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STANDING RULES

The Board of Directors has the authority to retain, change, or eliminate Standing Rules as already written.

STANDING RULES include:

- ✓ Player Responsibilities
- ✓ Membership Requirements
- ✓ Operational Procedures – Golf Genius (New 2026)
- ✓ Competition Rules
- ✓ Local Rules
- ✓ Team Rules

PLAYER RESPONSIBILITIES AND PROCEDURES:

The Competition Committee may make corrections and give warnings for infractions.

1. Players who sign up to play in the club block are expected to play the Weekly Competition in accordance with the Rules of Golf and BWGC Local Rules.

2. In the event of slow play, please tell the group in front of you they are not keeping up the pace of play. Don't be offended when asked to pick up the pace. If the field is slow, call the Pro Shop and ask the Player Assistant to aid in the pace of play. The Competition Committee may move slow players to the end of the tee sheet. (New 2026)

MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

1. Membership shall consist of women who are free to play 18 holes of golf at Bellevue Municipal Golf Course.

2. New members without a Handicap Index must submit three (3) score cards of 18 holes with one (1) score played at the Bellevue Golf Course and must play to no more than a 40 Course Handicap (CH).

3. Annual Dues: as determined by the Board of Directors, must be paid online with WaGolf.org.

4. Refunds: no membership dues will be returned after the playing season begins.

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OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES – Golf Genius – (New 2026)

1. Each member will be sent an invitation at the beginning of the season to register with BWGC on Golf Genius. Everyone needs to be registered (have a log-in ID and password) to access our Golf Genius portal and to be able to sign up for rounds.

2. The weekly competition (and tournament) calendar will be established as soon as reasonably possible, with the expectation that the dates of events will be known at least 8 weeks prior.

3. Each member will be sent an invitation to sign up for a tee time on the Tuesday before.
   a. You must respond to the email and choose a tee time to signed-up.
   b. You may sign up one additional member besides yourself.
   c. You may cancel or change your sign up through the portal until Sunday at 2 pm, at which point the tee sheet will be sent to Bellevue Golf Course.
   d. If you need to cancel after Sunday, you must call the pro shop and email the Weekly Competition Committee Chair.
   e. Members are required to call the pro shop as soon as possible if unable to play.

4. Indicate if you wish to play from the White Tees in your Golf Genius reply.

5. Tee sheet will be sent out by Sunday at 6 pm.

6. All players will be emailed a "tip sheet" with your **GGID**.
   a. Each playing group will use their **GGID** to log into the Golf Genius app on Tuesday, to enter for your group scores.
   b. One (1) player per group will enter the scores.

7. All scores must be entered for your group hole-by-hole.
   a. All scores must be entered by the time you finish.
   b. Leave any unplayed holes blank.

OPERATIONAL PROCEDURES – (continued)

8. One (1) player will keep a paper master scorecard for all players in the group with gross scores.
    a. Players' names should be distinctly printed on the card.
    b. The card should be dated.
    c. All players should sign and attest the master score card.
    d. Make sure that all of the scores entered on the app match your paper card scores.
    e. Place the master scorecard in the basket at the end of play.

9. Each player should keep their own card or take a photo of the master scorecard (take it home and save it) in case there are any questions about scoring. Keep a copy of the scorecard for at least one (1) week.

10. Golf Genius will post scores for you. **DO NOT POST YOUR SCORE**.

11. Results will be emailed to all, generally by the day after.
    a. The weekly competition committee reserves the right to adjust flights and payouts as deemed fit.
    b. The competition committee may adjust these procedures throughout the season as deemed necessary. Any necessitated changes will be communicated by email and posted at BGC.

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COMPETITION RULES:

Rules Committee: Captain, Co-Captain, Handicap Chair and Club Pro

1. Handicaps: to be eligible for competition a member must have an established Handicap Index (3 scores, one of which is played at Bellevue Golf Course).

2. Tee Locations:
   a) Course Handicaps (CH Red and CH White) will be posted twice a month during the season approximately on the 1st and 15th.
   b) Red or White Tees: indicate if you wish to play from the White Tees in your Golf Genius reply. Otherwise, you must play the Red Tees.

3. Course Handicap Maximum: any member playing in competition must play to no more than a 40 Course Handicap.

4. Player Partners: all competition rounds must be played with another BWGC member.

5. Weekly Competition will be played on Tuesday only.
   a) Must play within our scheduled club block of tee times.
   b) Must submit your scores even if you withdraw or do not complete your round.
   c) Net Double Bogey or Maximum Score is allowed on any non-counting hole for the weekly competition.

6. Competition Score, players must check Score, Sign and date the master score card. The Competition Committee may make corrections and give warnings for infractions.

7. Handicap Divisions will be established to insure competition between comparable handicaps. The break in Divisions may be adjusted by the Weekly Competition Committee Chair.

8. Prizes will be determined by Division and awarded as cash prizes at the end of the season.

COMPETITION RULES – (continued)

9. Home Course: Bellevue Team members must designate Bellevue as their Primary Home course before competing in a City Team Competition and may only compete for Bellevue for that current season.

10. Captain's Cup and Club Championship Tournaments: The Tournament Committee shall determine the conditions under which these competitions are to be played, which includes a mandatory lunch payment. The lunch payment will be made in response to the signup email prior to competition. BWCG will cover the required gratuity and tax.
    a) Captain's Cup Tournament – to be eligible to play a new member must have an established handicap with 8 rounds posted with at least three (3) rounds in competition at Bellevue on Tuesday play days during the current year.
    b) Club Championship Tournament – to be eligible all members must have an established handicap with 8 rounds posted with at least six (6) rounds on Tuesday play days at Bellevue during the current season. Team play for Bellevue may count as one Tuesday Round.

11. Eclectic (ECCY) Prizes: only games played during the BWGC competition are eligible for Eclectic competitions.
    a) Golf Genius will calculate ECCY scores.
    b) To be eligible for the Eclectic prize, members must have played at least six (6) rounds on Tuesday play days.

12. Birdie Awards: shall be given to members who record Birdies on Tuesday competition days.

13. Most Improved Golfer: a yearly award shall be given to the most improved handicap player, which is computed by the World Handicap System on a percentage basis from established handicaps. The time period for the award will be approximately from October 31 of the previous year to approximately October 31 of the current year. The player must have played at least fifteen (15) rounds in Tuesday competition at Bellevue Municipal Golf Club in the current season.

BWGC – LOCAL RULES

- You are expected to know, understand and play by the current rules of golf as approved by the USGA.
- Always have your Rule Book in your bag and look up the rule when a question occurs. USGA APP on your phone may be easier to use.
- Do not assume that anyone in your group knows the answer. Look it up!

1. Summer Rules apply June 1 – September 30, unless Tournament Chair(s) indicates Winter Rules apply.

2. Winter Rules apply March 1 – May 31 and October 1 – November 14
   a) 6-inch Rule – you may improve your lie on the fairway or rough by 6 inches, after you have marked your ball. You may then lift, clean, and place your ball, no nearer the hole, remaining in the same cut of grass, and within 6-inches. This relief cannot be taken in hazards or on the putting green.
   b) Ball may be moved only once per shot without penalty.
   c) Carts – on play days when carts are not allowed off the cart path:
      1) A player in a cart, because of physical limitations, may request her playing partners to move her ball closer to the cart path no nearer the hole, with no penalty or loss of competition eligibility.
      2) The player shall not have the line of sight to the hole or the lie improved (i.e., a ball in the rough must be replaced in the rough).
      3) If a ball lies in a penalty area or in an unplayable position, a one (1) stroke penalty shall be assessed.

3. Temporary Greens – players will record actual strokes taken on holes with temporary greens, using a 2-putt maximum. This score will be used for competition purposes. Scoring Committee will determine appropriate posting to GHIN from Golf Genius, based on the number of temporary greens.

4. Cart Paths are immovable obstructions. (RULE 24 a. b.)
   a) You may drop your ball away from an immovable obstruction if it interferes with your swing or stance.
   b) Mark your ball, establish the nearest point of relief (for the ball), no nearer the hole and drop the ball within one (1) club length of that point, no penalty.
   c) Stance, ball, area of intended swing must not pass-through obstruction to take relief.

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5. Boundary fences – play ball as it lies or treat as unplayable (RULE 28). Protective fences, wires and pump house one (1) club length, no nearer the hole, no penalty.

6. Putts – putt out all putts.

7. Embedded ball – a ball embedded in its own pitch mark, in the ground, in any closely mowed area through the green, may be lifted, cleaned and dropped, w/o penalty as close to the spot, but no nearer the hole.

8. Relief from Unusual Course Condition (waterlogged, muddy, etc.) – you may drop another ball in the general location no closer to the hole, without penalty with the consent of the foursome.

9. Relief from Casual Water:
   a) Ball deemed to be in casual water in playing field, with the agreement of the group.
   b) Improvement may be taken to an area of less density, no closer to the hole.
   c) Relief, plus one (1) club length, no penalty.

10. Relief from Animal Scat and Bird Droppings – a player whose ball is on or touching animal scat or bird droppings, may either:
    a) remove the droppings as "loose impediments" under Rule 15.1, or
    b) take free relief under "ground under repair" Rule 16.1.
    The player may lift, clean, and drop the ball within one club-length, no closer to the hole, and in the same cut of grass.

11. Seasonal Leaf Rule – if a ball is lost in the leaves, the player plus one (1) other player in the group must agree the ball is lost before taking a drop without a penalty. The rules will be in effect in September and October.

12. Guest Policy – any guest, former, returning, or potential new member may play with a current member one (1) time per year on Tuesday play days.

BWGC – TEAM RULES

1. Team shall consist of six (6) members of the BWGC with the lowest handicaps, who are available for that day of play.

2. Brackets – based on handicaps there shall be three brackets of two (2) each.

3. Signups – any golfer who desires to play a team match should sign her name to the team sheet which is posted on the board.

4. All Members must:
   a) Abide by City Constitution and By-Laws for team play.
   b) To maintain her eligibility, must designate Bellevue as her Home Course prior to City competition and have a minimum of one (1) game in her home club competition each month, prior to team matches.
   c) Post all scores from all organized play.
   d) Understand Match Play scoring.