



Valleywood Women's Thursday Evening 9-hole League League Play and Other Information

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League Play and Golf Achievements

Weekly games are planned for play on both sides of the golf course and there are prizes for both front/back nine players. Teams will rotate weekly playing the front and back so verify which side you play upon check-in. In addition, we conduct a weekly random prize drawing for all players that check in for play (you must submit your scores to be eligible). Detailed instructions for play and reporting your scores are provided via email prior to league night so please check your email. Game scoring must be submitted no later than noon on Sunday before the next league night. Prizes are announced the following week and are available for pick up at the Pro Shop.

While our games provide competitive fun for golfers of all abilities, we encourage members to report golf achievements during league night. If you score a birdie, eagle, or hole-in-one please email the Board and provide the date and hole information. A birdie tree is available in the clubhouse to post your achievements! Last year we had a record number of birdies reported so keep up the great golfing ladies. These achievements will be recognized at our end of season banquet and scramble event.

The Social Co-Chairs plan weekly golf games for the season prior to start of league so if you have feedback or suggestions, please provide those to the Board for incorporation next year. Feedback is always appreciated!

Reporting Handicap

Members must report weekly scores to maintain (or establish) a handicap using GHIN website. At the end of your game you can record your scores at the computer located in the Pro Shop or online at GHIN.com. You may need your GHIN number to set up an account for online reporting but we suggest downloading an app on your phone for use during league play. Otherwise, the computer available at the pro shop is easy to use and staff can assist with reporting if you need help. A handicap is required to participate in the league and is a critical component for our league tournament. If you do not have a handicap established, please contact the Handicap Chair for information on required rounds of play.



Golf Etiquette

Our Thursday Night League at Valleywood is the largest public golf course ladies league in the Twin Cities! With over 30 consecutive tee times available on both sides of the course, we require league members to play “Ready Golf” to keep our pace of play going steady. What is ready golf? It means hit your ball as soon as you are ready and encourage your other teammates to do the same. If you are sharing a golf cart, consider driving your partner to their ball and dropping them off so they can play while you drive to your ball. Playing ready golf means each player should understand their average distances for each club to avoid hitting into the group ahead. Please be considerate of those in front of you and behind when playing ready golf.

Checking in for your tee time with Valleywood is also required. Each team has an assigned tee time for the season and that time is guaranteed by the course during our 16-week season. If you are unsatisfied with your time, please do not show up early and cut in front of players. This creates slow play and if reported to the Board will have membership consequences. The Pro Shop is only allowed to change tee times for our league on a temporary basis. You may contact Valleywood for available tee times and make a request for a change (typically the day before or of league). This allows flexibility for members that wish to play golf but might be alone during their assigned tee time due to absences. Call the day of league to get the latest updates on reported absences. If there are reports of teams cutting in front of assigned tee times and there is no record of the change with the Pro Shop, your returning membership status may be revoked for the next season. In the event a team isn’t quite ready to tee off at their assigned tee time (due to a late arriving member), please permit the first available team that is ready to tee off to play ahead. There are no consequences in this circumstance because it is consistent with “ready golf” etiquette.

Use of Pre-paid Greens Fees

Valleywood requires our league to pre-pay for 10, 9-hole greens fees to secure our range of tee times as a group. In addition to paying membership dues, each player must purchase their greens fees by May 5th (1st day of League) or their tee time will be forfeited. These are purchased at Valleywood (league does not collect green fee payments) either online or Pro Shop. These are non-transferrable and Valleywood staff will track the use of these green fees for each member. Once all 10 have been used, you’ll pay the green fees on a weekly basis. Please note the green fees do not include cart rental costs. If you expect to be absent, please notify the Pro Shop and your team. **Call the Pro Shop if you are unable to play 952-953-2323**



Our season is 16 weeks long, so members have flexibility for planned or unexpected absences. Please check with the Pro Shop if you are unsure how many you have remaining since these are tracked electronically. The Board does not have access to this information and suggest each member track use of their greens in case of a discrepancy. Jordan Johnson is our primary Valleywood Staff contact for the league so please reach out to him if you have questions about use of the pre-paid greens fees.

Inviting a Friend to Play on League Night

Last season we allowed members to “invite a friend” to play with them on league night if there was an available time with their group. This approach promotes full use of our available tee times at course and is supported by Valleywood staff. We will allow this again with the following rules:

- 1) Player must pay their own green fees. Pre-paid member greens fees are non-transferrable.
- 2) Non-member players are not eligible to win weekly game prizes or receive benefits given to members (i.e., drink tickets, giveaways).

Allocation of League Dues

Dues collected at the beginning of the season are used to pay for required expenses such as our MGA membership/handicap fee and discretionary expenses such as prizes. Allocation of dues for each expense is summarized in the table below. These costs are approximate and may fluctuate based on attendance at monthly events, such as drink ticket night. Excess funds may be shifted to cover necessary costs as determined by the Board.

Typical Season Expenses	Budget per member
MGA Membership and Handicap	\$25
Weekly Prizes and Tournament <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Front and back nine prizes, weekly raffle, and other prizes • Tournament – 1st and 2nd place winners for each flight category (front and back) 	\$12
Monthly Social Events	\$12
Administrative/Overhead Costs	\$3
Annual Scramble and Banquet	\$8
TOTAL	\$60