

# **Simsbury Farms Women's Golf Association**

## **2020 Procedures**

### **Weekly Tournament Schedule**

The schedule of weekly tournaments will be posted on the bulletin boards in the locker room and on the Women's League website.

9 Hole Play            Tuesdays ... Starting at 7:30 am    (10 minute intervals)  
18 Hole Play            Thursdays ... Starting at 7:30 am    (10 minute intervals)

It is your responsibility to check what the tournament format is for the week before you start play. Example: if it is lowest number of putts, then you need to keep track as you play.

The Starter will know the tournament being played and the format.

### **Signing up to play**

We will be using on-line tee times and sign up.

Players must sign up on-line before the day of play.

The tee times reserved for us will be released at 7:15 am on the Tuesday or Thursday prior to the date of play.

These reserved tee times are only accessible to league members. Each person should set up an account on [simsburyfarms.com](http://simsburyfarms.com), creating a user name and password.

- Reminders: You **MUST** sign in to see the League only times  
                  Nine holers need to select "course" and then "back 9" to see the 9 hole times

The on-line tee time system will allow players to sign up 1 to 4 players.

Please do not call the pro shop to ask them to sign you up.

### **Cancelling**

If you have reserved a tee time and are not able to play:

- If at least 24 hours in advance, go on-line and cancel your reservation
- If on the morning of play, call into the Pro Shop (860 658-6246) or call/text someone in your foursome to deliver the message

## **Arrival time**

Arrive in time to pay, check in with the starter, and prepare yourself and your equipment so you are ready to play 10 minutes before your tee time.

Do not go to the first Tee or any tee box until the group in front of you is moving down the fairway.

There should be no gathering in the parking lots, the locker room, common areas, practice putting green, etc.

## **Side game**

You may pay \$1 to participate in an optional mystery side game, determined by the pro. Examples: total score ending in 5, most holes with score of 7.

## **Fees**

Pay your greens fees, cart fees and side game fee at the outside window of the pro shop.

Fees can only be paid with credit/debit cards ... no cash accepted.

The senior discount applies if you are age 65 or over.

## **Carts**

Carts will be available, but will be limited to one rider in each cart (unless from the same household or family members).

Between each use, carts are being taken away to be power washed and sanitized.

Please return your cart to the roped off area designated for used carts.

## **Handicaps**

There will be a sheet posted on the bulletin board showing handicaps for each member.

Your handicap is now instantly updated each time you enter a score and daily updates are available if you log into your account.

For league purposes, a new handicap report will be run each Sunday and used for the week's handicap indexes.

If you do not have a handicap, you will get one after you have entered at least three 18 hole scores or six 9 hole scores. These scores can be for any course, not just Simsbury Farms.

It is to your advantage to get a handicap as soon as possible because you will not be eligible to win any net prizes (your gross score minus your handicap) until you have a handicap.

The maximum course handicap for 18 holers is 40. The maximum course handicap for 9 holers is 27.

### **Score Cards**

Scorecards will be available in a box by the starter's desk.

Each player should keep her own individual scorecard and at least 1 member of the group should keep a scorecard with all the scores.

The group scorecard should have at least the 1st initial and last name of each player, and the date.

After play, your group should agree on the total score for each player, and the total for the weekly tournament if appropriate (for example, total of scores for even-numbered holes).

This group card should be signed by the scorer but does not need an attest signature.

There will be a box on top of the computer stand in the hallway to deposit group scorecards.

For anyone without an individual scorecard, players can take a photo of the group card to take home to post their scores hole by hole.

### **Ringer Book (Ringers, Birdies, Eagles, Chip-Ins, Sandies)**

In past years, each league had a Ringer Book in which to record information used to determine additional prizes, generally at the end of the season. It was kept in the women's locker room, usually on the table. There will be no physical Ringer Book in the locker room this season.

For this year, you will be asked to keep your own Record Sheet off-site.

You will be emailed a record sheet to keep your data on your own and submit at the end of the season.

Record Sheet copies will also be available in the locker room or can be downloaded off the website.

Please update your Ringers from your individual scorecard and list your Birdies, Eagles, Chip-Ins and Sandies.

This record is only for play on league days, not other times you might play at Simsbury Farms.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR END OF SEASON AWARDS IN THESE CATEGORIES YOU MUST KEEP THIS SELF RECORD AND TURN IT IN TO THE TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE AT THE END OF THE SEASON.**

### **Birdie Tree and Chip-In Tree**

The Birdie Tree and Chip-In Tree will continue to decorate the walls of the women's locker room but will not be in use this season.

## **Prizes and Results**

The Pro Shop will tally results and award prizes to gross and net winners in divisions.

No tournament prizes will be awarded if:

- (a) the course superintendent determines that riding carts are not allowed because it's too soggy, or
- (b) fewer than 9 people play and turn in scorecards

Results showing the members who won prizes in the weekly tournament and in the side game will be posted on the bulletin board in the women's locker room and on the women's league website.

Winnings may be used to purchase items in the pro shop or for re-gripping clubs, shoe respiking or for lessons, but not for greens fees, cart rental fees or range tokens.

## **Posting Your Score**

Each time you play, you are responsible for self posting your score on that same day.

The kiosk in the Pro Shop hallway is not available. Players can download the USGA/GHIN app on their phone, tablet, laptop, etc for posting scores or go to [www.ghin.com](http://www.ghin.com).

The Equitable Score has been eliminated and replaced with Par + 2 + handicap strokes per hole, per person based on handicap.

Hole by hole score posting is strongly encouraged as your score will be automatically adjusted by the app for any hole score over your personal limit.

It is easier to take an extra minute to enter hole by hole and let the app work for you than try to figure it out by yourself.

## **Safety Precautions**

Practice 6' Social Distancing on all Tee Boxes, Greens, and areas between holes.

No touching the flagstick or hole. New cup levers have been placed on all holes. Players should putt out and use their putter to lift the lever, popping the ball out from the cup.

Ball washers and drinking fountains have been covered and are inaccessible.

Rakes have been removed from bunkers. If your ball settles in a footprint, it may be placed on the closest smooth area of the bunker.

The side entrances to the hallway of the Pro Shop, as well as the locker room door will be propped open for access to the Restroom.

The bag storage room will be accessible only by Pro Shop staff.

## **Pace of Play**

Please make an effort to play "ready golf" to help keep up with the group ahead of you.

Plan your shot before you get to your ball. Determine your yardage and make your club selection before it is your turn to play.

Keep your pre-shot routine short. Pick your line of play once and trust yourself. Try to make no more than one practice swing, then set up to the ball and play your shot.

Aim to play in 20 seconds. From club selection to pre-shot routine to execution, strive to hit your shot in 20 seconds when it is your turn to play.

Follow the flight of all tee shots, not just your own. Help others look for their ball if you already know the location of yours. Lost ball search time is limited to 3 minutes.

Be efficient on the putting green. Mark and clean your ball when you arrive at the putting green so you will be ready to replace it when it is your turn. Without disturbing others, try to line up your putt while others are putting.

Leave your clubs and cart on the side of the putting green closest to the next tee.

Leave the green promptly and wait until you are at the next tee to record your score.