



## 2021 Lady 9ers Guidelines Red Hawk Ridge Ladies Golf Club



**MISSION:** The Lady 9ers was established in 2019, as a part of The Red Hawk Ridge Ladies Golf Club (RHRLGC) to provide all interested ladies of our community, regardless of their golfing skills, the opportunity to improve their golfing abilities, increase their knowledge of the game, enhance their understanding of USGA rules and enjoy playing golf in an atmosphere of fun and fellowship.

### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

Any lady playing in one of the Golf Leagues at Red Hawk Ridge (RHR) will be included under the general umbrella known as the Red Hawk Ridge Ladies Golf Club (RHRLGC).

#### **League Description:**

- 1) A 9-hole League playing on Wednesday late afternoon/evenings on the front nine holes at RHR.
- 2) A single GHIN fee will be charged.
- 3) The league rate for golf only applies during designated RHRLGC Lady 9ers tee slots and days.

#### **Season Dates:**

9-Hole PM League begins Wednesday, May 5, 2021  
Season ends September 29, 2021

**Pre-season and Post-Season:** During our *designated league times only*, Red Hawk offers pre-season play in April and post-season play in October. NOTE: Organizational fees and league signup must occur before pre-season play. (Prizes are awarded when regular season play begins in May)

- 9-hole tee times: 3:30/4:00 PM (depending upon availability) on Wednesdays

### **FEEES AND REGISTRATION**

**Registration:** For membership in the 9 hole League, the organizational fee will be \$150, with a \$20.00 discount for a returning members who register by March 1, 2021. Fees must be paid by **check** made out to the **RHRLGC Lady 9ers** or through VENMO **@RHRLady-9ers**. Please note that each member must have, or be working toward, an established handicap.

#### **Organizational Fees include:**

- GHIN membership which includes GHIN handicap fees
- Administrative costs
- Weekly prizes throughout the year and special tournament prizes
- Meals, snacks, or hors d'oeuvres at various functions
- Club Championship prizes
- End of season prizes

- RHRLGC Hole-In-One Pot: \$5 from each member's organizational fee will be placed in a hole-in-one account. The hole-in-one winners will be paid out at the end of the season event. The amount in the pot will be divided among all hole-in-one winners, with a max of \$200 for a hole-in-one. Any money left in this account will be applied to the end-of-season event or other club expenses.
- Membership in Colorado Golf Association (CGA) which entitles members to receive CGA information and member benefits.

**Registration deadline:**

Registration for membership can occur at any time throughout the year; however, eligibility for prizes takes place only after: 1) all registration forms and organizational fees are turned in, and  
2) the member has established a handicap.

Register online (<https://forms.gle/7iMJ4MZ7jDGSg4z1A>) or print the registration form at the end of this document.

**Registration must be completed by April 28<sup>th</sup> to begin regular season play.**

**Green fee rate during 9-hole league play only:**

- \$35 - includes a cart

**Pro-rating fees for late joiners:**

- **July 15, 2020** is the date that organizational fees will be discounted for any late joiners. After that time, the dues will be \$100.

**Refunds:**

- No refunds will be possible for GHIN fees, once they have been entered into the computer.
- A player deciding she is not interested in continuing her club membership within 3 weeks of her activation date will be eligible for a refund of 80% of her organizational fee. After 3 weeks, no refunds will be given.

**TEE TIMES**

**Scheduling tee times:** League members can schedule tee times beginning at 6:00pm, 8 days prior to the day of play through Golf Genius. (i.e. 6pm Tuesday for the Wednesday of the week following). You may schedule a tee time for yourself and 3 other league members.

- 9-hole league tee times start on Wednesdays around 3:30 PM depending on daylight hours

**Weather conditions:** The staff at Red Hawk will determine if the course is unplayable due to the weather. If the course is open, play will continue regardless of cold, mist or wind. Those unsure if they want to play should go to Red Hawk to observe the conditions in person rather than calling the Pro Shop, and then cancel their reservation if they decide not to play. Red Hawk does not have a severe weather siren/horn for lightning, etc. A player on the course should use her own discretion in deciding to continue play. Rain checks, prorated on the basis of the number of holes played, will be issued at the Pro Shop.

**Changing league times:** The staff at Red Hawk *tries* to keep our league playing times consistent; however, leagues will be “bumped” on occasion when there’s an outside tournament scheduled. Every effort will be made to maintain the scheduled day, even if the times must be changed. Members are asked to be flexible and understanding.

## SCORING

### **Please read carefully!! GOLF IS A GAME OF INTEGRITY!!**

To uphold this integrity, please be certain that you turn in accurate scores. Remember:

- 1) **All strokes MUST be counted to be eligible for prizes that week.**
- 2) **You MUST hole out on each hole** (hear the ball “plink” in the bottom of the cup) to be eligible for prizes that week.
- 3) **If you disqualify yourself from play, be sure to indicate “DQ” on your scorecard.**

#### **Scorecards:**

- **All groups must use the Golf Genius live scoring app. Only 1 player from each foursome needs to keep score on the app.**
- Two (2) scorecards from each group that plays are required as a check and balance.
- Both cards must be identical and legible.
- Gross score must be completed on each card.
- Record Putts for each hole and total on the scorecard for each player.
- All 4 players must sign and date both cards indicating they have reviewed and verified cards which match each other and the score in Golf Genius.
- All 4 players may be disqualified from the day's play if the cards are not completed as indicated above.
- Once the cards are completed, golfers should place both of them in the proper envelope in the right-hand drawer under the GHIN computer in the hallway at Red Hawk. Please do this on the day of play.

#### **Reporting scores:**

- Players *must* turn in scores each time they play in the league and on the day played. Golf Genius will post all scores to the GHIN system. GHIN will adjust for max score allowed. **DO NOT** post league scores during regular season (May – September).
- Remember, regardless of how good or bad your score is on any given hole, that hole must be played until you have holed out if you are to be eligible for prizes that week. Report your actual gross score for league purposes.
- The League Coordinator will make all the calculations to determine weekly prize winners and post the winners on the Golf Genius online portal.

## HANDICAPS

#### **Posting Handicaps:**

- After a member's GHIN number has been activated, every round she plays, whether at Red Hawk or any other course played must have a true score posted in the computer so an accurate Handicap Index can be determined.
- Consistently posting both good and bad scores is all a part of the “integrity” of golf.
- In essence, each player will have two handicaps – one is the **Handicap Index**, which is a calculated number stating that player's *potential* playing ability on a course of average playing difficulty. The other is the **Course Handicap** that adjusts the golfer's handicap to the relative difficulty of a specific course from a specific set of tees.
- When posting scores to GHIN outside of league play, post your actual score (hole by hole). The new World Handicap System will automatically adjust your score based on Net Double Bogey plus any handicap strokes you received.

- Three (3) 18-hole rounds or Six (6) 9-hole rounds are required to establish your first Handicap Index. Once a handicap is established, it is carried over each year. For questions or clarification, call the League Coordinator or ask someone in the Pro Shop for help.
- You can always check [www.GHIN.com](http://www.GHIN.com) to find your Handicap Index.

#### **Flights and Tees:**

- **All members will play from the Red Tees.**
- Flights will be determined by the golfer's handicap.

### **WEEKLY AND YEAR-END PRIZE ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for any weekly prize, a player must have an established Handicap Index at Red Hawk.

- The number of prizes throughout the year and the prize amount will be determined by the number of participants in the league and in each flight. Generally, 30-35% of participants, as recommended by CGA, will win a weekly prize. Players will be awarded points and the points will be converted to cash after four playable days of league play. The cash will then be put into the player's RHR pro shop account. More prizes will be given out to flights that have more golfers in them. The board will determine end of the year prizes which may include payouts for birdies, chip-ins, low gross/low net rounds, ringer, etc. To be eligible for some of the end of the season prizes league members will have to have played in one half the weekly play days. Prize structure will be consistent throughout the season.
- Weekly prize point awards begin the first week of the season which begins May 5.

### **PRIZE MONEY**

All money won will be placed in a member's **personal account** at the RHR pro shop after four play dates. This amount can be used for merchandise in the Pro Shop, range balls, and for golf outside of League Play, Monday through Thursday, at regular course rates. Members **MUST** spend the money from their accounts before December 31, 2021 or the money **WILL BE FORFEITED**. RHRLGC members have the benefit of a 10% discount on non-sale merchandise at the Pro Shop. It's a member's responsibility to inform the person behind the desk of her RHRLGC membership.

### **SPEED OF PLAY**

Speed of play is a real concern! This is an issue not only for the efficient operation of the course itself, but also to participating members. It is not dependent on a player's handicap. Players are asked to make every effort to speed play along. **It is imperative that each group keeps up with the group ahead of them!**

- 9-hole round should be completed in **under 2 ¼ hours**.
- NOTE: a golfer should spend no more than 20 seconds from the time she chooses a club to when she actually strikes her ball.
- Please play Ready golf.

If speed of play becomes a problem, a sequence of actions may be initiated.

- 1) If a particular group is being slow, a member in one of the trailing groups should call the Pro Shop to request one of the Red Hawk staff be sent to encourage the group to move along more quickly.
- 2) Should the same individual or group cause the problem in subsequent weeks, the RHRLGC Lady 9ers Board will send an email to the offender(s).
- 3) In the event that the problem isn't rectified, the Board will send a warning to the offender(s).
- 4) The RHRLGC Lady 9ers Board reserves the right to revoke any player's membership. This plan was established in an effort to make golf more enjoyable for everyone.

## **CLINICS AND MENTORING**

**Clinics and Lessons:** To help improve play at all levels, **Instructional Clinics** will be offered by the RHR pro staff, but only if league members request them. Clinics will only be held if at least 4 members have signed up and paid for that lesson. Lesson cost to be determined by the instructor. A league member interested in initiating the process should contact the League President or League Coordinator.

For individual or small group lessons, contact any of the pros in the Pro Shop at (720) 733-3501.

## **TOURNAMENTS**

**Georgia Esterline Memorial Buddy Day 9-Hole Scramble:** Lady 9ers will play in pairs as buddies, in this late afternoon fun tournament (4 PM Shotgun start) on **June 9<sup>th</sup>**. Buddies are female golfers from inside the league or can be invited guests. Established handicaps are not required for participation.

**Golf Exchange:** RHRLGC participates in a 9-Hole Golf exchange with 5 other local ladies clubs; Spring Valley, Heritage Eagle Bend, Aurora Hills, Meadow Hills, and Lone Tree. On each course's scheduled day to host, golfers who sign up and pay for the event will be randomly grouped for golf in a creative, fun format with ladies from different clubs in the Exchange. After golf, there will be a light meal and prizes will be awarded. RHRLGC will host their event on **Wednesday, July 14<sup>th</sup>** with a 4 PM shotgun start.

**Member-Guest Tournament:** RHRLGC Lady 9ers will host a 9 hole Member/Guest Tournament on **September 1<sup>st</sup> with a 4:30 PM** shotgun start. Members and their guests (men or women) will enjoy this 9-Hole Tournament with dinner to follow. Course handicaps will be used although established handicaps are not required to participate.

**Club Championship:** A two-day tournament is scheduled for the Lady 9ers league. To be eligible for this tournament a member must have completed rounds in at least ½ of all the league playable events. **The dates are August 11<sup>th</sup> and August 18<sup>th</sup> with a rain date of August 25<sup>th</sup>.**

**Tournament Deadlines:** Members must sign up and pre-pay before the *specified deadlines* for any RHRLGC tournament. No exceptions can be made. Waiting lists will be established in case a last-minute emergency necessitates a cancellation. The tournament will be considered the event of the day; no additional tee times will be available. Payments for tournaments are by **check** only, made out to **RHRLGC Lady 9ers** and left with the completed tournament registration form at the Pro Shop or sent to the tournament coordinator per the registration form.

## **ANNUAL EVENTS**

**Membership Meeting:** General membership meetings for all existing members and potential members will be held at the Red Hawk Ridge Grill. The 9-hole membership meeting will be on **Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> at 6 PM**. We will have an introduction, review of all new policies, welcome our new members, assist potential members and answer questions. **New league members are encouraged to attend.**

**End of Season Event:** An end-of-season event will be held on the last day of play in September.

## **GENTLE REMINDERS**

1. **CELL PHONES:** All members are asked to switch their phone cells to vibrate during their round of golf as a courtesy to fellow golfers. Thank you!
2. **GUESTS:** guests and spouses may not participate during the pre-, post-, or regular season league play days. They can join certain specified tournaments.
3. **ALCOHOL:** Alcohol can NOT be brought to Red Hawk in accordance with the Colorado State Liquor Laws. However, alcoholic beverages can be purchased in the grill and from the concession cart.
4. **SMOKING:** As a courtesy, please refrain from smoking during league play in the RHRLGC.
5. **FOLLOWING THE RULES:** All RHRLGC Lady 9ers members are expected to follow the established USGA Rules of Golf to the best of her ability during play in the RHRLGC Lady 9ers. Carefully read the paragraph at the bottom of the registration form before signing it! Golf is, after all, a game of integrity and it is that integrity that makes our league fair and fun for everyone. It is every golfer's responsibility to ensure all golfers follow the rules. Any rules question should be directed to the rules chair, the league President or the Pro staff.
6. **EMAIL ADDRESSES AND MEMBER PERSONAL INFORMATION:** Information from our club membership list **may not** to be used for promoting private business. Membership information is provided for the sole purpose of RHRLGC golf business. All club information sent as an email should have the initials "RHRLGC Lady 9ers" in the subject area.
7. **PRO SHOP DISCOUNT:** All members of the RHRLGC Lady 9ers are entitled to a 10% discount on non-sale items in the Pro Shop. Be sure to tell the person working behind the counter that you are a RHRLGC member.
8. **PERSONAL ACCOUNTS:** Prize money is placed into a personal account in the Pro Shop for a member to spend. Any money left in the account past December 31, 2020 will be forfeited.
9. **PACE OF PLAY:** Always, always, always stay up with the group ahead of you while playing your round!! Remember: no more than 2 ¼ hrs for 9 holes of golf.
10. **HAVE FUN**