NEVADA STATE WOMEN’S GOLF ASSOCIATION

SILVER CUP STANDING RULES

SECTION 1. GENERAL
A. The Silver Cup is a match play competition similar to the Curtis Cup Matches held by the USGA.
B. A team from the Northern Nevada Women’s Golf Association shall compete against a team from the Women’s Southern Nevada Golf Association.
C. The winning team shall receive the revolving trophy for the year.
D. Each individual team member will receive a memento.
E. The Silver Cup matches will be held in the North during the uneven calendar year and the South during the even calendar year.

SECTION 2. TEAM CAPTAINS
A. Each association shall appoint a captain or co-captains.
B. Advice
   1. Advice may only be given by the captain or her appointee.
   2. A captain may not give advice while she is playing.
   3. Each team’s advisor is to be announced prior to the start of competition.
C. The host association will provide a person to collect scorecards and record the results of each match on the tournament score sheets.

SECTION 3. TEAM COMPOSITION
A. Each association shall field a team of 20 competitors.
B. Each association will determine 9 players gross, and nine players net at their discretion.
C. The remaining two positions on each association’s team may be chosen by their respective captains.
D. The team members will be listed in handicap index order.
E. The high 10 index players will compete in the upper bracket.
F. The low 10 index players will compete in the lower bracket.
G. The indexes will be from the latest handicap revision prior to competition.

SECTION 4. ELIGIBILITY
A. A player must be an individual member of a member club of the NNWGA or WSNGA at least 60 days prior to the first day of the matches.
B. A player must have a verifiable USGA handicap.
C. A player must be at least 18 years of age prior to the first day of the matches.
D. A player must meet amateur status as specified in the USGA Rules of Golf.
E. At date of qualifier entry, a player’s handicap may not exceed 36 on the competition course or courses being used for the Silver Cup matches.

SECTION 5: FINANCIAL
A. NSWGA will provide a stipend for these matches to be paid to the host association.
B. Each association will pay $25 per player to help cover the costs of trophies, awards luncheon, and welcoming event.
C. The visiting association will remit the entry fee thirty days prior to the event.
D. All income and expenditures will be completed through the NNWGA and WSNGA.

SECTION 6. PAIRINGS
A. All players must be paired within the same bracket.
B. Each Captain shall determine the pairing for the partners competing in the Four-ball and Foursomes Matches and for pairing the individuals, playing simultaneous matches in Singles.
C. Pairing for the Foursome, Four Ball and singles matches will be chosen prior to the first day of competition.
D. For each match the home team shall be the first to display its players.
E. The guest team shall then put up its opposing players.

SECTION 7. GUIDELINES FOR COMPETITION
A. USGA and Local Rules shall apply as set forth by the NSWGA Rules Committee.
B. Day 1 -
   1. Foursome Matches
      a. A match in which two play against two and each side plays one ball.
      b. Each partner tees off on each hole.
      c. After a shot is selected, the partners alternate shots until the hole is completed.
      d. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play.
   2. The handicap will be 40% of the difference between the combined handicaps of the members of each side. This difference is awarded to the higher handicapped side starting at the #1 handicap hole.
C. Day 2 -
   1. Four-Ball Matches
      a. A match in which two play their better ball against the better ball of two other players.
      b. Each partner plays her own ball.
      c. Balls belonging to the same side may be played in the order the side considers best.
   2. The handicaps of all four players will be reduced by the low player’s handicap, she will play from scratch. The three other players will receive 100% of the difference between their handicap and the low player’s handicap.
D. Day 3-
   1. Singles Matches
      a. A match in which one plays against another.
      b. Two matches will be played simultaneously.
      c. When all four balls lie on the green, the match with the ball lying farthest from the hole will putt first.
d. The other match may mark their balls if they choose, and then stand aside and allow that match to finish the hole.
e. The completed match will then stand aside and allow the other match to finish the hole.

2. The higher handicapped player will receive 100% of the difference between the handicaps of the two players. The lower handicapped player shall play from scratch.

F. Playing etiquette
1. On days 1 and 2, each match may play out the round even if the match has been decided prior to the 18th hole.
2. On day 3 if a match being played simultaneously with another has been decided and the other match has not, the concluded match should stand aside and allow the other match to finish without distraction.

H. Scoring
1. One point will be awarded for each match won.
2. One-half point will be awarded for each tied match.
3. Daily recap
   a. Day 1 - ten total points
   b. Day 2 - ten total points
   c. Day 3 - twenty total points

I. Illness and Emergency
1. In the case of illness or emergency which prevents a competitor from participating in a day’s events, the match will be halved. The following stipulations will apply:
   a. The team captains must agree that the illness or emergency is legitimate.
   b. The match will be halved only if the match has not begun.

J. The winning team will be the one with the most points won.
K. If the two teams are tied after the three days of competition, the team holding the revolving trophy will retain it until the next competition.

SECTION 8 PLAYER CONDUCT
A. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
B. NSWGA Bylaws and Standing Rules will guide a player’s conduct.
C. The Rules Committee may disqualify any player whose conduct before, during, or after the match is deemed unsportsmanlike.
D. A player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct will have the incident reviewed by the NSWGA Executive Board to determine if further action is warranted.

SECTION 9. ELECTRONIC DEVICES, CELLULAR PHONES, BEEPERS and DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES.
A. A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is Disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional
functions are actually used. Any device measuring slope, wind condition or any other condition is disallowed even when those aids are disengaged.

B. The use of an electronic device (such as a cellular phone, pager, hand-held computer, calculator, TV or radio) on the competition course is not itself a breach of Rule 14-3. However, players should ensure any device taken onto the course does not distract other players.

C. The following uses for a cellular phone during a stipulated round are not a breach of Rule 14-3:
   1. Using phone for matters unrelated to golf (e.g., calling home);
   2. Accessing information on advice related matters published prior to the start of the player's round (e.g., yardage book, swing tips);
   3. Obtaining information related to the competition being played (e.g., leader board, projected cut).

D. The following uses for cellular phones during a stipulated round are a breach of Rule 8-1 and will result in Disqualification:
   1. Using phone to ask for or give advice in breach of Rule 8-1 (e.g., calling a swing coach);
   2. Accessing information on advice-related matters not published prior to the start of the round.

E. If the use of a cellular phone consistently disregards the etiquette guidelines (outlined in the Rules of Golf), the offending player will be issued a warning. If the player repeatedly distracts or offends an opponent by using a cellular phone the player will be disqualified under Rule 33-7.

SECTION 10. SPECTATOR POLICY
   A. NSWGA encourages friends and relatives to follow players.
   B. Only partners and appointed advisors may counsel the player.
   C. Spectators shall stay 25 yards from the players.
   D. Spectators must not walk in the fairways.
   E. Spectators will refrain from conversation with a player.

SECTION 11. PUBLICITY
   A. A list of all participants and the results of the matches must be submitted to the NSWGA Secretary no later than 10 days after the matches.
   B. The Captains and the Director of Publicity will work together to encourage media coverage and publishing of the results.