

**LATIN AMERICAN GOLF ASSOCIATION, INC.**  
**Club and Tournament Rules**  
**(Amended 3/2/2022)**

1. LAGA MEMBERSHIP – At the end of each calendar year, the Board will set the yearly club dues for the succeeding year. LAGA and NCGA dues are payable on or before December 15th. Dues paid after that day may incur a late fee. Once the NCGA dues are submitted, there will be no refunds upon resignation or termination by the club.
  - (a) LAGA memberships are open to all amateur golfers interested in fostering the ideas of LAGA and the pursuit of the game of golf under a cooperative union of players. **New members** will be defined as new to LAGA or having been out of LAGA for the past twelve months.
  - (b) New members will receive a hat with the LAGA logo. All LAGA members are required to wear a hat, shirt, or emblem with the LAGA logo during tournament play or **pay a \$1.00 fine**. The Past-President and/or Tournament Director will enforce this rule.
  - (c) If husband and wife join LAGA, one of the spouses will pay 50% of the yearly dues, the other will pay 100%. This does not apply to the NCGA annual dues. In addition, members **who pay NCGA dues to other clubs or associations** will only pay the yearly LAGA dues set by the Board.
  - (d) Membership privileges: (1) all rights described in the bylaws; (2) eligibility to play in all LAGA tournaments (**see Rule #3 (b)**); (3) eligibility to the hole-in-one pool (**see Rule #2**); and (4) eligibility to the EAGLE contest. Members scoring an Eagle 2 or less on any par 4 or 5 will be awarded \$50 (**par 3s, and any special event conducted by LAGA is excluded from this award**).
  - (e) Prior to any tournament play, members owing monies to LAGA must settle their debts. This rule does not apply to any special event held by LAGA.
  
2. HOLE IN ONE POOL (HIOP) – LAGA will collect \$1.00 for the HIOP from **all players** at each tournament. Members in **good standing** who score an ACE on any par 3 are eligible for a prize of up to \$1000. New members are eligible for the HIOP prize on a pro-rated basis: 1<sup>st</sup> year - \$250, 2<sup>nd</sup> year - \$500, 3<sup>rd</sup> year - \$750, 4<sup>th</sup> year - \$1000. Any **Guest** scoring an ACE **and witnessed by a member** will receive \$50.
  - (a) The HIOP will always be at \$500 but will freeze at \$3,000. Thereafter, the \$1.00 collected will go towards any special event held in November or December. The total LAGA payout for an ACE will never exceed \$1000 any one day.
  - (b) If a single ACE scored on the day of a sanctioned LAGA tournament, LAGA will apply the pro-rated formula first and then determine the payout for the player.
  - (c) If more than one ACE scored on the day of a tournament, the total HOIP payout will not exceed \$1000. For example, if two ACES are scored in one day, LAGA will apply the pro-rated formula first and then determine the payout for each player. If each player is eligible for \$1,000, the HOIP will be divided equally by two (2).
  
3. TOURNAMENTS – LAGA will schedule monthly tournaments from January through December. Membership interest will determine any additional tournaments. The tournament schedule will be on the LAGA website, and available at the end of each tournament. For Player of the Year, only the points for the tournaments in February to November will be used to determine the winner.
  - (a) **FLIGHTS** – Dependent on the number of members playing, the President and Handicap Secretary will determine the number of flights (2 or 3 and a guest **flight**). With the exception of the guest flight, each flight will **low gross, and low net winners**. The **guest flight** winner or winners will be determined by the President, Treasurer, and Handicap

- Secretary. Members without an index will play in the guest flight until an index is established.
- (b) MEMBER PRIORITY – Tournaments having more players than available tee times, members in good standing will always have priority over guests.
  - (c) GUESTS – With the exception of any special events, guests may only play twice (2) in LAGA sanctioned tournaments during a calendar year. To play in future tournaments, guests **must** join the club.
  - (d) LAGA members who are 70 years of age and older may tee from the SENIOR (GOLD) TEEING area if provided. Golf courses may have different color scheme, or refer to the teeing areas as FRONT, MIDDLE, and BACK. Nonetheless, the Senior tees will always be **one back** from the women’s tee area. (Amendment approved on 10/2/2021 at WildHawk GC).
4. **TOURNAMENT REGISTRATION** – All players shall register at least thirty minutes before the first tee time unless the player(s) have paid in advance. If you sign-up to play and fail to show-up without notifying any Board member on the Wednesday prior to the tournament date, the member will be charged the green fee if the golf course requires payment (**Note: Members will be responsible for their guest green fees, including no shows**). Exceptions will be made for medical and emergency situations.
5. **CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP** – LAGA will have two yearly champions, **Club** and **Net Champion**. The Championship will be held over an 18-hole event played in October. All members and guests can sign-up to play, but to be eligible for the Championship, members must be in good standing and have played in at least three (3) LAGA tournaments within the previous 8 months leading to the scheduled date of the Championship Tournament. Any special event and Nevada golf trip will not count towards the rule of 3. Exceptions may be made for medical reasons.
- (a) The LAGA Club Championship will be played from the middle or white tees, no exceptions. Golf courses may have different color scheme, or refer to the teeing areas as FRONT, MIDDLE, and BACK. The color scheme that is considered to be the middle teeing area will be considered the white tees. The Club Champion will be determined with the player with the lowest GROSS score (**handicap not applied**).
  - (b) The LAGA Net Championship will be played from the white, senior, and red teeing areas. LAGA members who are 70 plus years of age may tee from the senior (gold) tees if available. The Net Champion will be determined with the player with the lowest NET score (**handicap applied**).
  - (c) In case of ties, both Club/Net, the player with the lowest total **gross score** on the number one handicap hole will determine the winner; if the tie continues, the second lowest handicap hole will be used to determine the winner. Thereafter, the winner will be determined by using the next hardest handicapped hole starting with three. **This rule shall apply for all tournaments.**
  - (d) The Club/Net Champions will receive paid green fees for the next ensuing Club Championship, a windbreaker jacket with player’s name, year, and LAGA Club Champion or LAGA Net Champion embroidered on the jacket (**If a player prefers, in lieu of a jacket, the LAGA dues will be waived for a year**). In addition, the player’s name will be engraved in the respective perpetual Championship trophy and the Champions may keep the trophy until the subsequent Club Championship.
6. **TOURNAMENT RULES** – All play will be in accordance with NCGA rules and regulations. Local rules may apply as the scorecard indicates. **All players are required to putt out**, or face disqualification. On the day of the tournament, based on weather and course conditions, the President and Handicap Secretary or the Tournament Director may call for lift, clean and place.

- (a) SCORECARDS – Submit all scorecards to the Handicap Secretary or Tournament Director. Scorecards should have full legible names; the actual numerical gross score of each hole; signed and attested. Incorrect scoring may mean disqualification and no changes will be allowed after the scorecard has been turned in. If a player turns in a score for any hole higher than actually played, the HIGHER score will stand. The Handicap Secretary and the President will decide all disputes.
- (b) USE OF MEASURING DEVICES – LAGA will allow any player to use devices that measures or gauges distances and slope.
- (c) SLOW PLAY - In order to speed up PLAY, the Board has established the following pace of play guidelines to complete a stipulated round of golf. A group of four will have up to 5 hours to complete 18 holes of golf. It will be the **group's responsibility** to prevent any slow play. The golf marshal or other will warn the group of slow play.
- (d) PENALTY FOR SLOW PLAY – The following penalties WILL apply for slow play:
  - i. Failure to complete a round of golf within 5 hours, each player in the group **shall add two strokes penalty** to their score at the end of the round.
  - ii. Failure to comply with the two-stroke penalty will mean disqualification.

7. LAGA PLAYER OF THE YEAR - (Enacted January 2012, Amended 10/6/2021)

At the end of each calendar year, LAGA will recognize a member Player of the Year using the following scoring format described. The member with the highest point total at the end of November will be **LAGA'S PLAYER OF THE YEAR**. The member will receive a Certificate of recognition, and the LAGA membership dues waived for the ensuing year. In case of ties, the member with the highest point awarded on the day of the Club Championship will be declared the winner. If the tie continues, both players will have their membership dues waived and both players will be declared Players of the Year.

SCORING FORMAT

Points will be awarded for placing **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>** in each flight for either **Gross or Net**. **A player can only earn points for gross or net, but not both**. All ties will receive identical points for **1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>** place finishes. For each place, points will be awarded **FIRST** to the low gross score (including all ties), then to the low net score (including all ties). Repeat this process for each place.

POINTS

- Tournaments: 1<sup>st</sup> place - 100 points; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 75 points; 3<sup>rd</sup> - 50 points, 4<sup>th</sup> – 25 points
- Club Championship: **Triple points:** 1<sup>st</sup> place - 300; 2<sup>nd</sup> - 225; 3<sup>rd</sup> – 150, 4<sup>th</sup> 75 - points
- (100) points for scoring an Ace at a LAGA Tournament.
- (90) points for playing in the Club Championship.
- (50) points for scoring an Eagle at a LAGA Tournament.
- (30) points for playing in a LAGA Tournament.
- (25) points maximum for recruiting a new member to join LAGA.

DEFINITIONS

- **Member in good standing** is defined by the Bylaws, Club and Tournament Rules.
- **New Member** defined by the Club and Tournament Rules.
- **Gross score** defined as the player's raw score without any adjustments.
- **Net score** defined as the player's score after adjustment by the player's current NCGA playing handicap.