

## OIWGA Play Day Guide

### Signing up to play

- We are an 18-hole women's golf group.
- OIWGA play days are on Wednesday and Saturday mornings throughout the year. Tee times are set up by the Weekly Events Committee and President and then emailed to the membership at the beginning of the year, posted in the pro shop and on the OIWGA website, [oakislandwga.com](http://oakislandwga.com). (Tee times are subject to change.)
- To participate, call in to the pro shop (910-278-5275) at least one hour before tee time. The pairings will be set up by the Pro Shop staff, using their computer. Pairing requests are not allowed. Need at least TWO players to count as a play day.
- Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to tee time. Even if you don't need to make a payment, you must check in with the Pro Shop. The last one to check in will be given a starter ticket and must give it to the starter.
- Sign up in the play day sheet. Be sure it is the appropriate sheet with the correct date at the top. The play day book is stored in the cabinet located in the women's restroom.
- No walkers (OIGC golf cart only) will be allowed to play on play days or tournaments. Please see July 10, 2021, General Meeting Agenda and Minutes for verification.
- All non Oak Island Golf Club members shall pay the rate deemed by the golf manager.
- Guests are welcomed to play twice, only if they have a verified GHIN handicap, and there is available room. When you call in and state you are bringing a guest, you will need to call back to make sure there is available room before arriving to the golf course. WGA members have priority on play days. (\*)

### Play day handicap

- All members must join the GHIN Handicap System. This must be done through the OIGC Pro Shop.
- Maximum handicap for all OIWGA events is 40.

### Play day games

- The weekly play day game is
  - Low Gross: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners
  - Low Net; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners
- For eleven months there is a monthly Trophy Day low net competition. Trophy Day winners must be recorded on the Trophy Day monthly winner sheet, found in the play day book, after the last group has recorded their scores. The Trophy Day playoff is the final 12<sup>th</sup> month, (May), which consists of all eleven monthly winners and the previous year's Trophy Day playoff winner. The Trophy Day playoff winner will be recognized at the yearend luncheon and on the website. Please take a group picture and a picture of the winner on this play day.
- NCWGA State Play Day is a low net competition sponsored by the state. It is played once a year and the winner's name is submitted to the state and awarded a medallion/charm. The NCWGA State Play Day winner will be recognized at the yearend luncheon and on the website. Please take a group picture and a picture of the winner on this play day.
- If playing Trophy Day and/or NCWGA State Play Day and no one is available to finish 18 holes, it will be moved to the next available play day.

## Play day game rules

- Before play begins, record each player's full name on the scorecard to ensure correct identification for the stats. Be sure to date and submit with two signatures. (One card only)
- During play, record each player's score at the next hole, and note any birdies and chip-ins.
- Putt out each hole, no conceded putts.
- Play ready golf, unless it interferes with another player's shot.
- In order to keep up with pace of play, make sure to keep up with the group in front of you.
- All 18 holes must be played from tee to putt. During the 18-hole play, if at any point you decide to pick up your ball, you will post your max GHIN score on that hole. You will be **out** of the day's competition, but your birdies and chip-ins will still count towards the yearend awards. You will receive credit for a play day if you finish the 18 holes.
- **Local rules – All play will be in accordance with the USGA Rules of Golf, except where modified by the following local rules.**
  - **Holes 14 and 18: After two balls go in the water, carry to the other side of the hazard and drop without penalty for carry, but penalties should be taken for the two balls in the hazard.**
    - **Hole 14, carry to the 200 yard marker, where you will then be hitting your fifth shot.**
    - **Hole 18, carry to drop area at beginning of the fairway on the other side of water, taking the appropriate water penalty strokes.**
    - **SEE BELOW: updated changes dated June 12, 2024**
  - **Hole 8: All relief is to be taken on the left side of the cart path, no closer to the hole.**
  - **Any Hole: Any ball out of bounds (including crosses a public road) or lost, should be played according to USGA Rule 18.2b. If a ball is lost or out of bounds, you must take stroke and distance relief by adding one stroke penalty and playing a ball from where the previous stroke was made. If the above situation is known or virtually certain, player should announce and play a "provisional" ball, thus if the original ball is not found or is out of bounds, player does not have to return to the location of the previous stroke.**
  - **Preferred lie: A player may improve the lie of her ball in her fairway by lifting it, cleaning it, and placing it within one club length, no closer to the hole.**
  - **Free relief is also allowed from abnormal course conditions which include interference by animal holes, ground under repair, immovable obstructions, temporary water, or damaged areas of the course. Abnormal course conditions do not apply in penalty area. Relief area is within one club length of nearest point of complete relief, no closer to the hole. (USGA Rule 16.1)**
  - **If in doubt about a rule while play is in progress, play the original ball and a second ball through the hole. Ruling can be made after play is completed by the rules committee or golf pro/assistant pro, so pace of play is not interrupted.**

Another resource at your disposal is the USGA Rules of Golf app, which can be downloaded to your phone for quick reference. This app is easy to use and contains a lot of useful information and diagrams!

Changes made by Rules Committee 2023  
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#### Additions to current OIWGA free relief:

1. Root rule: Find nearest point of complete relief no closer to the hole and drop within one club-length from that spot, however, relief is not extended to interference in the player's stance but only to the lie of the ball and the area of intended swing. If the tree itself is an object of consideration for the next stroke to be played, it should remain so in taking relief. (Model Local Rule F-9)
2. Relief around cart path areas: Free relief will be given when a ball comes to rest in any dirt area touching the cart paths. These areas will be considered abnormal course conditions. Find your nearest point of complete relief and drop within one club length from that spot no nearer to the hole. On #14 if your ball is on the dirt on the right side of the cart path your relief will be on the left side due to safety concerns of the roots that have been covered up with dirt in that area.

*3. Hole #14 and #18 Water Hazard Options: Player may play the hole under current rule for 2 balls in the water. However, if she decides after 1 ball in the water, she cannot carry the hazard, she may proceed to designated drop area under a 2-stroke penalty. The count will remain the same, but player opts to only lose 1 ball.*

*\*For hole #14 your count would be 1 in the water, +2 penalty strokes = 3, drop for #4 at the drop area, then hit your 5th shot.*

#### *\*For hole #18:*

*2nd shot in the water +2 penalty strokes = 4, drop for #5 at drop area, hit your 6th shot*  
*3rd shot in the water +2 penalty strokes = 5, drop for #6 at drop area, hit your 7th shot*  
*4th shot in the water +2 penalty strokes = 6, drop for #7 at drop area, hit your 8th shot*

#### Rules Committee

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June 12, 2024

#### End of play reminders;

- Upon completion of the round, balance out the scorecards, date and get two signatures.
- Record results in the Play Day book on the play day sheet along with any birdies and chip-ins. It is the player's responsibility to verify that their chip-ins and/or birdies are included on the sheet. (\*Birdies and Chip-ins will count only if you are playing your own ball the whole round. They will not count other formats, ie: Texas Scramble, Captains Choice and etc.)
- Turn in one scorecard signed with 2 signatures (including first and last names of all players) per group in the folder in the Play Day book.
- Winner's will be posted monthly on the website, in the newspaper, and emailed to the membership.
- Each player is responsible for posting their own score in the GHIN system. (ASAP)
- On play days, players earn a golf ball for birdies. Chip-ins and birdies are recorded and count towards year-end awards. (WGA birdie golf balls are in the pro shop.)
- Record the Trophy Day winner on the yearly Trophy Day sheet.
- Record any Gross Score Best Score that is a first for a player. (IE: broke 100, 90, 80 for the first time.) Hole n ones, eagles should be recorded also.

**Clarification of 6 Play Days** (also includes OIWGA Tournaments toward the WGA Championship Tournament). Please see Article V-Committees – in the Bylaws. You can view the Bylaws on our OIWGA website.

- The time period of this is based on the 1<sup>st</sup> play day past the WGA Championship Tournament thru the last play day prior to the next WGA Championship Tournament.
- Wednesday and Saturday play days will count if you post an 18-hole score. This counts even if you picked up your ball and posted your max GHIN score on a hole but must complete 18 holes.
- Trophy Day Playoff\*
- NCWGA State Play Day\*
- Sadie Hawkins Tournament\*
- Member/Member Tournament\*
- Member/Guest Tournament\*
- Lakes Challenge when played at OIGC\*
- Ladybirds when played at OIGC\*

#### **Weekly Play-day year-end awards\***

- Most wins:
  - Low Gross; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners
  - Low Net;; 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place winners
- Most birdies
- Most chip-ins
- NCWGA State Play Day winner
- Trophy Day Playoff winner
- Most improved\*\*
- Pins for
  - Eagle
  - Hole-in-one
  - First time breaking 100, 90, 80, and 70

\*Given credit for play on play-days only except for hole-in-one. Player having a certified hole-in-one at any time at any golf course will be recognized, however, the scorecard must be signed by at least two witnesses and put in the play day book.

\*\*Based on our By-Laws, you must have played and posted scores on at least 10 play-days from December 1 – November 30. If you play both days of the Club Championship and post scores both days, two days will count towards the most improved category.

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