

**NKWGA SENIOR AMATEUR GUIDELINES**  
**ADOPTED FEBRUARY, 1994**  
**(REVISED APR '96, FEB '98, APR '98, OCT '00, APR '02, OCT '03, APR '06,**  
**OCT '08, MAY '11, MAY '16, OCT '16, FEB '19)**

1. This tournament is held on a rotating basis in alphabetical order at Member Clubs, both Regular and Associate. This is a two-day tournament held on dates determined by the hosting club, usually in late August or early September. On May 5, 2016 a motion passed naming this event "The Ernestine Miller Northern Kentucky Senior Women's Amateur" in memory of Ernestine Miller, founder of the event and long time supporter of NKWGA.
2. A Host Club Chairman is to be appointed from the club hosting the tournament.
3. The Vice President is to serve as Co-chairman.
4. To be eligible to play in this event an entrant must be a woman who has reached the age of fifty by the first day of play. In addition she must be a resident of Northern Kentucky (Boone, Campbell, Grant, Kenton or Pendleton counties), or be affiliated with a Member Club. (Affiliated is defined as being a dues-paying member or an active league participant.) The entry form should explain this, and should be distributed to Member Clubs. In addition, at the Spring Meeting of 1993, a motion carried which stated: "All entrants to the Senior Tournament must have an 18-hole handicap to compete for net prizes." This handicap must be current and verifiable. The term "current" indicates that a player is currently enrolled in a handicapping system, which regularly recomputes the individual's handicap regardless of the frequency or infrequency of her play. The maximum handicap index to be used in all NKWGA events is 40.4. A player with a higher index may play but must reduce her index to 40.4.
5. The entry fee should be determined yearly by the Host Club Chairman. Checks for entries should be made payable to the Host Club Chairman, to make it easier for her to use the income to pay bills. She should keep a detailed record of expenditures.
6. The prizes (and any favors) should be paid for with tournament proceeds and presented at the luncheon on the second day. The Association should pay for any deficits.
7. Flights are determined by age group: 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, and Super Seniors 75-79, and Legends 80 and over.
8. In October of 2000 a motion was made and carried that the field in the Senior Amateur must be limited to 72, unless a hosting club specifies a lesser number of players.

9. U.S.G.A. rules govern play, with the following exception. In October, 2008 a motion passed that stated, for the Senior Amateur, players are permitted to improve their lie, but not position, anywhere except in penalty areas or bunkers, moving the ball no more than six inches and no closer to the hole.
10. Each flight ( 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-70, 70-74) should have a low gross winner and a low net winner (gross takes precedence over net) or more than one in each category if the flight is large. In flights 75-79 and 80+ there may be only a low gross winner, unless the flight is large in which case there could also be a low net winner. There should be an additional prize awarded to the overall Senior Champion and to the overall Runner-up, based on gross score. In addition the Senior Champion should be awarded the traveling trophy, to be engraved with her name and year. The overall Senior Champion will obviously be the low gross winner in her flight. The overall Runner-up may or may not be the low gross winner in her flight. The Super Senior Champion can come from the Super Seniors or Legends flights. She will receive the low gross prize for her flight as well as the traveling trophy to be engraved with her name and year.
11. Posters and entry forms should be distributed to Member Clubs four weeks prior to the event. Entry forms should include the following information: fee, age group, deadline for entry, carts are included, luncheon on second day, checks payable to Host Club Chairman, handicap index as of a specified date should be sent in and will be verified by the committee, pairings will be made according to handicap, entrants must have a current and verifiable 18-hole handicap to compete for net prizes, and maximum index.
12. Methods of play, or distribution of prizes, may be altered occasionally as the situation dictates, but such changes must have the approval of the officers of the tournament. In the event that more than one prize is given for gross and net, gross takes precedence over net, but first net takes precedence over second gross. If there is a tie for the overall Senior Champion there should be a sudden death playoff. All other ties should be broken by a scorecard playoff. The winner is determined on the basis of the best score for the last nine holes (10-18). If the tying players have the same score for the last nine, determine the winner on the basis of the last six holes (13-18), last three holes (16-18) and finally the last hole. Obviously use the gross score to determine the gross winners and use the net ball to determine the net winners. First low gross takes precedence over first low net.
13. The rules sheet for the tournament should mention the following local rule put in place in April, 2003. The rule reads as follows: "During the course of play, cell phones, beepers and the like are to be turned off, must not ring, and conversations must not occur, except for emergency calls out or for a ruling clarification." The penalty for not complying with a local rule is the General Penalty: Loss of hole in match play and a two-stroke penalty in stroke play. Members of any foursome or match are responsible for enforcing this rule as they would any other in *The Rules of Golf*.

14. In the event of severely inclement weather, after a reasonable wait, the Host Club pro and the Committee may make a decision to temporarily suspend play or to cancel play, depending on available weather information. If play is cancelled on the first day the event will become a one-day tournament on the second day. If play is cancelled on the second day the event will become a one-day tournament using first day scores. If play is cancelled on both days names will be drawn for prizes.