

By-Laws of the Bloomington-Normal Women's Golf Association (BNWGA)  
October 22, 2023

Section 1: All competition, match or medal, shall be played in accordance with the USGA rules, with such special rules as are in force and posted on the course and approved by the Executive Committee.

Section 2: The program of events for each year shall be outlined by the Executive Committee at the fall meeting. The tournament chairman shall act in accordance with Article VI, and **each chairman shall be responsible for the proper function of her committees.**

Section 3: Rotation of tournaments and officers

	<u>2022/23</u>	<u>2024/25</u>	<u>2026/27</u>	<u>2028/29</u>	<u>2030/31</u>
President	CCC	IW	CITY	WEIBRING	LCC
Vice-Pres	IW	CITY	WEIBRING	LCC	EP
Secretary	CITY	WEIBRING	LCC	EP	BCC
Treasurer	WEIBRING	LCC	EP	BCC	CCC
Off	LCC	EP	BCC	CCC	IW
Off	EP	BCC	CCC	IW	CITY
Off	BCC	CCC	IW	CITY	WEIBRING
<u>YEAR</u>	<u>18-HOLE SCRAMBLE</u>	<u>18-HOLE 2-BALL</u>	<u>9-HOLE SCRAMBLE</u>	<u>CITY 2-WOMAN</u>	<u>CITY MEDAL PLAY</u>
2022	CCC	EP	CITY	CITY	WEIBRING
2023	CITY	BCC	EP	CITY	WEIBRING
2024	EP	CCC	LCC	CITY	IW
2025	BCC	EP	EP	CITY	WEIBRING
2026	CCC	BCC	LCC	CITY	IW
2027	EP	CCC	EP	CITY	WEIBRING
2028	BCC	EP	LCC	CITY	IW
2029	CCC	BCC	EP	CITY	WEIBRING
2030	EP	CCC	LCC	CITY	IW

2031	BCC	EP	EP	CITY	WEIBRING
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#### Section 4: Tournaments

The intent of Interclub events are to allow associations to play courses they would not otherwise get to play throughout the golf season. It is permissible, and may be necessary, to combine the 9-hole and the 18-hole associations to create an Interclub team to compete in the events.

A home course must be declared for your handicap, which is required in order to play for that club and that club only in an Interclub event.

The maximum handicap that can be used by a participant in any Interclub event will be 40 for 18-hole events and 30 for 9-hole events.

For the Interclub events, each **club** will pay \$5 per person (\$40 per 8-woman team) for each event to offset expenses. Checks are to be made payable to the BNWGA

For the Interclub events, each **player** will pay \$5 per person to the golf club plus any applicable cart fees.

The BNWGA may contribute up to \$250 from the treasury to off-set the cost of food and a plaque. Any costs over that amount will be the responsibility of the hosting club. This amount will be reviewed annually based on available funds.

##### 1. 18-Hole, 4-Women Scramble (Interclub event)

Each association shall send two teams, selection of which is up to the individual associations. Each team's total handicap must equal 60 or more and only one player can be under a 10 handicap. Handicaps used will be based on USGA indexes. The total of two team scores from each association shall be added together to determine the winner. This is not a dropout tournament. The low gross winning team shall receive a plaque to keep. Carts are required.

##### 2. 9-Hole, 4-Women Scramble (Interclub event)

Each association may send two teams, selection of which is up to individual associations. Each team's total 9-hole handicap must equal 30 or more (60 or more if using 18-hole handicaps) and only one player can be under a 5 handicap. Handicaps used shall be based on USGA handicaps. A player must have an established 9-hole handicap. The total two team scores from each association shall be added together to determine the winner. This is not a dropout tournament. The low gross winning team shall receive a plaque to keep. Carts are required.

3. **18 Hole Two-Women, Two Ball Event (Interclub event)**  
Each association may send four, two women teams. Individual associations will select these teams. Each two-women team's total handicap must equal 30 or more. Handicaps will be based on USGA handicap indexes. The total four team scores from each association shall be added together to determine the winner. The low gross winning team shall receive a plaque to keep. Carts are required.

**Best Ball Format:**

Two players are a team; each will play their own ball and apply their individual handicap on the appropriate holes. The net better ball will comprise the team score.

**Scramble Format:**

Each player will tee off on each hole. After determining which drive to use, both players will hit and go to the best ball. This is played through the green.

4. **18-Hole Women's City 18-Hole Medal Play Event** (City event)

This event is open to anyone who meets the qualifications below:

1. Be 14 years of age by the date of the tournament
2. Be of amateur standing
3. Be female
4. If a college student on a golf team, must have graduated from a Bloomington-Normal high school or El Paso-Gridley

Divisions: All participants will play in either a General division or a Senior division. Either division must have a minimum of six participants. Based on the number of participants and handicaps, low gross and low net division on the day of the event. To be eligible for low net, golfer must have an official USGA handicap.

Inclement Weather: Tournament may be postponed or declared after 9-holes if weather affects play on the day of the event.

(Host representative & golf professional will determine the call)

This event will alternate between ISU and Ironwood every other year and will target the last Saturday of July.

5. **18-Hole City Two-Women Scramble – 18 Hole Event (City event)**

This event is open to anyone who meets the qualifications below:

1. Be 14 years of age by the day of the tournament\*\*
2. Be of amateur standing
3. Be female
4. If a college student on a golf team, must have graduated from a Bloomington-Normal high school or El Paso-Gridley

\*\*No minimum handicap requirement

Inclement Weather: Tournament may be postponed or declared after 9-holes if weather affects play on the day of the event.

(Host representative & golf professional will determine the call)

This event will alternate between Highland Park and Prairie Vista and will target the last Saturday of June.

#### Section 5: Ties

##### 1. Interclub events

In the case of a tie, the tournament shall be decided by a scorecard playoff. The method of matching cards to determine the winner will be by the back nine score. If still tied, the last 6, if still tied the last 3, and finally starting on the 18<sup>th</sup> hole going backwards. If still tied, begin at the number 1 handicap hole, number 2 handicap hole, until the winner is determined.

##### 2. City events

For Championship Flight, first place only, a sudden death play-off beginning on #1 tee will be used. All other flights will use the USGA tie-breaker rule.

#### Section 6: Tournament Procedures

The Interclub representative from the host course will serve as tournament director. The representative will work with the host course.

- Determine site by using rotation schedule.
- Set a tournament date with the host course/golf pro at the fall BNWGA golf meeting. Tee times should be blocked based on prior year entries.
- **One month prior to the tournament:** Design entry form using last years as a guideline. Pricing for entry fee includes 1-day green fees plus \$10 prize fund per player.
- Locate traveling trophy and have it delivered to course
- **Three weeks prior**, email tournament entry form to the golf courses and mail minimum of ten forms to each city course.

- **Two weeks prior**, open registration.
- **One week prior**, order trophies, traditionally 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> in each flight. Gift certificates from the host course may also be given if there is money available. We are currently using Dave Duncan at [Trophy222@gmail.com](mailto:Trophy222@gmail.com) or 309-273-5374
- The BNWGA may contribute up to \$200 from the treasury to subsidize the City Medal Play and the City Two-Women. Any costs over that amount will be the responsibility of the hosting club. This amount will be reviewed annually based on available funds.

Section 7: The By-Laws may be amended or revised by two-thirds vote of the members present at the meeting of the Board of Directors.

Dated: October 2023

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