

NKWGA WHITE ELEPHANT OPEN GUIDELINES
ADOPTED MAY, 2016

1. This foursome team event is a new event added in 2016. It is open to all women golfers who are affiliated with a Northern Kentucky Women's Golf Association Member Club. Affiliated is defined as being a dues-paid member or active league participant in a Member Club.

2. Each year this one day event is scheduled for July. It is held at the club that hosted the Two Lady Best Ball event the previous year.

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. Each participant must donate a golf-themed gift-wrapped White Elephant gift with a value of \$15.00 or less. Each participant will be awarded a prize from this collection of gifts. In addition, the winning foursome in each flight will receive cash or gift card prizes. 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. 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.

7. Each team should receive a scorecard and rules sheet on the first tee.

8. Format: 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 will be broken by a score card playoff starting at hole 18, going backwards.

9. U.S.G.A. rules govern play, with the following exceptions: In October, 2006, the NKWGA Delegates approved a motion that stated that in all NKWGA events the "preferred lie" rule would be in effect (see Appendix I, 3b; Rule 20-4 and Rule 20-3d) and in October, 2008, the Delegates approved a motion to allow the use of electronic measuring devices. This local rule states "In this competition a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. If, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional function is actually used." The penalty for breach of a local rule in stroke play is two strokes. Cell phones should be turned off during play except in the case of an emergency or for a ruling clarification.

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