

The Women's 18 Hole Division of the Ellington Ridge Country Club promotes and encourages good sportsmanship and achievement in golf for the members' satisfaction and pleasure.

Tournament tickets may be purchased from the Treasurer allowing participation in the listed events at no additional charge. Additional entry fees are charged for the Billie Marlow and Member Guest Tournaments. To purchase a Tournament Ticket, mail a check payable to "*ERCC 18 Hole Ladies Division*" to the Treasurer as listed on the inside front cover.

Tournaments are generally played on Thursday mornings and weekends between early May and mid October. Signup sheets and instructions are in the "**Red Book**" located at the Pro Shop.

A preliminary tournament schedule appears at the end of this document. Any changes that occur after printing will be noted in the monthly club calendars.

Women's 18 Hole Division Tournament Rules and Procedures

1. Ladies must purchase a tournament ticket in order to compete in tournaments run by the Women's 18 Hole Division with the exception of the Club Championship which is open to all women of ERCC. From time to time the Board may elect to run an open tournament for all women golfers at ERCC. Details will be determined by the tournament committee.
2. All participants in a tournament must have an established handicap (refer to the handicap policy). In all tournaments of the Women's 18 Hole Division a member shall play at her current handicap. If a USGA handicap revision occurs during the course of a multi-day tournament each player's handicap will stay the same throughout the tournament days unless a rain date is utilized. This must be advertized at signup. When flights and/or teams apply to a tournament, the member shall maintain her initial position in such, provided a full round of the tournament has been played.
3. Scorecards from all tournaments must be handed in. They should contain the players' name, be legible, signed, attested and correct. Individual or two person teams must have a marker attest the scorecard. Any failure to abide by this rule will result in disqualification.
4. A score must be posted after every round (exceptions: scrambles, shambles and mixed bags). Proper adjustment should be used to attain a score for any round in which you have completed at least 13 but fewer than 18 holes. All 9-hole scores must be posted.
5. The most improved golfer as determined by the Handicap Chair must be a member of the Women's 18 Hole Division in at least her second season.
6. Awards for breaking 100, 90, 80 or 70 cannot be earned if there are any temporary greens or tees. The course must be official to set a record. The placement of the red tee markers is considered official for that day.
7. It is the responsibility of the Event Chair to coordinate decisions to cancel events with the Tournament Chairs and Pro Shop. If suspension or cancellation of play occurs during an event, changes to format and prizes will be determined according to the established Rain Policy (see Rain Policy).
8. A member of the Women's 18 Hole Division may participate in ladies' weekday and weekend tournaments and tee off at times other than those in the ladies' block but no later than 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays or 1:30 p.m. on weekends. In order to qualify for the tournament, she must be playing with at least one other ERCC member (male or female). This does not apply to trophy, championship or drawn events, or any other event requiring special course set up.

9. Blinds are eligible to win one prize only. If a blind wins on more than one team, she will be awarded the higher prize.
10. If a problem arises during stroke play, invoke Rule 3-3: play 2 balls, keeping separate scores for each. Consult the Pro Shop for the correct ruling when you come in. Please read your USGA Rules Book and keep one with you when you play.
11. Rule infractions should be drawn to the attention of the player at the time of the infraction. Should the players not be sure of the ruling, consult your Rules Book or the Pro Shop.
12. Please be on time. If you are going to be late, call the Pro Shop. Your group may opt to play without you or go to the end of the field and wait if you advise that you are coming. If you must cancel, please notify the Pro Shop as early as possible.
13. Please be aware at all times of the pace of play. Slow play is defined as playing in more than 4¼ hours **or** having teams backing up behind you even if you are playing within the 4¼ hour guideline (refer to Pace of Play Guidelines).
14. If Guest Day golf is cancelled, the corresponding meal will also be cancelled. However, meals will be held for Opening Day, the Fall Member/Member, Closing Day and General Meeting days even if the golf is cancelled. Scheduled meetings will also be held.
15. All President's Cup matches or special tournaments playing as a foursome should play at the end of the field if playing during a scheduled tournament in order to avoid slowing the field. If you are playing as a twosome, you may play at the front of the field.
16. Scores for Major Events (4-Ball Championship, Billie Marlow, Club & Flight Championships, Senior/Super Senior Championship and Fall Member/Member 18 hole rounds) will be recorded as "T" scores in the computer.

Handicaps and Hole Adjustments

Handicap Information

1. New members will be entered into the GHIN system by the Pro Shop (if requested). At least 5 scores must be posted to earn a handicap. Information on posting adjusted scores is available below or may be obtained from the Pro Shop or handicap chair.
2. Handicaps will be computed on the lowest 10 scores of the most recent 20 rounds in accordance with the USGA/GHIN rules.
3. Record only adjusted scores for all rounds played. Note the slope and rating if a round is played from other than the ERCC red tees.

4. A score should be posted for every “in season” round completed, no matter where it is played. An accurate, fair handicap depends on complete and correct information. For people living or vacationing away from ERCC during the “in season” for that location, scores must be kept and entered into the ERCC computer UNLESS the course(s) you played participate in the GHIN system in which case, they will automatically be fed to our computer. If you played more than 20 rounds, only the most recent 20 must be entered.
5. The maximum handicap allowed in tournament play is 40 (index 39.1). Only adjusted scores are to be entered into the computer once a handicap has been established.
6. If your handicap is calculated by hand to a lower index number in order to qualify for a special purpose, you must play to that lower index number until the next GHIN Handicap revision.
7. The Handicap Committee has the right to adjust a member’s handicap under certain conditions.

Adjusting Hole Scores

Under the USGA Handicap System, a player is required to record a score for a hole she has not finished, not played, or not played under the Rules of Golf, and to adjust any score for a hole when it is higher than the maximum number of strokes she is allowed to post. Scores from BOTH STROKE AND MATCH PLAY rounds must be posted by applying the following principles.

1. If a player starts, but does not complete a hole or is conceded a stroke, for handicap purposes she shall record the score she most likely would have made, not to exceed the Equitable Stroke Control limit.
2. If a player does not play a hole, or plays it other than under the Rules of Golf (except for preferred lies), for handicap purposes her score for that hole shall be par plus any handicap strokes she is entitled to receive on that hole.
3. Equitable Stroke Control (ESC) is the downward adjustment of individual hole scores for handicap purposes in order to make handicaps more representative of a player’s potential ability. ESC sets a maximum number a player can post on any hole depending on the player’s course handicap. ESC is used only when a player’s actual or most likely score exceeds her maximum based on the table below:

<u>Course Handicap</u>	<u>Maximum to Post</u>		
	<u>Par 3</u>	<u>Par 4</u>	<u>Par 5</u>
9 or less	5	6	7
10 through 19	7	7	7
20 through 29	8	8	8
30 through 39	9	9	9
40 or more	10	10	10

Connecticut Women's Golf Association (CWGA)

See Rep from Tournament Committee (inside front cover)

As members of a club that participates in the CWGA, ERCC women golfers who meet requirements set by the CWGA may join that organization and participate in tournaments at other member clubs. Information on CWGA is available at their web site (www.cwga.org) or by contacting our CWGA representative. Any member of the Women's 18 Hole Division whose handicap index reaches 23.5 or lower in 2011 is eligible to join (see the web site for handicap requirements in years beyond 2011).

Rain Policy

1. Suspension of play and/or cancellation of an event will be determined by the following Rain Policy: If the course is not closed to play, players or teams may compete in the scheduled tournament. If the event is played, changes to format and prizes will be based on the following: If less than $\frac{1}{4}$ of the original field completes 9 holes, the event will be delayed, rescheduled or cancelled at the Event Committee's discretion. If at least $\frac{1}{4}$ of the original field completes 9 holes but less than 18 holes, the event will be a 9-hole tournament. If $\frac{1}{4}$ or more of the original field completes all 18 holes, the event will be an 18-hole tournament. Original field is defined as total participants signing up for the event.
2. If play is suspended during any day of a non-flighted Major tournament and the entire field cannot complete the round, it will be cancelled and replayed in its entirety on the scheduled rain date. In a flighted Major, if all participants in a flight complete the round, scores stand as recorded. Only flights that were unable to finish will replay on the rain date.

Guest Day Policy

1. On a Guest Day, a member may invite any woman who is not a member of the Women's 18 Hole Division. If a guest does not have an established handicap, the Callaway handicap system will be used. The maximum handicap will be 40.
2. The Event Committee will announce the number of guests a member may invite.
3. ERCC 18 Hole member foursomes may be allowed to play at the discretion of the Event Committee but are not eligible to compete in the tournament. Carts and meals are mandatory and will be charged accordingly.
4. Two ERCC members may play with another ERCC member and her guest to complete a foursome. Full guest day fees will be mandatory and will be charged accordingly.
5. Gross and Net prizes will be awarded on all Guest Days.
6. Guest Day prizes will be purchased through the Pro Shop or Pro Shop credit will be given in accordance with Club Policy.
7. Players that cancel out of a Guest Day less than 48 hours before the event will be subject to a fee of $\frac{1}{2}$ the cost of the entry fee (per club member guest cancellation policy).

Cell Phone Policy

Use of cell phones is limited and is dictated by Club Policy. They should be used only for emergency purposes and should NEVER disrupt the pace of play for your group or any groups behind you. Abuse should be reported to the Clubhouse Manager, Nancy Chambers (860) 872-9133.

Pace of Play

Please be aware at all times of the pace of play. Slow play is defined as playing in more than 4¼ hours **or** having teams backing up behind you even if you are playing within the 4¼ hour guideline.

To remedy slow play:

- Pick up your pace.
- If you are playing as fast as you comfortably can but still have one or more open holes in front of you (with teams backed up behind you) **YOU MUST LET TEAMS BEHIND YOU PLAY THROUGH.** If there is no open hole in front of you, it is not necessary to allow groups to play through.

Allowing groups to play through:

- Wave the other group on and allow them to hit their shots, then hit your next shot as they walk up the fairway. Keep play moving while another group plays through.

If you have problems with slow play:

- Please try to address the problem of slow play within your own group.
- If the problem is with the group ahead of you, politely ask the problem group to pick up their pace or allow your group to play through.
- If problems persist, refer complaints to the Pro Shop. Slow players are encouraged to sign up at/near the end of the field.

Major/Trophy Event Information

1. Resolution of problems with any aspect of a Major Event is handled by the Event Committee consisting of Pro Shop Personnel in conjunction with (in order of priority):
 - A. The Event Chair.
 - B. If the Event Chair is not available, the Tournament Chair and/or Assistant Tournament Chair.
 - C. If Event and Tournament Chairs are unavailable, the 18 Hole General Chairlady may be contacted.

2. Anyone signing up for a trophy (Major) event and withdrawing after start of play, without acceptable cause as determined by the Event Committee, will be ineligible for the next trophy event. Please be reasonably certain of your availability to play before signing up.
3. Should any female ERCC golf member who does not have a tournament ticket desire to play in the Club Championship, she must pay a \$25 entry fee.

Major Events Rules and Guidelines

General information for Major Events is shown here. Detailed rule sheets will be provided on Tournament Days.

Ringer Board - see *Tournament Committee rep (inside front)*

- An 18 hole round must be played. Holes must be played in correct order and all 18 holes completed. You may not ring two combined 9-hole rounds. Ringers may not be posted during special events (i.e., Mixed Bag) that prevent posting an individual score in the computer.
- You may not ring a hole that has a temporary tee or green.
- You may ring on Guest Days only if there is another ERCC member in your foursome.
- Ringers must be dated and attested. Please be sure the information is accurate, complete and neat.
- The ringer board must be totally completed to be eligible for a prize.
- Gross and Net Prizes will be awarded. Ties will be broken starting with the first handicap stroke hole. Net scores will be determined using the handicap of record closest (prior) to the closing day of the ringer board.

President's Cup - see *Tournament Committee rep (inside front)*

- Match play format.
- Pairings will be done by committee. A "ladder" of matches and "play by" dates are posted in the Pro Shop and Ladies Locker Room.
- The higher handicap player receives strokes based on the difference between the handicaps.
- It is the mutual responsibility of each player to contact her opponent and schedule the match before the "play by" date listed on the pairing sheet. Times for matches are arranged by the players and must be completed within the designated time periods.
- Please accommodate the working women and be flexible when scheduling matches.
- Each participant for each match is responsible for knowing her own handicap as well as the handicap of her opponent on the designated date of play.
- Final round must be played as a twosome.
- Individuals that play a President's Cup match on Thursday or Saturday are not eligible to participate in the Ladies Day Event.
- Any unforeseen problems or questions will be resolved by the Event Committee.

4-Ball Championship - see *Tournament Committee rep (inside front)*

- ABCD Drawn - 36 hole stroke play, Net best ball of 4, 90% handicap.
- Prizes will be awarded to the winning and runner-up teams.
- Pairings will be done by Committee.
- Leaders after the first round will tee off last on the second day of play.
- Blinds will only be assigned to teams that have less than 4 players at the start of the first day of the event. Once play begins, if a team member drops out, the team score will be based on the remaining players.
- Ties will be broken by match of cards starting with the first handicap hole on the final day of play.
- Any unforeseen problems or questions will be resolved by the Event Committee.

Billie Marlow - see *Tournament Committee rep (inside front)*

- 36 hole stroke play, Net better ball of 2, 95% handicap.
- Pick your own partner.
- Leaders after the first round will tee off last on the second day of play.
- If a team member fails to start or complete either round, the remaining team member can play alone (no blinds due to pari-mutuel).
- Ties will be broken by match of cards for the best net 9 hole score for the last 9 holes of play.
- Any unforeseen problems or questions will be resolved by the Event Committee.

Club & Flight Championships - see *Tournament Committee rep (inside front)*

- 54 hole stroke play format Gross & Net for Championship Flight, 36 hole stroke play net (100% handicap) for all other flights.
- Caddies are allowed and may be related to the competitor.
- The Tournament Committee will endeavor to divide the field into a Championship flight (open to whoever wishes to participate) plus three additional flights (depending on signup).
- Cutoff for formation of flights will be by handicap index, regardless of course handicap. This may result in players with the same course handicap being in different flights.
- Awards will be made as follows: Championship Flight – Gross (Champion), Runner-up and low net. Other flights – Net winner and net runner-up.
- Leaders after each round will tee off last on the next day of play.
- Ties for 1st place (club and flights) shall be determined by a sudden death playoff, starting on the first hole. Players involved in a net playoff will get their full handicap in the playoff. All other ties shall be decided by a match of cards beginning on hole #1 of the final round.
- Any unforeseen problems or questions will be resolved by the Event Committee.

Senior/Super Senior Championship - see *Tournament Committee rep (inside front)*

- 36 hole stroke play format, 100% handicap to determine Net.
- Eligibility: age 55 and over; ladies 65 and over may also be eligible for Super Senior Division.
- Prizes will be paid to no more than 1/3 the Championship field in the following order: 1st Gross – Senior Champion, 1st Gross – Super Senior Champion, 1st Net, 2nd Net, 3rd Net. (In the event that the Senior and Super Senior Champion are one and the same person, a prize for Runner-Up Gross will be awarded to the person with the second best gross score for the tournament.)
- Leaders with the lowest gross scores after the first round will tee off last on the second day of play.
- Ties for 1st Gross and 1st Net will be broken by sudden victory playoff starting on the first hole; full handicap strokes apply for net prizes. Ties for other prizes will be decided by match of cards beginning on hole #1 of the final round.
- Any unforeseen problems or questions will be resolved by the Event Committee.

Fall Member-Member - see *Tournament Committee rep (inside front)*

- Pick your own partner.
- Match play format, strokes will be determined by the difference between each player and the lowest handicap in the group (1/2 strokes count).
- Flights will be determined by combined handicap.
- Two way ties will be broken using the scores when the teams played head-to-head. The winner of that 9-hole match shall also be the winner of the tie. If such match was even, a match of cards by stroke hole shall be used to break the tie based on the day the match was played.
- Any unforeseen problems or questions will be resolved by the Event Committee.

Tournament Descriptions

1-2-3 (Drawn) – Players apply their handicap strokes to each hole. Record the best team scores as follows: one score on par 5's, two scores on par 4's, and three scores on par 3's.

1-2-3 Red, White & Blue Flag (Drawn team) – A team event where 1 score is recorded on holes with a red flag, 2 balls on holes with a white flag and 3 balls on holes with a blue flag.

2-Ball (Drawn) – Partners will be drawn. Twosomes will be combined into foursomes. Players apply their handicap strokes to each hole. The best ball of the twosome will be scored on each hole.

4-Ball (Drawn) – Four players are a team. Players apply their handicap strokes to each hole. The lowest gross and lowest net score on each hole are recorded as the team score.

4-Ball Championship (Drawn) Four players are a team (A,B,C,D). 36 holes stroke play. Net better ball of 4. (Trophy Event)

Arizona Scramble (Drawn) – Four players are a team. All team members tee off. Select best shot, all team members hit second shot, select best shot, etc. until ball is holed out. Each player hits every shot. Everyone putts. Two drives must be selected from each player.

Ball Quota Team (Drawn) – Each team will be required to select/use 36 NET balls if playing in a 4-some (27 if playing in a 3-some). At least one ball must be selected for each of the 18 holes played *as each hole is played*. Additional balls selected must be done at the completion of each hole, keeping the overall requirement in mind. A running score is maintained based on how the team is performing relative to par and the number of balls used. The winning team performs best relative to par.

Best 9 – Each player records her gross score on each hole. When the round is finished, the lowest nine gross scores are added, and 50% handicap is deducted.

Best 5 & 4 – The best 5 gross scores on the front nine and the best 4 gross scores on the back nine will be totaled and 50% handicap will be deducted.

Billie Marlow – Players choose their own partner. 36 holes, net better ball is recorded for each hole, 95% handicap. (Trophy Event)

Blind Holes – The winning score is based on the holes selected by the Pro Shop after all players have left the first tee. Players report their gross scores. The number of holes and handicap percentage will be determined by the Tournament Committee.

Blind Partners – Players make their own foursomes. Partners are drawn after the last group has teed off. A player does not know her partner until she has finished the round. Players keep their hole-by-hole net score. Winner is the team with the lowest net better-ball score.

Bridgeman Best Ball of Foursome – (Drawn) The 18 hole round is divided into three six-hole segments. Applying handicap strokes to each hole, the players use one best-ball per hole on holes 1-6, two best balls on holes 7-12, and three best balls on holes 13-18.

Criers – Best 15 holes out of 18. Player throws out 3 worst holes.

Even Front/Odd Back – Gross scores on the even-numbered holes on the front nine and odd-numbered holes on the back nine are added and 50% of the player's handicap is subtracted.

Fall Member-Member – Players choose their partner. There are five nine hole, match-play rounds. (Trophy Event)

Field Day – Special course set up at the discretion of the Tournament Committee. Payouts for special events.

Junior/Senior (Drawn) – Partners will be drawn. Twosomes will be combined into foursomes. Players apply their handicap strokes to each hole. The best ball of the twosome will be scored on each hole.

Ladies Club Championship – 54 Holes stroke play – gross and net. (Trophy Event)

Ladies Flight Championship – 36 holes, stroke play – net. (Trophy Event)

Long Beach Four-Ball – (Drawn) Each team has four players. Each team member receives points. Net Bogey = 1, net Par = 2, net birdie = 3, net Eagle = 4 and net Double Eagle = 5. The team with the highest point total will be declared the winner.

Manning Best 2 of 4 (Drawn) – Four players are a team. Cards will be stroked at 95% handicap. The two lowest net scores are recorded for each hole.

Mixed Two Ball – Players choose their own partners. Best net nine of the twosome on the front nine. Better net score of the twosome on each hole of the back nine.

Mystery – Special format or course set up is at the discretion of the Tournament Committee.

Mystery Throw Out – The Pro Shop will select three holes which will not count in each player's total score. One par 3, one par 4 and one par 5 will be eliminated.

Nassau – Individual event with prizes awarded for the best front nine, the best back nine and the best eighteen hole scores.

Net in Classes – Each player records her gross score on each hole. Handicaps are deducted after the round is finished.

No S & T – The gross score for holes which do not begin with the letters "S" or "T" are totaled, 50% handicap is applied.

Odd/Even Team (Drawn) - Players apply their handicap strokes to each hole. Record the one best net score on the odd numbered holes and the two best net scores on the even numbered holes.

Odd Front/Even Back – Gross scores on the odd-numbered holes on the front nine and even-numbered holes on the back nine are added and 50% of the player's handicap is subtracted.

Partners' Low Net Plus Putts – Players choose their own partner. Each team records best net ball plus low putts per hole. Both players may contribute to score on any hole, as one may have best ball and other may have low putts.

Pick Your Partner – Choice 9's – Players record their gross scores, minus their allotted 9 hole handicap on each side. Team score is the better net 9 hole score for the front nine plus the better net 9 hole score of the back nine.

Pick Your Partner - "Mixed Bag" – Players choose their own partner. Hole numbers 1-6 are played better ball of two, hole numbers 7-12 are played selected drive, alternate shot, hole numbers 13-18 are played as a scramble.

Pick-Your-Partner - 2-Ball – Players choose their own partner. Players apply their handicap strokes to each hole. Better ball of two.

Pick Your Putting Partner – Players choose their own partner. Each team records total putts per round. Putts are defined as strokes taken on the green. Prizes will be awarded to best scores in total field (no classes). Ties will be broken by lowest putts on #8 and on #18 (combined).

Point Quota Team (Drawn) – Each player is given a point quota based on her handicap. The team quota will be determined by adding the quotas of the individual players. Points are scored by each player based on GROSS scores on each hole: Bogey = 1, Par = 2, Birdie = 4 and Eagle = 8. The team that exceeds their quota by the largest margin wins. Similar to Chicago System (individual play).

President's Cup – Match play elimination tournament with handicap. Sign up is on an individual basis. (Trophy Event)

Red, White & Blue – Players alternate teeing off from the red, white or blue markers.

S & T – The gross score for holes which begin with the letters "S" or "T" are totaled, 50% handicap is applied.

Scorefest – (Drawn) Individual net scores over 100 = 2 points; net scores 90-100 = 5 points; net scores 85-89 = 10 points; net scores 80-84 = 15 points; net scores 75-79 = 25 points; net scores 70-74 = 40 points; net scores under 70 = 75 points. Highest total team score wins.

Senior & Super Senior Championship – 36 holes, stroke play. (Trophy Event)

Stableford – Players score the following points for each net: Bogey = 1, Par = 2, Birdie = 4, Eagle = 6, Double Eagle = 8.

Team Criers (Drawn) - Team records best net ball of four on each hole. The three worst holes of the round will be thrown out.

TOES – An individual net tournament where the gross score for holes starting with one of the letters "T", "O", "E", "S" are totaled and handicap is applied. This tournament excludes holes 4, 5, 9, 14 and 15.

Two-Day Ringer – One 18 hole round will be played each day. Players record gross hole-by-hole scores. After each round those scores will be transposed to a Ringer Sheet. The Ringer score will be determined by taking the better hole scores of the two rounds less handicap.