

# Blue Ocean 18 Hole Ladies Rules/Information – (Revised Oct 2, 2019)

The Ladies 18-hole league plays every Friday morning from mid-April to mid-October. Every effort is made to select a format that will allow official posting of the scores for the purpose of establishing and maintaining an approved handicap. (RCGA, USGA (GHIN), Sandbagger).

## 1. CLUB DUES:

- a. Dues are payable in full at the beginning of the season for all existing members. The amount payable in 2020 is \$45.00.
- b. New members joining the 18 Hole Ladies League will pay the full amount for dues. There shall be no prorating of dues for any portion of the year.

## 2. GUESTS:

- a. Guests may play golf with the Ladies club on Friday mornings. If they wish to golf again within the season the individual must pay the 18 Hole Ladies League fee of \$45.00.
- b. In the event of a Team game, a guest must contribute to the \$2.00 game pot and be eligible for prizes.
- c. Ladies who belong to the 9 Hole Ladies League at Blue Ocean may play occasionally with the 18 Hole Ladies League by contributing to the game play of \$2.00 for that day.
- d. Guests will not contribute to the “deuce or Putt Pots”.

## 3. CASH PRIZES ON GAME DAYS:

- a. Every week a “game pot” of \$2.00 per player is used as prize-money for the featured game. Prizes are awarded primarily for low net individual and team scores. Low putts may be awarded as well.
- b. Players who belong to the 18 Hole Ladies League may contribute to a “deuce pot” of \$1.00 weekly. The pot is awarded to the player or player(s) who score a deuce for that play day. If the “deuce pot” is not won, accumulated funds are carried forward to succeeding weeks until the “pot” is won. (This is a voluntary contribution.)
- c. At the end of each game, players contribute to a “putt-pot” which collects 25 cents (max \$1.00) for every hole that 3 or more putts are scored. Proceeds go to a year end tournament called the “Turkey Shoot” to pay for the players meals.

4. SPECIAL AWARDS:
  - a. Throughout the season records are kept of all birdies and chip-ins and winners are announced at the year-end meeting.
  - b. Pins are awarded to players for: Hole in One, Eagle, Break 100, 90, 80, 70 etc. at the year-end meeting.
  
5. RINGER BOARD & MOST IMPROVED PLAYER AWARDS - The Ringer Score is an ideal round composed of the very best you've ever shot on each hole at a specific course on the same tees.
  - a. On the first game day of the regular 18 Hole golf season the member, or in the case of a new member who joins later in the season the first game played, places her score for each hole in the Ringer Board Binder on the top row in pen.
  - b. On regular league days the member places the score for all holes that improvement was accomplished in pencil. Each week the hole by hole score is updated with scores that have improved.
  - c. At the end of the year the Handicap Chair, determines:
    - i. Best Gross Score including Gross Score improvement
    - ii. Most Improved Score including stroke improvement
    - iii. Handicap Factor – Most Improved Player
    - iv. Handicap Factor – Most Improved Player runner up
  
6. ACE OF THE MONTH/YEAR - This is a Stroke Play competition played from mid-April to September. A total of 6 games are played with a seventh game played to determine the Ace of the Year winners.
  - a. A player must have a recognized Handicap to a 40 maximum.
  - b. Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and Local Rules.
  - c. On the day identified as an Ace of the Month competition players are grouped by similar handicaps and must putt out on every hole and the score must be attested by another player.
  - d. At the end of the first game a winner is chosen for low gross, low net and low putts. Prizes are awarded from the game pot.
  - e. The second game and subsequent games are played, and players qualify for the honour by winning one of the categories "Lowest Gross", "Lowest Net" and "Lowest Putts". If you qualify once, you are then removed from subsequent rounds of that category. This practice provides at least 6 winners per category, and often 12 to 13 players are included in one of the 3 categories (Gross, Net, Putts)
  - f. Winners of the Ace of the Month competitions play in the Ace of the Year competition. This competition is played in September to determine the overall winners for Low Gross, Low Net and Low Putts. Prizes are determined by the Captain.

7. MATCH PLAY – A double-knockout match-play competition is organized early in the spring.
  - a. Members must have a handicap to participate in this competition.
  - b. Handicaps will not exceed 40 for this competition.
  - c. Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and Local Rules.
  - d. The A Flight draw sheet indicates the first-round pairings and players participating all play the first round on the same day as identified on the calendar.
  - e. First round losers proceed to Flight B.
  - f. Losses after the second-round result in elimination.
  - g. Matches are handicapped, with the lower handicap player conceding the difference in strokes between the players and applied to the holes according to the Ladies handicap order on the Blue Ocean scorecard.
  - h. Prizes are awarded to the Flight A and Flight B Winners and Runner up's as determined by the organizer of the event.
  
8. INTERCLUB – The ladies league takes part in two Sunshine Coast home-and-away Team Match Play Events with Sunshine Coast Golf & Country Club and the Pender Harbour Golf Club.
  - a. Members must have a handicap to participate in this competition.
  - b. Handicaps will not exceed 40 for this competition.
  - c. Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and Local Rules.
  - d. These matches are organized by the Vice-Captains or Past Captains of the teams involved.
  - e. Teams consist of 8 players; 4 twosomes. Each player will contribute an amount determined by the organizer prior to the match to cover the cost of their meal and the cost of the meal for an opposing team member when played at their home course.
  - f. Complimentary drinks are also provided by the home team to the players on the visiting team.
  - g. Players are ranked according to handicap and then paired off in that order and matched against their opposing twosomes.
  - h. Matches are handicapped, with the lowest player conceding the difference in strokes to the other three players and distributed according to the Ladies Handicap order listed on the courses score card.
  - i. After the second match a trophy is presented to the winning golf club ladies' team.

9. INVITATIONAL TOURNAMENT – This is a 4-person team, Individual Stroke Play Format tournament that is jointly put on by the 18 Hole Ladies’ League and the Blue Ocean Golf Course and is held on the second Wednesday in June.
  - a. Members must have a handicap to participate in this competition.
  - b. Handicaps will not exceed 36 for this competition.
  - c. Blue Ocean provides information regarding this tournament in the spring and forwards to all members.
  
10. MEMORIAL GAMES – This is an Individual Stroke Play Format tournament with various fun ways to play holes.
  - a. Members do not require a handicap to participate in this competition.
  - b. Easy game instructions are found during play and points are awarded.
  - c. A trophy is given to the player with the most points and prizes are awarded.
  
11. ECLECTIC DAY – This is a two-some two-ball Net competition that is played on two consecutive Wednesdays and is funded by the Ladies Club.
  - a. Handicaps will not exceed 40 for this competition.
  - b. Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and Local Rules.
  - c. The game pot amount is determined at the beginning of game play by the organizer, (for example, \$5.00 per person).
  - d. Teams of two players card the better of their two Net Scores on the first Wednesday.
  - e. On the second Wednesday the team of two players card any improvement they have on any holes. For example, If the score on the second week is the same or worse the first (better) score is retained.
  - f. Prizes are awarded to the team with the best Net Score and the teams with the second and third-best Net Score.
  - g. A prize is also awarded to the best dressed pair. This is determined by a vote of all the players.
  - h. Lunch is paid for by the ladies’ league.

12. LADIES LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP – This tournament is open to members of the Ladies 18 Hole League. It is played over two days (Monday and the following Wednesday) in August.
  - a. Members must have a handicap to participate in this competition.
  - b. Handicaps will not exceed 40 for this competition.
  - c. Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and Local Rules.
  - d. A player must play a minimum of 4 Wednesday 18 Hole Ladies League games to be eligible to play in this competition.
  - e. The starting lineup is made up by the handicap factors and golfers with the lowest handicaps will tee off first. On the second day the starting lineup goes from highest to lowest gross score from day one.
  - f. Prizes are awarded for Low Gross and Low Net and runners up (no one may win in both categories; the gross category supersedes the net category.)
  - g. The National Club Championship Net Award is presented to the player with the Lowest Net Score.
  
13. CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP – This tournament is open to members of the Blue Ocean Golf Club. It is played over two consecutive days (Saturday and Sunday) in August.
  - a. Members must have a handicap to participate in this competition.
  - b. Handicaps will be determined by the Blue Ocean Golf Club for this competition and information regarding the tournament is forwarded to members prior to the tournament.
  
14. SOLHEIM CUP – A team Match play event is held towards the end of the season, in September. This event is inspired by (but otherwise bears only passing resemblance to) the biennial golf tournament for professional women golfers contested by teams representing Europe and the United States.
  - a. Handicaps will not exceed 40 for this competition.
  - b. Play is governed by the Rules of Golf and Local Rules.
  - c. The Solheim Cup organizer selects two teams of relatively even strength (Red & White Team and Black & White Team) on the basis of handicap: 1 and 3 top handicaps vs 2 and 4, and so on for subsequent fours and two Team Captains are appointed.
  - d. Format of play: Front 9 is alternate strokes, one ball per team: decide odd or even hole tee-off prior to play and putt out. Back 9 is individual ball match play, two balls per team and putt out.

- e. Scoring: Per team – 1 point at stake for front 9 and 1 point for back 9. Can be halved, i.e. 1.5 to 0.5 is a possible score.
  - f. A trophy is awarded to the winning team at a Potluck that follows golfing. Additional prizes may also be awarded by the organizer, such as, golf balls for all players.
15. TURKEY SHOOT – This is a fun competition held in October.
- a. Handicaps will not exceed 40 for this competition.
  - b. This competition is sponsored by the Ladies League by using the putt money collected over the season to subsidize the meal.
  - c. Prizes are awarded from proceeds received from Clayton receipts.
  - d. Trophies/prizes are determined by the organizer.