

WGA 18 Hole
New Member Handbook



WELCOME

To

**Lakewood Ranch
Golf and Country Club**

WGA

Website and Apps You Need

Lakewood Ranch GCC App

- Make Reservations
- View Course Hours, etc.
- Find friends in the Directory.



Lakewood Ranch Website

- www.LakewoodRanchGolf.com
- Go to WGA 18 Hole to get more details about rules, leagues, memberships and more!

GHIN

- See course handicaps.
- Look-up other golfers' indexes.
- Post your score.
- Check your Revision scores and stats.
- See handicap history.
- Play with GPS.



Golf Genius

- Live Scoring for Tuesday WGA.
- Check Leaderboard.



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Pace of Play

4 Hour Round

- For everyone's enjoyment, we are expected to play 18 holes in 4hrs.

Ready Golf

- Plan ahead; select your club; move to your ball; be 'ready' when it is your turn.
- Anyone can tee off first.
- Passengers can offer to move the cart, park carts at the exit of green. Never leave cart in front of green!

Pick-Up / Split Up

- If your team doesn't need your score, pick up -and take your 'max' or 'most likely' score.
- If you fall behind, one cart should putt out and go ahead to the next hole and tee off.

Follow the Rules of Golf

USGA Rules You Need to Know

- **Red Lines/Stakes:** water or 'junk' penalty area
 - 4 relief options see rule 17.1(d).
 - One penalty stroke.
 - 2 club lengths from red line where ball last crossed margin of hazard.
- **Yellow Lines/ Stakes:** water and ditch penalty area
 - 2 relief options see rule 17.1(d).
 - One penalty stroke.
- **White Lines:** Ground Under Repair
 - Free relief outside of white line.
- **White Stakes:** out of bounds
 - Hit provisional ball. Or go back to original spot where ball was hit.
- **Cart Path:** Free Relief when ball or stance is in or on abnormal course conditions.

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Follow the Rules of Golf (continued)

USGA Rules

<https://www.usga.org/rules/rules-and-clarification/rules-and-clarifications.html#!ruletype=fr@section=rule@rulenum=1>

Questions: If in doubt about any rules during your round, always ask the other players for help!

Local Rules You Need to Know

- Bridges - take a drop & penalty shot.
- Waste Bunkers- you may ground clubs.
- Rough only cart rule = you may lift, clean, place.
- No Play/Retrieve Zone- green cap environmental areas.
- Sprinkler head free relief at greens; only if within 2 club lengths.
- Shell areas - free relief.
- Provisional allowed if possibly in penalty area (holes CL #13, KD #7, KD #11).
- If ball or swing is impacted by roots or ruts, free relief.

Post Your Score Score Posting Scenarios

Stroke Play Tournaments

You cannot pick up; you must finish the hole and take the score.

Team Games/Match Play

If you pick up, your ball is out of play either take your MAX score, which is par plus two plus any strokes you get on specific hole, OR take your most likely score, if lower.

Inclement Weather

- For holes not played – **do not** enter a score:
 - If at least 10 holes are completed, post 10 scores hole by hole.
 - If at least 9 holes are completed, post a 9 hole score.

***WGA Scores will be posted by the Golf Shop-
Do Not Post on Tuesday***

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Post Your Score (continued)

WGA Game Day

- Golf Genius: on Tuesdays only enter your gross score, and the computer does the rest. If you pick up place an X before your score (X9, X8)

Avoid a Penalty "P" Score (non-WGA days)

- Post within 48 hours or get a "P".
- 2 "P"s freezes your GHIN for 30 days, & prevents you from play in WGA.
- "P" score artificially lowers your handicap index (lowest round of last 20).

Validate Exceptional "E" Score

- "E" can indicate an error, such as, posting from the wrong tees, wrong course; or posting a nine hole score as eighteen hole score.

Call the Golf Shop to Correct Scoring Errors

Find a Game

Tuesday- WGA Events

- Respond to Golf Genius invitation via email 3 weeks ahead; for Shotgun events registration opens 3-4 weeks ahead (WGA Blast announces registration timing).
- Sign Up begins at 7 am on the sign-up date for all events.
- You may always sign up 'solo' and the Golf Shop will pair you (for a team event).

ForeTees- Wednesday-Sunday

- Ladies' groups exist on all days; you can always sign up for a vacant spot.

Start Your Own Group

- WGA resources can coach you to organize a weekly game /group.

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Save Our Grass

90 Degree Rule

- Drive Cart on the path or rough until you are parallel to your ball; go 90°; hit & return to rough and proceed.
- Avoid Geo-fence (yellow dots on GPS); back out in reverse, if stuck.

Fill Divots

- Use sand (bottles on cart) to fill divots in fairway or tee box.

Repair Ball Marks

- Use divot tool or tee to fix ball mark on the green & tamp down!

Miscellaneous

Guests

- Guest only allowed after 12:30 in-season and 10:30 off-season, when applicable.
- Black-out dates for guests occur if 2 courses are tied up with events (priority is for members to have access to tee times)

HAVE FUN

It's just a GAME.

Be Nice