

The Board of Directors and Members of the Winterwood Men's Golf Association welcome all the new members to the Club. Winterwood has a long history in the Southern Nevada golf community. Many of our members have belonged to the Club for decades. And every year new members are added to the roster. As a new member, there are several things you need to be aware of when playing in Club events.

### Setting up a Tournament

It takes a lot of time and effort on the part of the Tournament Committee to put the event together. This involves creating the roster, the pairings, the scorecards, the flights, and the scoreboards. The committee makes every attempt to accommodate the members regarding who they want to be paired with (or who they don't want to be paired with), and which hole they should start on. As pace of play is very important, the committee must determine the best order for the pairings. Listed below are the basic rules for signing up for and playing in a Club event. The rules may seem strict, but every member must understand how failure to follow the rules makes the situation very difficult for those setting up the tournament and those who post the scores following the tournament.

### Signing Up for a Tournament

1. There are two ways to sign up:
  - a. Add your name to the sign-up sheet on the Winterwood bulletin board by the Sunday prior to the tournament, or
  - b. Call the tournament number 702-378-9775 by the Wednesday prior to the tournament and leave a message according to the instructions given by the Tournament Director.
2. Once you are signed up for an event, it is required that you show up for that event. If for any reason you can't make it, you are required to withdraw officially:
  - a. Remove/cross out your name from the sign-up sheet, or
  - b. Call the tournament number 702-378-9775 by 10 am the day prior to the tournament and leave a message that you are withdrawing.
3. On the morning of play, you **must** check in at the Tournament Table no later than 30 minutes prior to tee off/shotgun time.
4. Anyone who fails to show up for an event for which he is signed up will be considered a No-Show.
5. Anyone who fails to check in at the Tournament Table 30 minutes prior to tee off the morning of an event will be considered a No-Show. The Tournament Table closes at this time. Even if you are at the golf course and have paid your green fees, if you have not checked in at the Table, we have no way of knowing you are there.
6. The following applies to all No-Shows:
  - a. You will be assessed a \$20 fine.
  - b. You will not be eligible to play in any Club events until the fine is paid.
  - c. Anyone who is a repeat No-Show offender will be required to pay in advance when signing up for an event.

### Pace of Play

1. All rounds are expected to be completed in 4½ hours or less.
2. Slow play will not be tolerated.
3. You must keep up with the group in front of you. If you have fallen a full hole or more behind the group in front of you, you must make every effort to catch up. Slow play affects not only the

groups behind you, but also affects the golf course management. The pro shop cannot honor the tee times that follow our tournament until the last group in our club has cleared the first tee.

4. High handicappers often struggle with pace of play, but there are many things all of us can do to keep pace even if we are having a particularly difficult round.
  - a. If you're uncertain where your shot went, hit a provisional ball.
  - b. You are allowed 3 minutes maximum to look for a lost ball. There are four of you in the group. Fan out and use the full 3 minutes, but no more. If it is not found within 3 minutes, play the provisional.
  - c. Do not take an excessive amount of time setting up your shot. You should have a basic idea which club to use and which shot to make even before you get to your ball.
  - d. If you and your cart partner are roughly the same distance out on opposite sides of the fairway, drop him off at his ball, then drive over to yours so that you are ready to hit as soon as he has hit his ball.
  - e. Park on the cart path near the back of the green whenever possible. By doing so, it shortens the amount of time it takes you to exit the green once everyone has holed out.
  - f. If you have clubs other than just your putter with you on the green, place them in the pathway you will be taking to leave the green. Again, it will speed your exit from the green, and will also prevent you from forgetting those clubs.
  - g. After leaving the green, drive immediately to the next tee box so the group behind you can hit up. Once at the next tee box, you can clean the clubs you used on the last hole and write everyone's score down. The group behind you will appreciate it.

### Scorecards

1. Each group has an official scorecard with each player's name and handicap. At the bottom of the card are signature lines for Scored By and Attested By.
2. Select the person in your group who has the best handwriting and math skills to be the scorer. This may seem silly, but it is surprising how many cards get turned in that are practically unreadable and/or were not added correctly.
3. Keep a backup card on the other cart with the player's names in the same order as the official card.
4. At the end of the round, total the nine-hole scores and the eighteen-hole gross score for each player. Subtract each player's handicap and record their Net score.
5. Compare the official card and the backup card with all players in the group.
6. Once everyone has agreed on the final scores the Scorer will sign the Scored By line, and one other player (preferably the one who kept the backup card) will sign the Attested By line.
7. Once this is complete, turn your card in to the scoring table immediately. Do not take your clubs to your car first or change your shoes, or grab a drink and a smoke, etc. Do all that after you've turned in the card.
8. Once the scorecard is turned in, it is final.
9. Lastly, do not post your score for any Winterwood event on the GHIN website. These scores are posted by the Winterwood Handicap Director.

The rules are pretty simple, and by following them each time we play, they will become habits – good habits, and will help all the members enjoy their experience playing in the Winterwood Men's Golf Association.