**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 and posted on the OIWGA website, **oakislandwga.com**.
* To participate, call in to the pro shop (910-278-5275) at least one hour before tee time. The groupings will be set up by the Pro Shop staff, using their computer.
* Arrive 20-30 minutes prior to tee time. You must check in with the Pro Shop.
* Sign in on 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 (golf cart needed) 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, 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: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners
	+ Low Net; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd 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, in the back of the Play Day book, after the last group has recorded their scores. The Trophy Day playoff is the final 12th month, which consists of all eleven monthly winners and the previous year’s Trophy Day playoff Champion. 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.
* 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 charm. The 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 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.
* 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.**
* **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!**

**End of play**

* 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.
* Turn in ***one*** scorecard signed with 2 signatures (including first and last names of all players)per group in the envelope 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.

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

* The time period of this is based on the 1st 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. (This includes Trophy Day Play off and State Play Day.)
* Sadie Hawkins Tournament\*
* Member/Member Tournament\*
* Member/Guest Tournament\*
* Lakes Challenge when played at OIGC\*
* Ladybirds when played at OIGC\*

\*Birdies and Chip-ins will count towards year end awards unless the format is Texas Scramble or Captains Choice.

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

* Most wins:
	+ Low Gross; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners
	+ Low Net:; 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners
* Most birdies
* Most chip-ins
* 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 for play on play-days only except for hole-in-one. Player having a certified hole-in-one at any time will be

 recognized, however, the scorecard must be signed by at least two witnesses.

\*\*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.

**Changes made by Rules Committee 2023**

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