behind you.
- Establish a “no talk rule” if your foursome falls behind and the hole is open in front of you. This will allow you to focus on golf and not the conversation.
- Hit and sit (in the cart that is). Clean your clubs, put them in your bag and score the hole on the next tee box.
- If you are not driving the cart, you should be doing the scoring whether it’s on the paper score card or in Golf Genius as well as being the time monitor for the round.

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Handicap & Stroke Allocation

All players in the FGLGA must have a current USGA handicap which, when appropriate, appears on the event score card. In addition to the individual handicap, there is a course handicap based on course slope and rating.

Each scorecard has identified the handicap for each hole from 1 (most difficult) to 18 (least difficult). As a result, players will receive strokes appropriate to their specific handicap and the difficulty of the hole.

Eligibility for Competition

All members of the 18-hole FGLGA must have an established handicap at Forest Glen or a current USGA handicap from another club to be used temporarily while establishing a handicap at Forest Glen. New members, who do not have a handicap, can establish one by posting the appropriate number of golf rounds that complies with the current USGA guidelines for establishing a handicap index. All members must pay a GHIN handicap fee to the Golf Shop.

Scoring & World Handicap System (WHS) Guidelines

Scoring

There are two types of scoring; a **competition** and a **posting score**. A **competition score** is the number of strokes taken to hole out on each hole and this is recorded on the scorecard. A **posting score** is when you adjust the competition score to conform to the World Handicap System (WHS) and input into GHIN.

Individual Events

It is expected in individual competition play, each player holes out the ball on every hole. That said, the LGA Board implemented a max score of 9 where a player can pick up and move on to the next hole in support of Pace of Play. When using Golf Genius, the 9 will be netted out. To ensure the 9 is the score the player receives on the hole, the player's handicap strokes will need to be added to the 9. The 9 + handicap strokes should be inputted to Golf Genius. For example, the player picks up for a 9 and gets 2 strokes on the hole, enter 11 into Golf Genius.

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Team Events

In a team event, the scores that will be used in the competition need to be holed out. For example, in a 2 BB of 4, two players will need to hole out their ball. If a player's score will not be used for scoring, use the Most Likely Score Guidelines or use your max score (net double bogey) to determine your score. For example, if you are on the green in 5, decide if you would one to two putt (5 + 1 putt = 6). If you are in a fairway bunker in 5, and your max on the hole is a 7, take your max. The player should use their best judgment and record the lowest of the Most Likely vs Max score for the hole.

USGA Most Likely Score Guidelines

Position of the ball	Strokes to be added
On the putting green within 5 feet of the hole	Add 1 stroke
Between 5 feet and 20 yards of the hole	Add 2 to 3 strokes depending on the ball position and difficulty of the green
Beyond 20 yards from the hole	Add 3 to 4 strokes depending on the ball position and difficulty of the green

Holes Not Played

When a player does not play a hole, the score is Par + handicap strokes. For example, if a player with an 18 handicap does not play hole 18, she would take Par (5) + handicap strokes (1) = score of 6.

Incomplete Rounds

When a player does not complete the round, the following should be recorded. If less than 14 holes are played, the player records a 9-hole score. If 14 holes or more are played, the player records an 18-hole score. A player needs to play a less 6 holes to post a 9-hole score. For LGA events, the player should inform the Golf Shop of an incomplete round.

World Handicap System

Under the World Handicap System (WHS), the maximum number of strokes a player is allowed to take on a hole for posting purposes has changed. The WHS allows a maximum of a Net double bogey (**Par + 2 + Handicap Strokes**).

Players are required to know their course handicap for the course they are playing. Course handicap is a calculation using a variety of factors. An easy way to know your course handicap is to look it up on the GHIN app, the handicap computer in the ladies locker room, or ask the Golf

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Shop staff. The strokes you receive (course handicap) are applied based on the stroke hole allocation (holes are rated 1 through 18 based upon difficulty, with one being the most difficult.)

If a player is an 18 handicap, she will receive 1 stroke on every hole. If she is a 38 handicap, she will receive 2 strokes on every hole and 3 strokes on the two hardest holes (4 and 12).

Max Score Chart – **Par + 2 + Handicap Strokes = Max**

Strokes on Hole	PAR 3	PAR 4	PAR 5
0	5	6	7
1	6	7	8
2	7	8	9
3	8	9	10

Game Descriptions

1-2-1

One net better ball on par 3's and 5's and 2 net better balls on par 4's

Stableford

Net game: bogey = 1 point; par = 2 points; birdie = 3 points; eagle = 4 points; double eagle = 5 points

Irish 4 Ball

In the Irish Four Ball, teams of four golfers - each playing her own ball throughout - use a Stableford or Modified Stableford scoring system. The scores of a predetermined number of team members per hole are combined for one team score. For example, if the low two scores are being counted on a given hole, and those scores are 0 and 1 (Stableford, remember), then the team score on that hole is 1.

There are many variations to an Irish Four Ball (sometimes called Irish Stableford). Many Irish Four Balls use the two low balls per hole throughout the tournament. A more popular variation calls for the number of scores per hole to vary throughout the round in this fashion. For example: holes 1 thru 7 – 1 BB, holes 8 thru 14 – 2 BB and holes 15 thru 18 – 3 BB.

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Hate Em Holes

On every course, there are a few holes that give every golfer trouble. The ones where, no matter how many times you play the course, you can never quite tame those holes. Don't you just hate those holes? In Hate 'Em, you get to choose three of those holes and, before the round starts, write down a par on each. A stipulation that applies is that the three holes must be comprised of one par 3, one par 4 and one par 5.

Step Aside Scramble

In a Step Aside Scramble, also known as a Florida Scramble, the twist is that the player whose shot is selected doesn't get to play the next shot. So in a Florida Scramble with teams of four, all four players tee off, the best shot is selected, then only three players hit their second shots. The better of the second shots is selected - and the player who hit it sits out the third shots; and so on until the ball is holed.

Fairways minus Putts

Every player will be awarded 5 points if their ball lands in the fairway off their drive. For par 3's this means that the 5 points is awarded only if their ball lands and rests on the green.

Then the player will subtract the number of putts made from the green until the ball is holed.

As an example, if you land in the fairway off the drive and then two putt once you are on the green, the points scored on that hole is $5 - 2 = 3$ points. If you do not land in the fairway off the drive, and 2 putt when on the green, your score will be $0 - 2 = (2)$.

Solheim Cup (or Red vs White)

6 holes better ball of partners, 6 holes scramble, 6 holes Chapman Scotch (both players tee off, each player hits their partner's drive and then choose alternate shot into the green).

Any 5 Clubs

A "Five of Clubs" tournament is one in which each golfer has to choose only five of their clubs to use during the tournament, AND the putter counts as one of those five.

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FGLGA Board Of Directors

The FGLGA Board of Directors meets monthly during the LGA season. Committee members may be required to attend when committee reports are requested.

Board meetings are open to all LGA members. LGA members are encouraged to submit questions/suggestions in writing and placing them in the 18-hole LGA locker room mail-slot located by the computer or to email the Board directly. *NOTE:* email might be the most effective.

Voting on items brought before the board is limited to Board Members only.

Transfer members (tenants) will enjoy the golfing privileges of owner/member during LGA play. They will be considered non-voting members and will not be eligible to hold office.

Sunshine/Recognition

A card will recognize the death or serious illness of an LGA member or her spouse. The LGA member will be contacted to secure their permission to inform the membership of any serious illness or death prior to a communication to the membership.