



Bylaws of Forty Niner Country Club

Women's Golf Association

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be Forty Niner Women's Golf Association, hereinafter referred to as Forty Niner WGA.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

The purpose of Forty Niner WGA shall be to promote and conserve the best interest and true spirit of the game of golf. Members shall meet in competitive play each week on a designated day.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Membership in Forty Niner WGA shall be limited to women who are members of Forty Niner Country Club and who are in good standing with Forty Niner WGA. Membership agreements made prior to this revision will be honored. Each member shall be entitled to one vote.

Any woman who has a one or two month golf membership at Forty Niner Country Club and possesses a current handicap index is eligible for a short-term Forty Niner WGA Membership. This membership is limited to weekly play and payouts. She will not be eligible to compete in the WGA Championship, President's Cup, and State Medallion but she may "follow the field" on those days. If she chooses, she is also eligible for the Hole in One Insurance Fund. Short-term members have no voting privileges.

- A. Dues: The annual dues of the Forty Niner WGA shall be determined by the Finance Committee. Ringers and birdies will be included in the dues. Any change in dues shall be presented to the general membership to be voted on provided that notice has been posted for 15 days prior. A two-thirds affirmative vote of the membership is necessary. Short-term membership: 1 month = 50% of annual dues, 2 months = 75% of annual dues.
- B. Full time WGA Members must be a member of AGA and be in good standing in Forty Niner Country Club to be eligible for weekly play, special events, and club tournaments.
- C. Members who resign or leave the Forty Niner WGA shall not be entitled to a refund of dues. Specific exceptions may be made upon petition to the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE IV – GOVERNMENT

- A. Board of Directors: The Forty Niner WGA Board of Directors shall be comprised of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Tournament Chair and/or Co-Chair. Officers will serve a two year term. Three officers shall constitute a quorum and shall meet once a month to administer the affairs of the Forty Niner WGA. Elections shall be held annually. If a current officer wishes to continue their term beyond the two years, they may run again for the same or different office on the board.
- B. Officers:

1. President: The President shall preside at all meetings of Forty Niner WGA and of the Board of Directors. She shall be an ex-officio member of all committees. The President shall appoint all chairs of standing and special committees, with the exception of the finance committee.
2. Vice President: The Vice President shall perform the duties of the President in her absence. She shall assume the Presidency in the event of a mid-term vacancy.
3. Secretary: The Secretary shall keep the minutes of the general meetings and the Board of Directors' meetings. She shall have charge of all the general correspondence. She shall keep an up-to-date copy of the Forty Niner WGA Bylaws.
4. Treasurer: The Treasurer shall receive and acknowledge all monies, keep an account of all receipts and expenditures, and make a financial report to the membership monthly. She shall serve as Chair of the Finance Committee. Books shall be subject to audit by the Board of Directors at the completion of the season,
5. Tournament Chair and Co-Chair: It shall be the duty of the Tournament Chair and Co-Chair to plan, schedule, supervise, and conduct all regular golf events.
 - a. The Tournament Chair and Tournament Co-Chair will meet in the spring to schedule the next season's events. The special tournaments and guest days or days other than the designated day of play must be submitted to the Forty Niner Country Club for approval. The Tournament Chair and the President shall act as consultants to the Forty Niner Country Club in respect to all activities which involve the Forty Niner WGA.
 - b. Pairings for the Forty Niner WGA shall be the responsibility of the Tournament Chair, Tournament Co-Chair, and/or the Club Professional.

ARTICLE V – MEETINGS AND QUORUMS

- A. Fiscal Year: There will be a minimum of four in person business meetings throughout the season. The first meeting should be held in conjunction with the opening luncheon. The final business meeting may be held in conjunction with the spring luncheon. Roberts's Rules of Order Newly Revised shall govern the meetings.
- B. Communication: On a monthly basis, the Board will be responsible for communicating the treasurer's and secretary's reports to the membership. Other committee reports should be communicated as appropriate.
- C. Quorum: One-third of the voting membership shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of Forty Niner WGA business. Electronic voting will be acceptable when so determined by the Board. All electronic votes shall be sent to two designated Board members. The Board will tally the votes.

ARTICLE VI – NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

- A. The Nomination Committee shall consist of at least three members of the Forty Niner WGA appointed by the Board. The Nomination Committee will be announced in February.
- B. The Nominating Committee shall select a slate of officers, consisting of President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Tournament Chair and Tournament Co-Chair.
- C. The slate of officers shall be presented and posted to the membership by the first Tuesday of March. Election shall be held at the April business meeting. Nominations may be made from the floor provided such nominees have given their consent to serve. The newly elected officers shall assume office at the end of the regular season.

- D. If a duly elected officer of the Board of Directors resigns at any time during her term of office, the vacancy shall be filled without notice, by a vote of the majority of the membership. The Board of Directors may recommend a candidate(s) by submitting the name(s) of same to the members prior to the vote.

ARTICLE VII – STANDING COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES

- A. Finance Committee: The Treasurer of the Forty Niner WGA shall be Chair, with the other members of the Board of Directors serving on her committee. The Finance Committee shall set up the yearly budget to be presented to the membership in the fall. The committee will recommend policies concerning the finances of the Forty Niner WGA.
- B. Handicap Chair: The Handicap Chair shall be in charge of keeping handicaps current in accordance with the USGA system for computing handicaps.
- C. Rules Committee: The Rules Committee shall consist of the rules liaison, tournament chair(s). and the club professional. The committee shall ensure that the conditions for play on a designated play day or tournament are in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf. In cases of question, the committee shall make the final decision.
- D. State Representative: The State Representative shall be the liaison between AGA and Forty Niner WGA. She will conduct the forty Niner State Medallion Tournament. She will communicate all pertinent AGA news.
- E. Parliamentarian: The Parliamentarian will make sure that Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised are followed during meetings.
- F. Membership: The Membership Chairwoman will be responsible for welcoming new members and arranging for mentors.
- G. Handbook Committee: The Handbook committee will be responsible for compiling, printing, and distributing the annual membership handbook.
- H. Trophy: The Trophy Chair shall arrange for the engraving and care of the trophy for the Club Championship, President's Cup and Most Improved Player.
- I. Social Committee: The Social Committee shall be composed of a Chair and any others she may choose. She will be in charge of all luncheons, party decorations, and entertainment in connection with the Forty Niner WGA activities.
- J. Birdies: The Birdies Chair will maintain a record of game day birdies reported by members throughout the season. Year end results are reported to the Board. The Board will determine the budget allowed for birdies. The Chair will prepare the envelopes with the allotted cash for all members who had birdies.
- K. Ringers: The Ringers Chair shall keep the scores current on the posted ringer sheet. She will report the results at the end of the season to the Board. The board will determine the budget allowed for ringers. The Chair will prepare the envelopes with the allotted cash for the members who have the lowest Gross and Net scores.

ARTICLE VIII – AMENDMENTS

Amendments to these Bylaws may be made with a favorable vote of two-thirds of the voting members. The proposed amendments must be made known to the membership and be posted for at least 15 days prior to the time of the vote.

PROCEDURES

1. To be eligible to compete for prizes in weekly play, special events, and club tournaments, full time members must be a member of AGA and have an established handicap. A maximum of 40 shall be used.
2. The WGA Championship shall be a flighted gross stroke play tournament. To be eligible, a member shall have played in at least 5 Forty Niner WGA post-able play days prior to the tournament. Exceptions must be approved by the Board.
3. The President's Cup shall be an un-flighted net stroke play tournament. To be eligible, a member must have been in good standing at the end of the previous year. A new member shall have played in at least 3 Forty Niner WGA play days prior to the tournament. Exceptions must be approved by the Board.
4. Pig money will be donated to Junior Golf. (Voted by the members May 1977).
5. The designated tee markers for WGA play days will be the red tees.

These procedures may be changed, deleted, or amended to the Bylaws by subsequent Boards of the Forty Niner WGA.

GUIDELINES FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUES ADOPTED December 6, 2022

1. A dedicated line item to be added to the annual budget to cover the cost of the plaque(s).
2. A memorial plaque may be placed for a member of the WGA who was in good standing for a minimum of 7 years.
3. A memorial plaque may be placed for a member who is or has been in good standing within the previous 5 years.