

# Simsbury Farms Women's Golf Association

## 2024 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	(9 minute intervals)
18 Hole Play	Thursdays ...	Starting at 7:30 am	(9 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 7:30 am on Mondays for the following week. (e.g. on Monday April 29th at 7:30 am tee times for the following Tuesday (May 7th) and Thursday (May 9th) will be available for online tee times.

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 (9 and 18 hole leagues)  
*Nine Holers need to select "Course" and then "Back Nine" to see the 9 hole times*

The on-line tee time system will allow players to sign up 1 to 4 players. If you are signing up other players then make sure they know you have signed them up. If they cannot play then you must remove them from your reservation. Also, please do not sign up yourself for all 4 slots hoping to fill the slot with friends. You must put in names of who will be playing. You will also get an automatic email verification from the system regarding your booked tee time.

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. Wait for the starter to tell your group to go ahead to the tee.

## **Fees**

Pay your greens fees, cart fees and tournament fees at the counter inside the pro shop.

Fees can be paid with credit/debit cards or cash.

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

The rental rate for a cart is per person not per cart.

## **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 into the GHIN app or website 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 that 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 from 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 40.4. The maximum course handicap for 9 holers is 54 (for 18 hole handicap score).

## **Score Cards**

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

The group should keep at least 2 score cards with 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).

After each player fills out the Ringer Book in the women's locker room (see next section) then one card should be signed by the scorer and requires one additional signature to attest the card.

There will be a box in the hallway under the monitor near the Men's Locker room to deposit one group scorecard.

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)**

Each league has a Ringer Book in which to record information used to determine additional prizes, generally at the end of the season. It is kept in the women's locker room, usually on the table.

After you finish playing, fill in the appropriate information. The first section of the book, Ringers, has a line for each player and a box for each hole. You should enter your best score over the league season for each hole. Other sections in the book are for Birdies, Eagles, Chip-Ins and Sandies. These require a signature and a signature of a witness. The definition of a Sandie that we are using for this league is as follows: if your ball is in a bunker and you hit it out in one stroke, and then hole out with one putt or less.

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

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

On the walls in the locker room are pictures of trees on which you can complete a little piece of paper and post on the appropriate tree for birdies and chip-ins. This is not an official record of a birdie or a chip-in. The official record is the Ringer Book.

### **Prizes and Results**

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

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 Simsbury Farms Website in the women's league section under 2024 Tournament Schedule.

Winnings may be used to purchase items in the pro shop or for re-gripping clubs, shoe re-spiking 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 posting your score on that same day.

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). You must create an account with a password prior to entering any scores.

While logged on to the app hit the post score.

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.

### **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.

Pick up your ball if have reached the maximum amount of strokes allowed which is 10 for both leagues.