Ironwood Lady *Niners*



2026

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Handbook and Directory

Add/Cancel Line 480-317-3651, Ext 3

Calendar can be found on our league website.

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Phone Numbers for Easy Reference

- Add/Cancel Line** (480) 317-3651, Ext. 3
- Pro Shop (480) 895-0614, Ext. 7
- Course Conditions (480) 895-0614, Ext. 6

Players are to NEVER call the Pro Shop to Add/Cancel. Once you have missed the deadline, your only option is to call the Add/Cancel line.

IRONWOOD LADY NINERS

Website: https://ironwoodlady9ers.azgolf.org

Please visit our website where you will find information including:

- Calendar
- Pairings (posted no later than Tuesday the day before play)
- Results (posted no later than Friday after play)
- Upcoming Events
- Game Descriptions
- Membership Roster
- League Handbook
- Signing up to play using Golf Genius

All play sign-ups will now occur exclusively through emails sent through Golf Genius.

1. **Signing Up to Play**
   - You will receive an email two weeks prior to the Wednesday play date inviting you to play.
   - You must accept or decline the invitation through the buttons "Playing" or "Not Playing" and then click Confirm on the second screen. If you were successful, you will receive a confirmation email shortly.
   - If you signed up to play, keep your confirmation in your email.

2. **Sign up *BY* NOON on the SATURDAY *BEFORE* play date.**
   - Please abide by the Saturday deadline.
   - Tee sheets will be posted on the website the day before play.

3. **To CANCEL *BEFORE* NOON on SATURDAY** before the play date
   - Access your original confirmation email for that play date.
   - Modify your registration by clicking on "Not Playing" and submit. After that it is the same process as before. You will receive an email confirmation or denial.

4. **TO CANCEL *AFTER* NOON on SATURDAY** before the play date
   - Call 480-317-3651, press 3 and leave a message.
   - In the event of illness or an emergency, member can call the Add/Cancel line up to one hour prior to tee time Wednesday morning.
   - Players are to NEVER call the Pro Shop to Add/Cancel Once you have missed the deadline, your only option is to call the Add/Cancel line.

IRONWOOD LADY *NINERS* BOARD – 2026

ELECTED OFFICERS

President	Gail Hendricks	602-316-2801
Vice President	Deb Burns	970-690-4912
Secretary	Jane Steffes	402-305-0628
Treasurer	Rachel Enloe	480-802-1631

STANDING COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSON(S)

Committee	Chairperson(s)	Alternate
Pairings/Scoring/Games *	Eileen Moberg/Jacque Smith/Deborah Roberts	
AGA Representative/Medallion	Mary Medved	
Membership/Handicaps*	Rosanna Nania	
Communications	Bonnie Hoewing	
Orientation	Colleen Duke	
Outside Invitationals	Janis Gustafson	
Ringers	Fran Moncrieff	
Social Events	Renee Touchstone	
Webmaster*	Ann Gavin/Jane Steffes	
IWLN Invitational	Deb Burns/Deborah Greenwood/Denise Weibel	

* Critical positions that keep the weekly league play functioning.

NON-COMMITTEE HELPERS

Rules	Judy Hedding
Outside Bulletin Board	Carol Knack
Handbook	Jane Steffes

PAST PRESIDENTS

2003 Karen Jackson 2004 Judy Liptrot 2005 Suzie Willey 2006 Mary Mogck 2007 Barb Barish 2008 & 2009 Marcia Gaudioso 2010 Donna Cook 2011 Rose Hull	2012 & 2013 Nancy Davis 2014 & 2015 Jeanine Krause 2016 Susan Meer 2017 & 2018 Denise Fleshner 2019 Judy Thompson 2020 Sandy Krediet/ Interim President Rachel Enloe 2021 & 2023 Judy Thompson 2022 & 2024 Shirley Moore 2025 Rosanna Nania	

Ironwood Lady *Niners* Golf Association

Constitution

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this organization shall be the Ironwood Lady *Niners* Golf Association, hereafter referred to as the Ironwood Lady *Niners*.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Section 1. To encourage and advance women golfers who are new to league play in an environment that promotes self-improvement, camaraderie, and good sportsmanship.

Section 2. To conduct play in accordance with the rules adopted by the United States Golf Association (USGA), subject to local rules, and the generally accepted standards of golf etiquette.

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. You are eligible for acceptance as a regular member if you meet the age requirement to reside in IronOaks, subject to paying appropriate dues on a regular basis. The membership year runs from January 1 through December 31. A maximum of 20 non-Sun Lakes residents will be accepted into IWLN.

Section 2. Regular members shall be 9-hole golfers and will be eligible to vote, hold office and serve on committees in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws if all dues and fees are current.

ARTICLE IV – MEMBERSHIP DUES

Section 1. Membership dues, which will be decided by the Board annually, will be based on current costs and adjusted annually if needed. The fees assessed by the handicap network provider are included in the annual dues.

Section 2. Membership is for the full year or the remainder of any portion of a year. Players joining at the beginning of summer play will have dues adjusted accordingly.

Section 3. Dues are payable by December 1 and will be considered delinquent if not paid by December 15. These dues are not refundable.

Section 4. If a renewing member is delinquent, a late fee will be assessed.

ARTICLE V – OFFICERS AND EXECUTIVE BOARD

Section 1. The Executive Board consists of the Elected Officers and the following Standing Committee Chairpersons. They will conduct the business of the Ironwood Lady Niners, subject to the Constitution and By-Laws:

AGA Representative/Medallion
Pairing/Scoring/Games (counts as one with regards to quorum)
Membership/Handicap

The following Standing Committee Chairpersons will be invited and may participate in all Board of Director Meetings, but they will not count for purposes of constituting a quorum. The committees are:

Communications
Orientation
Outside Invitationals
Ringers
Social Events
Webmaster
IWLN Invitational

Section 2. The elected officers will be President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer.

Section 3. The term of office will be one year.

Section 4. Two-thirds of the members of the Board, including at least two elected officers, constitute a quorum.

Section 5. The Executive Board shall not be held liable, either individually or collectively for any legal action directed towards the Association.

ARTICLE VI – STANDING COMMITTEES

Section 1. Standing Committees are:
Communications
Orientation
Outside Invitations
Ringers
Social Events
Webmaster
IWLN Invitationals
Immediate Past President.

Section 2. The President shall appoint the Chairs of the Standing Committees. She may add or delete committees as deemed necessary.

ARTICLE VII – AMENDMENTS

Section 1. The Constitution and By-Laws may be amended at any regular Ironwood Lady *Niners* meeting by a vote of fifty percent +one (50% + 1) of all league members in attendance of the General Meeting, provided the proposed amendment(s) has/have been read at the General Meeting and league members have been notified either by attendance at the General Meeting or via email at least (30) days prior to voting.

Section 2. Standing rules may be amended by a majority vote of the Board.

Section 3. Original Constitution: May 28, 2004

Revisions:

November 5, 2003	December 2018	
December 1, 2004	December 2019	
November 2, 2005	January 2021	
December 30, 2007	January 2023	
December 5, 2008	January 2024	
December 2009	April 2025	
November 2010	February 2026	
December 2011		
March 2016		

BY-LAWS

ARTICLE I – POSITIONS AND DUTIES OF THE OFFICERS

Section 1. Duties of the President:

a. The President's term will be one year.
b. The President will preside at all meetings. She will appoint Standing Committee Chairpersons. She will act as an ex-officio member of all committees. She will perform other duties provided by these By-Laws and/or as authorized by the Executive Board.
c. The President will appoint one qualified member of the association (not on the Executive Board) to audit the Treasurer's records prior to the installation meeting. If a qualified member is not available, the President may use her discretion to appoint someone from outside of the organization to perform the audit.
d. The President will designate one other Executive Board Member to sign all checks if the Treasurer is unavailable.
e. Changes to the Constitution and By-Laws require fifty percent plus one (50% + 1) of all league members in attendance of the General Meeting. Changes to Standing Rules require a majority vote of the Executive Board.

Section 2. Duties of the Vice President

a. Vice President will assume the position of President in their 2nd year.
b. In the absence of the President, Secretary or Treasurer, the Vice President will perform all the powers and duties herein prescribed for that office.
c. Attend rules seminars so as she may be up to date with any new USGA golf rule changes and share those changes with the membership.

Section 3. Duties of the Secretary

a. The Secretary will keep full and complete minutes of all meetings of the *Niners*, attend to all correspondence and perform other related duties as the President may authorize and prescribe.
b. She will email and file said minutes for membership review.
c. She will keep accurate and current copies of By-Laws and Standing Rules.
d. She will act as "Sunshine Lady" and send cards to members who are ill or have suffered deaths in their family.

Section 4. Duties of the Treasurer

a. Treasurer will issue and sign all checks. She will provide written reports of receipts and expenditures for the Executive Board and will report verbally at the General Meeting. These reports will be on file.
b. She will make disbursements to members upon receiving itemized vouchers for expenditures.
c. The Treasurer will handle receipts and disbursements for all membership fees collected.
d. Formulate the annual budget.

ARTICLE II – MEETINGS

Section 1. A minimum of four (4) general business meetings, if needed, shall be held each year. It will be the duty of the President to call a special meeting within 30 days after receipt of the written request of one-third of the membership.

Suggested meeting dates are as follows:

December or January:	Installation of Officers
April or May:	End of Winter/Spring Season
October:	Presentation of slate of officers for following year
November:	Election of officers for the following year

Section 2. A minimum of four (4) Board meetings will be held each year. Additional Board meetings will be held at the discretion of the President.

ARTICLE III – NOMINATING/ELECTION COMMITTEE

Section 1. The Nominating Committee will be selected by the President.

Section 2. The committee will select a slate of officers consisting of one or more names for each office.

Section 3. This slate will be presented to the membership prior to the election.

Section 4. The election of officers will be held prior to (calendar) year-end.

Section 5. The President will call for nominations from the floor. If there are no nominations from the floor, the slate will be accepted by acclamation.

Section 6. The Nominating/Election Committee will be responsible for counting ballots in the event this is necessary.

Section 7. Should the office of President become vacant, the Vice-President will succeed, and the Executive Board will appoint a new Vice President.

Section 8. An absentee ballot for election may be requested by any member eligible to vote provided the request is made at least fifteen (15) days prior to election. The ballot must be returned no later than the day of election to be validated and counted.

ARTICLE IV – POSITIONS AND DUTIES OF STANDING COMMITTEES CHAIRPERSON(S)

Section 1. Pairing/Scoring/Games

a. Create a new League calendar annually and email it to the President and Webmaster.
b. Create a new League annually in Golf Genius.
c. Prepare weekly Pairings and Scorecards. Email a copy of Pairings to the Webmaster by Monday proceeding the Wednesday play date. Provide Pairings and Scorecards to the Pro Shop.
d. Compile weekly Results and email a copy to the Treasurer and Webmaster.
e. Update Flight and Handicap information on a monthly basis.
f. Track Birdies and Chip-Ins throughout the season and arrange for the pins/awards.
g. Create games for any special events.
h. Update *Niners* Game Descriptions document as needed and email a copy to the Webmaster.

Section 2. Membership/Handicap

a. Keep and display orderly handicap records.
b. Enter weekly scores and scores from special events to AGA.
c. Qualify new members and assign GHIN number.
d. Inform Orientation, Pairings/Scoring/Games, Webmaster, Communications and President when a new member has joined and has been assigned a GHIN number.
e. Maintain current membership roster to be posted on the *Niners* web site. Email a copy to the Webmaster.
f. Serve as point of contact for all communication between AGA, Golf Handicap & Information Network (GHIN) and Ironwood Lady Niners to produce and maintain timely and accurate AGA handicap lists and reports.
g. A handicap will be established by submitting six (6) verified scores unless she currently has an established 9-hole handicap from another club.

Section 3. Orientation

a. Contact new members and welcome them to our league.
b. Organize an orientation meeting for new members.
c. Keep thorough, up-to-date orientation materials and conduct orientations in a timely fashion.
d. Order name tags.
e. She will be the point of contact for all issues involving new members.

Section 4. Social Events

a. Meet with Director of Catering at IronOaks to determine date, serving time, menu selection and price for each IWLN meal event. These details will be reflected in the Event Contract.
b. Post event information on the IWLN bulletin board for at least 3-4 weeks prior to the event.
c. Communicate with the IWLN Treasurer to:
    1) Collect checks for the event from the box in the computer room.
    2) Report total number paid to the Committee. Once we reach the deadline for an event, there will be NO refunds.
    3) Pay IronOaks' Banquet Captain on day of event.
d. On Friday before the event, give IronOaks Catering the number of attendees and finalize plan for table arrangement.
e. Morning of event affirm that tables are arranged suitably. Decorate tables.

Section 5. AGA Representative/Medallion

a. Communicate with AGA on special events, requests or rule changes.
b. Update the *Niners* Medallion Tournament document annually and provide a copy to the Webmaster.
c. Assist with Medallion Play duties.

Section 6. Communications

a. Publicity: Report the Ironwood Lady *Niners* news to the *Sun Lakes Splash*.
b. Develop/review PR pieces as needed for special events.

Section 7. Ringers

a. Update the *Niners* Ringers Info document annually if needed and provide a copy to the Webmaster.
b. Maintain each participating golfer's Ringer score for each hole (front/back nine) over the duration of the tournament (January to early December).

Section 8. IWLN Invitational

a. Oversee all aspects of planning, promoting and executing the Charity Invitational Tournament.
b. Appoint committees as required and coordinate with these committees on a regular, on-going basis.
c. All money raised from this event will be donated to a pre-designated charity or charities.

Section 9. Outside Invitationals

a. Gather information regarding tournaments held by other nine-hole leagues in the area and publicize this information to our membership.
b. Email tournament information to the Webmaster for posting on our web site.
c. Collect the entry fees, remit the fees and follow up with host clubs with players' names, handicaps, and any other information required for entry.

Section 10. Nominating Committee

a. Search for qualified candidates to run for each office.
b. Present the slate to the membership for election as described in Article III of the By-Laws.

Section 11. Webmaster

a. Update web pages in a timely manner
b. Post Pairings (from October to May) on Monday preceding the Wednesday play date. This information is provided by Pairings/Scorings/Games.
c. Post Results as provided by Pairings/Scoring/Games by Friday Noon for previous Wednesday play date.
d. Post Handbook as provided by Handbook and Membership Roster (password protected) as provided by Handicap/Membership.
e. Update any other pertinent information at the direction of the President or Vice President.

Section 12. Handbook

a. Assist in the preparation of the Handbook. It will be published annually for members on the *Niners* web site at the beginning of the year.
b. The Handbook will contain pertinent phone numbers, play information, Board Members and Committees names and responsibilities, Constitution and By-Laws, Standing Rules, and various other important information.

Section 13. Bulletin Board

a. Update all bulletin boards as needed.

Section 14. Immediate Past President will serve as an advisor to the Board for one year.

Ironwood Lady ***Niners*** Standing Rules

Standing Rules govern the weekly operations of the Ironwood Lady Niners Golf Association (*Niners*). Rules have been adopted by the *Niners* Board to provide uniformity and continuity. Standing Rules differ from By-Laws as they can be amended, changed, deleted, or added to by a majority of the Executive Board, including three (3) elected officers present and voting without previous notice of change.

1. A handicap will be established for a new member when she:
   a. Provides a 9-hole USGA Handicap number, or
   b. Provides other proof of currently recognized 9-hole index, or
   c. She has six (6) 9-hole scores posted to the official handicap system. Scores from *Niners* play-days may count and will be posted by the Handicap Chair. If any of these six scores posted were for play on *Niners* non-play day, an attested scorecard must be submitted to the Handicap Chair. A new member may participate in *Niners* events and after a handicap has been established, the new member is eligible to win chits.

2. Regular play day is Wednesday with exceptions for holidays, if the course is closed, or a change is made by the Pro Shop. Sign-up is made using Golf Genius (email response). Details for using Golf Genius are on the IWLNs website and page ii of this handbook. Pairings will be posted on the IWLNs website. Regular play consists of 9 holes. Pairings Committee will determine the week's event. Winners' names and number of chits will be posted on the bulletin board and on the Website. Flights are determined by the scorer.

3. Pairings Committee collects the Golf Genius sign-ups on Monday prior to Wednesday play. If you did not sign up by 12:00 noon on Saturday, call the add/cancel line. Be sure to include your full name and phone number.

4. The official tee box for league play is the yellow tee box. Eligibility for silver tees is handicap plus your age. The number must => 105.

5. The first name listed on the official scorecard of each foursome is the captain for that group. The captain is responsible for:
   - Picking up the Score Cards for her team when checking in at Pro Shop
   - Introducing the members of the foursome
   - Identify balls of all group members
   - Keeping up the pace of play, avoiding gaps between your group and the one in front of you
   - Ensure NDB is being followed
   - Check scorecards for accuracy, have scorecards signed by 1 person from each cart and turn scorecards in at the end of play. Failure to comply will disqualify the group.
   - Ensure that AGA rules and etiquette of golf are followed. ***(NOTE: Please review "Golf Etiquette" and "Pace of Play-Ready Golf" sections.)***

6. Each player is responsible for the accuracy of her own score.

7. The membership year begins on January 1st. Membership fees are due on December 1st and are considered delinquent after December 15th. The players' handicap is deleted from the computer if the member is delinquent in dues.

8. Members who have signed up to play must check in at the Pro-Shop at least thirty (30) minutes prior to their assigned tee time. If you are late and miss a hole, you will be disqualified from the game of the day.

9. Members are expected to comply with the dress code established by the Ironwood Golf Club, which includes no jeans, denim shorts/pants, no leggings, and soft spikes only. It is the responsibility of members to inform their guests of proper attire.

10. Each time a member plays either a 9 or 18-hole round of golf on any golf course, that member is responsible for posting her own score. The only exception is on *Niners* play days when an appointed member of the *Niners* will post the scores. In the summer schedule, each member is responsible for posting her own score on *Niners* play days. NOTE: You must post scores for all rounds you play. *(See Page 17 for information on posting your own score.)*

11. All members are expected to play the game of golf in accordance with the normally accepted standards of etiquette, to obey the rules of golf and to treat other members and the Ironwood staff with courtesy and respect.

12. No member shall reprimand any club employee. Complaints and suggestions concerning any *Niners* member, club employee or the facility should be made in writing to the President or Vice President. Complaints involving club employees will be passed on to the Club Pro to handle. Any member who is charged with conduct undesirable as a member will be subject to probation, suspension or termination by the board.

13. Guests will be allowed to play (based on space availability) three (3) regular play days before being asked to join the association and pay the appropriate fees. Exceptions may be made for out-of-town visitors of club members, based on availability after teams have been assigned by the Pairing Committee.

14. Hole-In-One Club: All IWLN members in good standing are eligible for the Hole-In-One Club. The hole-in-one must be recorded at Ironwood during any IWLN scheduled event. The Executive Board will determine each year the recognition to be awarded the golfer.

15. **Ringers**: The Ringers Tournament results in a player's ultimate round, which is the best the player shot on each hole over the duration of the tournament. The value for each hole never increases; it either remains the same or decreases round after round. Participating players submit league scorecards as usual, and the Ringers' Chair posts and maintains the Ringers scores. The tournament duration is January –December, except for summer play and other games where chits are not paid. Only league scores where the golfer uses her own ball for an entire nine-hole game will be used in the calculation of the ringer score, also called a "ringer round. Participants must have a minimum of two postable scores on either the front or back nine to establish a score. Prize money for multiple places will be awarded for front-nine and back-nine. Ringers scores in each flight and monies will be presented at the Spring General Meeting the following year. Prize money will be determined by the number of players who participate in the Ringers Tournament. League members who wish to participate in the Ringers Tournament must submit their $6.00 no later than January 31st. Only new members to the league may join Ringers after January 31st.

16. **Social Membership:** The Ironwood Lady Niners Social Membership was established April 4, 2012. Membership is open to previous members or a current member who is unable to play on a regular basis. Membership is open to those who wish to play only a few times a year. They would be able to join the Niners during these play dates with no additional membership fees. Since they would only play a few times a year, they will not have a handicap and will not be eligible for chits. They would not play when a team game is played. On the calendar, an asterisk (*) is placed next to the Plays of the Day that would be an appropriate date for Social Members to play. Social Members could attend General Meetings and Brunches. Social Members could volunteer at special events, especially during the Charity Invitational. A Social Member could take over the duties of the Sunshine Chairman. The Social Membership annual fee is $10.00 subject to annual review. Any future changes to this Membership must be approved by the Executive Board.

17. Business of the league will be conducted using Roberts Rule of Order.

Golf Etiquette

Golf is challenging enough without having to contend with nuisances like unraked bunkers, divots, ball marks and discourteous players. We can all make the game much more enjoyable by understanding *golf etiquette* and showing basic courtesies toward the golf course and each other.

1. When you reach the green, <u>always</u> mark your ball unless you are first to putt. In this case, it is optional.
2. Do not move or stand close to or directly behind a player making a stroke.
3. On the green, repair your own ball mark (after putting) as well as any others that you see.
4. Walk carefully on the greens to avoid scuffing them.
5. Be careful that your shadow does not interfere with another player putting.
6. Do not step on the line of another player's putt.
7. If you choose to remove the flag, be careful not to hit the edge of the hole.
8. When holding the flag for others, try not to have your shadow interfere with their putting line.
9. The second person to putt in should check the fringe of the greens for extra clubs that group members may have been using.
10. Do not talk while someone is hitting, or when you are waiting near the tee for the group in front of you to tee off.
11. Do not tap down spike marks before you putt; but as a courtesy to others, tap them down before you leave the green.
12. Fill in your own divots and others that are nearby, with the sand and seed mix provided in the containers on the tees.
13. Enter sand traps from the low side to keep from damaging the lip. Use a rake to level all indentions and footprints to leave the surface smooth. *(NOTE: Leave the rake <u>in the trap</u>. Rake should be lying in the direction that would be least likely to affect the movement of someone else's ball - usually parallel to the hole's direction of play.)*
14. Pick up any trash on the course or broken tees lying on the tee box and deposit it in the waste basket located near the tee boxes.
15. Do not ask for or give tips to others while on the course.
16. Do not get down on yourself or others. We are here to have fun!!
17. And just a few courtesies …
    - Do not wear fragrances on play days
    - Turn off your cell phone while on the course
    - If you are a smoker, ask permission of your cart partner before lighting up.

Pace of Play – Ready Golf

One of the Team Captain's responsibilities is to keep the group from falling behind. ***(Team Captain is listed first on the scorecard. See Page 10, #5 for more on Team Captain's Responsibilities.)***

There can be a fine line between "keep it moving" and "rushing your shot" while playing golf. Each golfer must find that line for herself. Keep in mind things can be done to keep the pace up while not having to rush a shot. Playing 'Ready Golf' can keep the pace lively while giving each golfer an opportunity to make their shot without feeling rushed. To keep pace of play, all players must ride in a golf cart during league play. Walkers with any type of pushcart will not be allowed.

How to Play 'Ready Golf' …

On the Tee

1. Cart drivers will score the previous hole while passengers in each cart prepare to take their tee-shot.
2. Select club and have ball and tee in hand.
3. Carry an extra ball in your pocket
4. (Other than the first hole) The first person ready should tee off as soon as the group ahead is clear. (The driver from the last cart should be the last person to tee off if everyone else is doing their job.)
5. To avoid lost balls, at least one person should help spot drives as each person tees off.
6. If there is a chance your ball may be lost or out of bounds, hit a provisional. Declare to the other players you are hitting a provisional ball. If your first ball is found in-bounds, you must play that ball and pick up the provisional. There is no penalty for hitting a provisional and subsequently playing your first ball.

On the Fairway

1. Cart driver should drop her passenger at her ball and proceed to her own ball.
2. Hit when ready and safe – do not use the 'honor' system.
3. Take appropriate clubs to your ball and hit without delay.
4. Avoid lost balls by watching where your cart-mate's shots are going. When you are advancing on the course and see a team-member's ball, point to it in case they do not see it.
5. If someone is having a "slow hole", assist them in any way possible, such as bringing them a club, raking the trap, etc.
6. Limit search for lost balls to 3 minutes.

On the Green

1. Place extra clubs between green and your golf cart. (Speeds up pace of play and eliminates leaving a club behind.)
2. Study your putt while others are putting.
3. Continue putting until holed out unless this will delay play.
4. Leave the green immediately after everyone has holed out and proceed to the next tee.
5. As you leave the green, call out scores in order of names listed on the score card.
6. Move to next tee box to complete scoring while others are taking their tee-shots.

Ready-Golf Enforcement Policy

1. If you fall more than one hole behind, golf course staff may issue a warning.
2. If you remain behind, you will be asked to forfeit your tee shot or skip a hole.
3. If these steps do not solve the problem, you can be asked to leave the course for the benefit of other golfers.

More Tips: When starting a round:

1. Ideally, do your stretching exercises before arriving at the course; however, if you have not, take a few minutes while waiting to tee off to limber up. It helps to prevent golf related injuries.
2. Put some tees, divot repair tool and two ball markers in your pocket.
3. Always carry an extra golf ball (or two) in your pocket.
4. Make sure your golf balls have an identifying mark on them to avoid hitting someone else's ball.
5. Make sure you have the scorecard, pencil and a beverage with you before starting your round.

More Tips: On the course:

1. Take advantage of the stake yard markers along the fairway. They are marked 200, 150, and 100 yards to the green.
2. If you hit a short shot, walk to your ball and hit again. Your partner can bring the cart up. Keep hitting until you hit a reasonably long shot before returning to the cart.
3. Move briskly to your ball wherever on the course. Do not stop at other players' balls unless yours is directly ahead of theirs (or in a location where you might get hit.) Go to your ball and prepare for your shot.
4. Do not over-think on the course. Choose your club; take one practice swing if necessary; hit the ball. Save your practice for the range.

5. "Ready Golf" rules encourage anyone who is ready to take a shot to go ahead – even if you are closer to the green. You still need to use common sense and pay attention. If someone further back is ready, of course allow them to play their shot before you play yours.
6. If you are a passenger in someone else's cart, when appropriate, offer to take the cart around to the green. If your ball is on the green, and the driver's ball is short of the green but beyond the "Return to Cart Path" sign, make the offer. Pay attention to what action will keep the pace moving.

World Handicap System (WHS)

All Arizona Golf Association golf league members will be using the World Handicap System (WHS). In other words, everyone will have a handicap index that is comparable to other players worldwide. **Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) was replaced by Net Double Bogey (NDB).**

NDB = your handicap for that hole (your net, or number of pops) + par + 2

Exceptions for using the NDB system:

- Scrambles
- During Medallion Tournament games
- If the play of the day is Fewest Putts
- Other, as specified on game day.

In these instances, you must play out the hole even if it takes more strokes than allowed under the NDB format. If you decide to pick up your ball before holing out (on these play days), you will be disqualified from that day's tournament.

Posting Your Scores

When playing non-league rounds (at Ironwood or other courses) you must post your own score. You may use a computer, ipad/tablet, or mobile phone. Here's how:

1. Go to the USGA GHIN Website https://www.ghin.com/login or the USGA GHIN app
2. The first time you visit the site, you will need to register online, receive your GHIN number and create a digital profile. A golfer must have a unique email address listed on their GHIN account prior to the creation of their profile.
3. Click on "Post Score" and follow the directions on the screen.

Handicap Vocabulary

Handicap terminology could confuse Noah Webster himself. Here's what the concepts involved with the USGA handicap system mean – and more important, how the terms apply to you.

Slope / Course Rating …
The USGA developed a "course rating" system for courses worldwide. This rating assesses a course's playing difficulty based on what a scratch golfer would shoot under normal conditions. Most ratings are around par (72). If a rating is 74.6, the course will play a little tougher; if it's a 68.7, your day will be a bit easier. The "slope" indicates an average player's potential scoring ability on the course. The lowest slope rating is 55 (an easy course), and the highest is 155 (difficult). A golf course of standard difficulty, as defined by the USGA has a slope of 113. (The course rating from the forward tees at Ironwood is 61.7.)

Handicap Index …
Because golf courses vary in difficulty, the USGA establishes two numbers for every golfer: a handicap index and a course handicap. When people ask your handicap, it's really your index they're asking about. (This is the number with a decimal point that the computer spits out after you post each score.) The index is based on the best 8 of your most recent 20 scores and expresses your potential scoring ability.

Course Handicap …
This is the number of strokes allotted to you for the course you're playing, based on its relative difficulty. Your index and the slope of the tees you play from determine your course handicap. Most pro shops have a chart that does that conversion for you. Or you can simply multiply your handicap index by the slope and divide that number by 113. For example, if your index is 26.4 and you're playing from tees with a slope of 120, your course handicap is 28 (26.4 x 120 ÷ 113 = 28). The average golfer plays to her or his course handicap 25% of the time and plays a few strokes over it most of the time.

State Medallion Tournament

The *Niners* competition follows the same format as stated below with the exception that 9-hole rounds will be played. The AGA recommends that all four (4) rounds be played on the same course. All rounds shall be posted as "T" (tournament) scores.

A. Competition shall be open to AGA members on the member's course on Play Day and will consist of two (2) best gross and two (2) best net 18-hole rounds out of a designated four (4) rounds. Players need not participate in all four (4) rounds to be eligible. Determining the winner based on the best two (2) rounds out of four (4) is intended to give players the maximum opportunity to produce two (2) good scores, not to eliminate those players who cannot play all four (4) rounds.

B. Disqualification from one (1) round of the tournament does not disqualify the player from the tournament.

C. Players may participate in each AGA member club competition of which she is a member. The league will provide a stipend of $25.00 to each winning player(s) for travel cost outside of the IWLN home course.

D. Should handicaps change during the day of the four stipulated rounds, or a playoff is necessary, the handicap in effect at the time each round is played shall be used.

E. In the event of a tie, the Committee has three options which shall be announced prior to the first day of play:

    1) Hold an 18-hole playoff (or, in the case of a 9-hole tournament, a 9-hole playoff) within two (2) weeks
    2) Hold a sudden death playoff within two weeks
    3) Use the USGA recommended tie breaker procedure.

F. The maximum handicap index of 54 shall be used as specified in the USGA Handicap Manual. In the case of a 9-hole club, the players shall use the maximum handicap index of 27. Players may "play down" to that index if necessary.

    1) The State Representative of each member club shall conduct this tournament. Medallions will be distributed to each participating member club.
    2) No participant may win both the low gross and the low net awards. Gross will take precedence over net.

Ironwood Local Golf Rules



Ironwood Golf Club

1. **Out of Bounds** is defined by the homeowner's property line, white stakes, any vehicular road, or permanent fencing. A ball crossing a road but coming to rest on another part of the golf course is still out of bounds.
2. **Penalty Areas** All Lakes are lateral penalty areas. The margin of the hazard is the water side of the perimeter cement curb or wooden barrier. The cement curbs and wooden piles are immoveable obstructions and free relief is available.
3. **Rocks used for beautification or drainage** located next to cart paths and in desert areas are played at immoveable obstructions. You ***MUST*** take free relief from these areas.
4. **Immoveable Obstructions** If stance or swing is impaired by an obstruction such as an irrigation box, restroom or the walled pump station free relief is available. Free line of sight relief is ***NOT*** available
5. **Greenside Sprinklers** Free relief is available from intervention by immovable obstructions (sprinkler heads, drain grates or valve box) within two-club lengths of the green when the ball lies within two-club lengths of the obstruction.
6. **Lost Ball or Out of Bounds** For a penalty of 2 strokes, a player may drop a ball perpendicular to the point where the ball crossed the out of bounds to 2 club lengths into the fairway, no closer to the hole.
7. **Drop areas** If a ball comes to rest in a penalty area on a hole with a designated drop area, you may drop a ball, under penalty of 1 stroke, in the drop area. Holes with drop areas are Ironwood 10,
15, and 17
8. **Staked Trees** If stance or swing is impaired by the support wires of a staked tree, free relief is available. Line of sight relief is not available.
9. **Wildlife control fencing** If stance or swing is impaired by fencing lining a lake, free relief is available
10. **Practice Rounds** are permitted between rounds of a stroke-play competition conducted by IronOaks sponsored events
11. **Ironwood #17** A drop area is available from the penalty area/drainage area located behind the green. If the group agrees that the ball has entered the area you may proceed to the designated drop area under a penalty of 1 stroke
12. **Chains and Roped areas** Free relief is available if your stance or swing is interfered with by any rope or chains that have been placed to direct cart traffic. Take relief using the ground under repair procedures. Do not remove the rope or chains in process of taking relief.

Recommendations for a fast and enjoyable round!

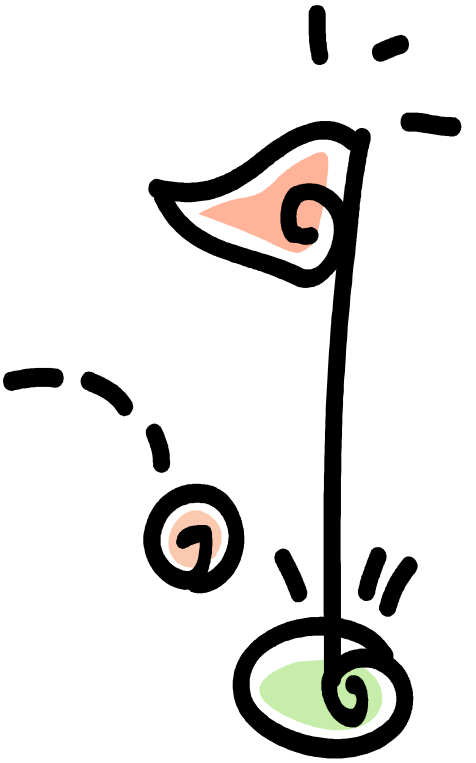
1. **Play ready golf** This means be ready to play when it is your turn. If you find your group falling behind, you need to speed up your routine.
2. **Shorter hitters** should hit first
3. **Watch the shots** of your partners so you can help locate their ball
4. **In the fairway** If you can hit, and you are not in the way of the other golfers, play away
5. **In your cart** drop your partner off at their ball, and proceed to yours
6. **Take extra clubs** with you so you don't have to return to the cart
7. **Line up your putt** when others are putting
8. **Putt out** whenever possible
9. **First on in the hole** take care of the flagstick
10. **Fix all ball marks and another one on the green**
11. **Record your score on the next tee box**
12. **Do not retrieve extra balls from the water** if you are holding up the group behind you
13. **Balls out of bounds on Homeowner's property must be abandoned**
14. **Leave the course better than you found it** rake the bunkers, fill divots, fix ball marks
15. **Have fun and enjoy the day with your friends**

You should have no trouble playing Ironwood in less than 3 ½ hours

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