

**NKWGA WHITE ELEPHANT OPEN GUIDELINES**  
**ADOPTED MAY, 2016**  
**(Revised Mar '19)**

1. This tournament is a foursome team net event. It was added to the schedule in 2016 to add a fun-filled , low-cost event to the NKWGA schedule. To be eligible to play in this event an entrant 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.)
2. Each year this one day event is scheduled for July. It is held at the club listed in the NKWGA Event Schedule. This schedule is based on alphabetical order. In Fall of 2017 a decision was made that the Host Club has permission to change the name and format of this event. In such a case the Host Club must write all Guidelines for the event and submit them to the Board by April 15. The Board will then offer the changed format to the delegates for approval at the Spring meeting.
3. A Host Club Chair is to be appointed from the club hosting the event. The Vice President of NKWGA should serve as Co-chair.
4. The entry fee should be determined yearly by the Host Club Chair. It should cover golf, cart, prizes and lunch. Snacks and drinks may be included at the discretion of the Host Club Chair. The winning foursome in each flight will receive cash or gift card prizes. Other lesser prizes may be given to additional foursomes at the discretion of the committee. The Association should cover any reasonable deficit. A "Split the Pot" game **may** be used to help cover expenses.
5. Entrants should have a current USGA handicap for 18 holes. A verified league handicap **may** be accepted at the discretion of the Committee. Without any GHIN handicap or verifiable league handicap, the Committee will assign an arbitrary handicap of 10 to the player. Flight assignment will be based on the lowest handicap of the foursome.

6. Entry forms should be distributed to Member Clubs four weeks prior to the event. Receipt of entry fee guarantees registration until the field is full. Checks should be made payable to the Host Club Chair. She should keep a detailed record of expenses, and she should number and date the entries as received. Cut-off date for entries should generally be one week before the tournament date.
  
7. Each team should receive a scorecard and rules sheet on the first tee. The rules sheet should mention the following local rule put in place in April, 2003 for all NKWGA events. 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*.
  
8. Format: The format is called Cha-Cha-Cha. Each player on the team plays her own ball and each score is recorded. Scorecards should have handicap strokes dotted on the scorecards, and the holes should be color coded with highlighters. On each hole, a Team Net Best Ball score is recorded also. The number of balls needed on each hole is designated by the colors highlighted on each hole. On the Team Best Ball Line, record:  
  
Pink = 1 Net Best Ball Score (Holes 1, 4, 7, 10, 13, 16)  
  
Blue = 2 Net Best Ball Scores (Holes 2, 5, 8, 11, 14, 17)  
  
Yellow = 3 Net Best Ball Scores (Holes 3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18)  
  
Total the Team Best Ball score when the round is completed. Ties should be broken by a score card 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.

9. U.S.G.A. rules govern play, with the following exception: As of October, 2006, a local rule regarding "preferred lies" is in effect as follows: "When a player's ball lies in the fairway of the hole she is playing, she may take free relief. She must mark the position of the ball before lifting it. She must then place the ball on a spot within six inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay." The penalty for breach of a local rule is the General Penalty: Loss of hole in match play and a two-stroke penalty in stroke play.