

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT LEAGUES

What is the first step to joining a League?

You must be a member of the National EWGA. You may join online at www.ewga.com or at the Tee-Off Event March 15, 2011. Make sure to choose Long Island as your chapter. After becoming a member of National EWGA, you may fill out a league application and waiver. The documents are available at the Tee Off Event and will be posted to this website after March 15, 2011.

Can I join leagues online or pay with a credit card?

No. Although you may join National EWGA and sign up for outings and events online with a credit card, you may only join league(s) by completing the application, signing the waiver and submitting a check for the total amount due.

How do I know which league is right for me?

In 2011 we will be offering 14 leagues. Descriptions of playing level, day/time league meets and other pertinent information can be found by clicking each league's name listed under "League Play."

What is the fee for joining a league?

There is a yearly administrative fee of \$60, which is non-refundable. There is also a \$50.00 Security Deposit required which is paid one time and rolls over year to year. The deposit will be refunded in total upon resignation from league play and upon written request, provided all greens fees are up-to-date. To the extent that any interest is earned on the security deposit, it shall be regarded as additional service cost payable to the Chapter, and members will not be entitled to payment of such interest. Greens fees are payable directly to the course each week you play.

How do I join additional leagues after submitting my application?

Contact the Membership Captain of your primary league and she will take you through the steps involved. There is no additional payment required.

What are the dates of league play for 2011?

Leagues will begin playing May 3rd and continue through September 17th. Notable exceptions are the Match Play Leagues, which have their own schedules and the Travel League, which continues until late October.

Do I have to play every week (or the same time every week)?

No. You will request tee times for each date and time according to your own availability. Instructions regarding tee time requests and all pertinent league information will be sent to you in an e-mail welcoming you to each league you join. You are responsible for paying your own greens fees upon arrival at the course.

Do I need to have a handicap to play in a league?

Handicaps are not required to play in the three beginner leagues, although we do encourage all members to begin establishing a handicap. Please note that you may only enter scores from rounds played at USGA rated courses.

Handicaps are required for all other leagues, and specific handicap requirements are outlined in the league description for each league. You may participate in a league requiring a handicap while beginning to establish a handicap. Your National EWGA membership includes the use of an online handicapping system. You may also use another system, such as GHIN, but you must then inform the league Scoring Captain of your GHIN number. If we cannot verify your handicap, you are ineligible to win prizes. If you have any questions or concerns regarding handicaps, please contact Suzanne Garcia, the Rules & Handicap Chair, at sgarcia@optonline.net.

What if I am an experienced player without an established handicap?

You may join an intermediate/advanced league, but you must immediately begin establishing a handicap.

Can I join a league if I've never played on a golf course?

While we have beginner leagues available, we strongly urge all members to take advantage of the numerous clinics we offer and to develop a relationship with a golf pro to bring your game to a comfortable level before playing in a league.

What are these "mandatory" seminars I must attend?

All new members must attend a Rules & Etiquette Seminar and a Handicap Seminar conducted by our Rules & Handicap Committee Chair. There are dates to choose from before the start of the season and during the season for those who join later in the year.

What else do I need to know about league play?

We are all here to have fun. Thanks to the efforts of our ALL VOLUNTEER League Committee, we offer many opportunities for playing golf in a welcoming environment, making new friends, socializing and networking. We are a large organization and have certain rules that must be followed to make the leagues manageable and to provide the most enjoyable experience possible for all our members. Your cooperation is necessary and appreciated.