

# Juniper Hill Ladies Golf Club (JHLGC)

## Late Swingers' Operating Guidelines

<http://www.jhlgc.org/>

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### **Introduction:**

The Late Swingers' is a 9-hole golf league played at Juniper Hill Golf Course on Thursdays. League play begins on Thursday, May 7<sup>th</sup> and continuing each week until the end-of-the-year banquet meeting on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The league is open to any female 12 years or older. Females under 12 years old must have special permission from the Juniper Hill golf professional.

To become a member of the league, a JHLGC Membership Form must be completed and dues paid. For 2015 the cost is \$47 (\$22 for league membership and \$25 for GHIN handicap fee). Members under 18 years old pay only \$37 (\$22 for league membership and \$15 for handicap/maintenance). Golf 101 members pay the league membership only - \$22.

### **GHIN Handicap**

The United States Golf Association (USGA) develops the formula used to tabulate handicaps for licensed golf clubs, which is the GHIN System. All league members, except Golf 101 members, are required to pay a GHIN handicap fee as required by the USGA.

Ladies are required to enter all 18-hole scores into the GHIN systems that are played at home or away when playing outside of league events. League scores will be entered into the GHIN system in a timely fashion.

New players without a GHIN handicap will be assigned a forty (40) handicap or an appropriate handicap in consultation with the Juniper Hill Golf Pro until a handicap can be established based on scores entered into the GHIN system. The GHIN System will automatically combine together 9-hole scores to create an 18-hole total for handicap calculation.

### **League Officers:**

The Late Swingers' officers are as follows: Administrator, Co-Administrator, League Night Chair, Special Events Chair and Golf 101 Chair. The duties of each position are available on the JHLGC web site at <http://www.jhlgc.org>.

The 2015 Late Swingers' officers are:

*Co-Chairs:*

Lesla Hodge and Ally Harrod

*League Night Chair:*

Ruth Hinkle

*Special Events Chair:*

Debbie Wash

*Golf 101 Chair:*

Michele Brown

### **League Start Times and Format**

Each week you must sign in at the back room of the Juniper Hill Golf Course and begin play between the hours of 3:00 – 5:30 p.m. , except for fun nights. (Volunteers will be allowed to play as early as 2:30 p.m. as needed to cover league duties.) The Golf 101 group will begin play at 5:30 p.m. each week. Ladies may play prior to league play but must play the opposite side they will be playing for league competition.

The league format is make your own group, preferably a foursome, upon arriving at the course so as to keep the tee full at all times. However, you may play with less than four, but must play with at least one member of the league.

### **Inclement Weather:**

If the weather is deemed unacceptable for play due to rain, lighting, temperatures either too hot/cold, or other impending weather conditions, at the beginning of league play, there will be a maximum 30-minute delay before cancelling competition. If all ladies are unable to complete league play due to inclement weather, no winners will be awarded prizes.

### **Flights**

Members, except Golf 101, will play from the red tee markers, unless otherwise agreed upon by the league. Golf 101 members may be provided with special tees.

League competition is flighted by handicap based on the GHIN system. New members without an official handicap will be assigned a handicap based on scores until an official handicap is established. The League Night Committee Chair will determine the handicap ranges per flight.

- Division 1 will include all golfers with handicaps 0 – 39.
- Division 2 will include golfers with handicaps 40 and above.

Each week Division 1 will play one side of the golf course, and Division 2 will play the other side unless there is a special event scheduled. A Division 2 player with handicap of 43 or less may “declare up” and play in Division 1 but must play with a 39 handicap - the maximum handicap allowed for Division 1. Division 1 players choosing to play in Division 2 may do so but will not be eligible for prizes.

You must play and have your scorecard attested by a fellow league member. Spectators are allowed during league play but must remain at least 30 yards from players at all times. No coaching or caddies are allowed.

### **Weekly Winners and Prizes**

Each week, the two lowest gross scores (actual stroke total) and two lowest net scores (actual stroke total minus the player's GHIN handicap) in each flight are recognized as the winners. Golf 101 players are awarded prizes for gross scores only up to 4 places depending on the number of players each week. In the event of a tie, a scorecard playoff (SCP) is used to determine the winner(s). You may not win a prize (in succession) three weeks in a row. For Division 2, you must play the ball out and enter your actual score. For Golf 101, you will pick up your ball after ten strokes if the ball is not in the hole on the 10<sup>th</sup> stroke. If you have a “Circle 10”, you are not eligible for prizes that week.

A chip-in pot will be available when you sign-in for play. If you want to participate, place your money in the chip-in can and sign the chip-in sheet prior to playing. The money collected each night will be distributed evenly among the winners the following week. In the event there is no weekly winner, the pot will carry over to the next week.

The league will have birdie and par trees on the bulletin board in the hall near the bathroom. Ladies in Division 1 and 2 who have a birdie can write their name on the birdie tree on the appropriate hole and the date. Division 2 and Golf 101 ladies can add their name to the par tree.

Ladies may only win two weeks in a row. Players must play with another league member to be eligible for prizes. If there are ties, a score-card playoff starting with the hardest hole will determine the winner. Prizes will be awarded based on a point system and will be distributed at the end-of-the-year banquet. Attendance records will be kept by the League Night Committee, and perfect attendance awards will be given at the banquet.

### **Most Improved Golfer Criteria:**

The USGA Handicap System" manual provides the following formula to determine the Most Improved Golfer, which is awarded to a member of the Late Swingers' league at the end of the year. The following formula is used to determine the Most Improved Player:

- Add 12 to the player's Handicap Index at the start of the season. This is value A.
- Add 12 to the player's Handicap Index at the end of the season. This is value B.
- Divide value A by value B, calculating to three decimal places. This is the improvement factor. The player with the highest improvement factor should receive the most improved player award.

"The USGA Handicap System" manual is available to view online at:

<http://www.usga.org/playing/handicaps/manual/manual.html>.

### **Rules for League Play:**

League members will play according to the USGA rules of golf, which can be found on the Club's website at: <http://www.jhlgc.org/>. The league adheres to the following local rules:

- You may lift, clean and place your ball through the green, and move it one scorecard no closer to the hole provided it is not within a club length of a tree or fence.
- There are two red posts along the fence on Hole #11 between the 200 and 100 yardage markers. Any ball lying between the fence and cart path within these red posts and is a playable shot may be entitled to free relief from the cart path. You may move your ball to the right of the cart path without penalty.
- If the group behind you is waiting, you **MUST** allow the group to play through if a hole is open.
- Every stroke counts (even whiffs).
- **Free Drop:** The rocks to the left of the green on Hole #3 and the cart barn & rocks surrounding it on right of Hole #9 are a free drop. If a ball comes to rest in a decorative flower bed, you must take relief no closer to the hole (free drop, NO penalty). Balls that come to rest in newly mulched areas around new/staked trees (identified by stakes or ribbon) must be moved no closer to the hole, and played without penalty. Otherwise, you must play the ball as it lies if it is near a mulched tree without a stake/ribbon or take a penalty stroke.
- **Drop zone on hole #13.** In order to speed up play, we have adopted a local rule which requires the player to proceed across the water to a drop area after hitting two balls into the water. The player incurs an additional penalty stroke when using the drop area to complete her play of the hole.

### **Special Events and Tournaments**

The league will have “fun night” events once a month during league play. Details will be provided prior to league play.

Miss Dollie Event/Outing, named after one of our league’s oldest members, will be held the third Thursday of June, and members will be required to sign-up in advance and will be assigned teams based on handicaps. This event will be a 5:15 PM shotgun start, and a potluck business meeting will follow play.

### **Tournament Play**

The best two rounds (front and back) of golf in the month of August will be used for league tournament scores. Handicaps will be based on the August 1 revision report for the duration of tournament scoring.

The following prizes will be awarded:

- Overall Low Gross – “Medalist”
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Gross – Each flight
- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Low Net – Each Flight

Golf 101 players will be awarded Gross only up to four places.

### **Other JHLGC Tournaments and Events**

Any lady who is a member of the Late Swingers’ can participate in JHLGC tournaments held on Saturdays or other special days. A list of specific tournaments can be located at the club’s website at: <http://www.jhlgc.org/>.

There are three (3) special events that the Club sponsors: Ladies Club Championship, Match Play, and The Juniper Cup. For specific details about these events, refer to the club’s website.

**Ladies Club Championship:** Ladies must sign-up in advance for a two-day tournament. Play will be a flighted tournament based on handicap. There is an additional fee, above your league fee, to play in this event.

**Match Play:** Ladies will be required to sign-up in advance, and you will be assigned a partner based on the USGA rules governing Match Play. There is an additional fee, above your league fee, to play in this event.

**The Juniper Cup:** This is a season-long competition for members who wish to participate. There is no additional fee to participate on a Juniper Cup Team.

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