



2018 Member Handbook

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General Policies

Purpose: Whitney Farms Men's Club was formed exclusively for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c) (7). The Men's Club exclusively aims to foster, promote, and encourage playing golf and participation in all golf related social activities to enhance interaction and fellowship among its members.

Membership: An active member in good standing is at least 18 years old and has paid the annual membership dues. There are three types of memberships offered.

Full Member

Unlimited access to all weekly tournaments and 4 majors tournaments
Preferred tee times 9 days in advance
Access to all social events
USGA handicap
Pro shop discounts

Associate Member

Access to 5 weekly tournaments and 2 majors - Member Member and Member Guest
Preferred tee times 8 days in advance
Access to all social events
USGA handicap
Pro shop discounts

Honorary Member

Honorary member is a person who shall be designated as such for meritorious contributions to the Club or its objectives. An Honorary Member shall have the same privileges as noted above for Full Members.

Tee Times: Full time member looking to make a tee time can do so 9 days in advance but must play with at least two other members in the WPMC. Associate member looking to make a tee time can do so 8 days in advance and also must play with at least two other members in the WPMC .

Dress Code: Whitney Farms Men's Club participants are expected to comply with Whitney Farms Golf Course requirements of proper golf attire.

Player Conduct: Whitney Farms Men's Club members shall conduct themselves in a responsible manner at all times. Any excessive lack of golfing etiquette or disrespect to a fellow player, golf course staff member, or any other individual may be grounds for disqualification from any tournament and expulsion from the Men's Club. In addition, members are responsible to report any infractions of the above or the Rules of Golf by any member that may be cause for disqualification from a tournament or the Men's Club.



Tournament Policies

Tournament Rules: Whitney Farms Men's Club members shall follow all USGA, local, and tournament rules including scoring, submitting scores, and following the handicap system.

Tournament Play and Scorecard Attestation.

i. Individual Event Tournaments. There must be at least two Club members in a group for either one to participate in an individual event tournament. The scorecard must be signed by the Club member submitting the scorecard and attested by a different Club member that played in the same group as the Club member signing the card.

ii. 2 Man Team Event Tournaments. There must be at least one additional Club member playing in the same group as a 2 Man Team for the 2 Man Team to participate in a 2 Man Team event. The scorecard must be signed by one member of the 2 Man Team submitting the scorecard and attested by the additional Club member that played in the same group as the 2 Man Team (the additional Club member can not be part of the 2 Man Team).

iii. 4 Man Team Event Tournaments. There must be at least three (3) Club members that are part of a 4 Man Team to participate in a 4 Man Team Tournament. The scorecard must be signed by one member of the 4 Man Team and attested by a different member of that 4 Man Team.

Ruling Questions: If there is a question regarding a golf ruling, please play two balls pursuant to USGA Rule 3-3 (note that this is applicable for stroke play events ONLY). A decision will be made by the Club Professional or the WFMC board.

Weekend Sign Up: A sign-up sheet for the current tournament will be located in the proshop. Put a checkmark in the appropriate day being played. All members must sign up for a given tournament prior to starting his round. Any member who fails to sign up before teeing off on their 1st hole will be disqualified.

Re-Entry: Any member who wishes to re-enter into a weekend tournament can do so by paying a \$10 re-entry fee. Check off the sign-up sheet, put \$10 into the envelope provided, put your name on the envelope and place in the box in the proshop. The re-entry fee must be paid prior to starting the round; re-entry is NOT permitted once a member has started play. Any member who submits a scorecard but does not pay the re-entry fee or submits the re-entry fee after starting play will be disqualified from that round.

Scorecards: All scorecards must be legible and include your **LOCAL NUMBER, LAST NAME** and indicate **TEE PLAYED**. Scorecards must be dated, signed and attested by a WFMC member. A scorecard **SHOULD NOT** have any player listed on it who is not entered into the WFMC tournament. Any side games or points should be done on a separate scorecard. Failure to provide this information or follow any of these rules will result in disqualification.



Flights: Flights are determined by dividing the total number of participants by the format of a given tournament. Tournament formats include: individual medal events which have 4 flights, two man events have 3 flights, and four man events have 2 flights.

Tees: Unless otherwise indicated, members have the choice of playing Blue, White, Green (if qualify) or Gold (if qualify) tees. To play from the Gold Tees, (i) you must be at least 70 years old, and (ii) your age plus Handicap Index must be 86 or more. To play from the Green Tees, your age plus Handicap Index must be 70 or more. Handicaps will be adjusted for tees played according to USGA Handicap Manual Section 3-5. You **MUST** play from the same tees each day for a replay.

Pace of Play: It is the responsibility of every golfer to keep up with the group in front of them, not just ahead of the game behind them. Here are some tips from the USGA to improve pace of play.

1. Arrive on time and ready for your tee time
2. Minimize your time on the tee. On the tee it is usually acceptable for players to "hit when ready." You can also save time by playing a provisional ball (Rule 27-2) if you think your original ball might be lost or out of bounds
3. Plan your shot before you get to your ball
4. Keep your pre-shot routine short
5. Don't wait in the cart for your partner. Drop him off, go to your ball and get ready for your shot. If you want to leave the cart with your partner, take a couple of clubs and start walking to your ball. Nothing wastes more time than sitting in the cart watching someone else play
6. Be helpful to others in your group
7. Be aware of how much time you spend looking for balls in the woods
8. Be efficient on the putting green
9. Fill out the scorecard on the next tee box
10. Accept responsibility: Recognize that slow play isn't just the other guy's fault

Inclement Weather: Severe weather-related conditions may prevent, delay or suspend play when the course is rendered unplayable, or the safety of players is at risk, as determined by golf course staff. Whitney Farms Men's Club will do everything possible to complete the full number of holes in a tournament.

Tournaments, especially in the spring and fall, can be delayed due to frost. Participants should remain on the premises and wait for the tournament to start.

Posting Scores: The Handicap Committee will post **all** scores from WFMC events to GHIN. Members are responsible to post their own scores in these situations:

- Post scores from home and away courses played outside of WFMC events
- Post scores in all forms of play; match play, stroke play, including team competitions in which you are requested to pick up.



- Post your score when you play at least 13 holes out of 18 holes or at least 7 out of 9 holes. On the holes you didn't play, record a par plus any handicap strokes you would have received.
- Post a score if you play two nines even if it's the same nine, or nines from different days. Post as 9 holes scores in GHIN, or simply combine the nines into an 18-hole score. Add each nine-hole Course Rating™ together and average the Slope Rating.®
- Post scores played in an area observing an active season even when your home club is in an inactive season.

Failure by a member to post scores in the situations above can result in the member's handicap being reduced for WPMC events.

Members should not post a score in these situations.

- If you played fewer than 7 holes.
- When you play in a competition limiting the types of clubs used, such as a one-club or irons-only event.
- When an 18-hole course is less than 3,000 yards.
- When a majority of the holes aren't played under the Rules of Golf, as in a "scramble."
- Do not post scores made in an area observing an inactive season.

ESC - Equitable Stroke Control: Members are expected to post all scores of all rounds played under the guidelines of Equitable Stroke Control™. Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) keeps an exceptionally bad hole from changing your Handicap Index® too much and sets a maximum number that a player can post on any hole depending on the player's Course Handicap™.

For handicap purposes, after the round you are required to adjust your hole scores (actual or probable) when they are higher than your maximum ESC number you can post. All scores, including tournament scores, are adjusted for ESC. There is no limit to the number of holes on which you can adjust your score for ESC.

Course Handicap (CH)	Maximum Number on any Hole:
9 or less	Double Bogey
10 through 19	7
20 through 29	8
30 through 39	9
40 or more	10

Hole-in-One: The WPMC will cover the cost of beverages, up to a maximum of \$200, for any members present in the Sand Trap following the round in which any member playing in a WPMC event makes a verified hole-in-one during his round. The WPMC shall cover the cost of only 1 drink for each member present in the Sand Trap. Additionally, for any member that makes a verified hole-in-one during a WPMC event, a nameplate will be engraved for the Men's Club Hole-In-One plaque hanging in the clubhouse.



Tournament Descriptions

2 Man Best Ball:

This is a 2 man team gross/net event. Each member of the team plays his own ball. On each hole, the low gross score of the team counts as the team gross score, and the low net score of the team counts as the team net score.

4 Man Best Ball:

This is a 4 man team gross/net event. Each member of the team plays his own ball. On each hole, the low gross score of the group counts as the team gross score, and the low net score of the group counts as the team net score.

4 Man Net Total:

This is a 4 man team net event. Each member of the team plays his own ball. On each hole, the total net score for all 4 team members counts as the team score.

Beat the Pro's Score:

This is an individual net event. Each player plays his own ball and his score alone counts toward his total. If the player's net score for the round is better than the pro's gross score, the player wins.

Club Championship:

This is a match play event. The Championship Flight and Senior Championship Flight will be determined based on qualifying criteria and are played without any handicap (no strokes). All other flights are flighted based on Handicap Index and matches played at 100% handicap.

Individual Medal:

This is an individual gross and net event. The player plays his own ball and his score alone counts toward his total. There will typically be 4 flights for scoring the event, with each flight containing approximately the same number of players.

President's Cup:

This is a season long match play event, with matches required to be played during the specified time period. Entry is limited to the first 64 players that sign up. Entrants will be broken into 4 brackets of 16 players by random draw. If there are less than 64 entrants, byes will be randomly awarded. Matches will be played at 100% handicap.

Ryder Cup:

This is a 2 man team 18 hole event - 9 holes best ball and 9 holes shamle best ball. For the first 9 holes (holes 1-9), each member of the team plays his own ball. On each hole, the low gross score of the team counts as the team gross score, and the low net score of the team counts as the team net score. The second 9 holes (holes 10-18) shall be a shamle best ball format (at 80% handicap for net score) where each member of the team tees off and the team



chooses the best drive to use. From there, each member plays his own ball until holed. The low gross score of the team counts as the team gross score, and the low net score of the team counts as the team net score.

Stableford:

This is an individual gross and net event based on a point system in which points are awarded based on the number of strokes taken on each hole as follows:

Double Bogey or higher:	0 Points
Bogey:	1 Point
Par:	2 Points
Birdie:	3 Points
Eagle:	4 points
Double Eagle:	5 Points

2 Day Member Member:

This is a two day team event where each team consists of 2 full members, a full member and associate member, or 2 associate members. The format for each day is 2 Man Best Ball. Team gross and net scores from each day are combined for a two day gross and net total.

Weekend Warriors:

This is a 2 man best ball, gross only event. Invite a friend, colleague, sibling, anyone you would like to play with. Flights will be made based on team combined handicap index - a Handicap Index is recommended but not required. If a guest player does not have a valid handicap index, the pro shop will assign one based on past golf experience.

Member Guest:

This is a three day event where each two man team consists of a full member and guest or associate member and guest. The format is five separate 9 hole matches, best net score wins the hole. Each hole is worth 1 point. If the hole is halved both teams get ½ point. The team that wins the match earns 1 bonus point. If the teams tie they both receive ½ bonus point. Points scored during all five matches will be combined for an overall 3 day total.

All guests must have a current and active USGA Handicap Index in order to participate in the Member Guest tournament. The WFMC Board will not approve a guest who fails to provide this information. Any member's prospective guest who does not have a valid USGA Handicap Index can purchase one with our pro shop, however this should to be done well in advance in order to establish a handicap index.