



CHICAGO WOMEN'S DISTRICT GOLF ASSOCIATION

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUB RULES CHAIR 2014

The Rules Chair is responsible for:

RULES COMMITTEE: The Rules Committee should be composed of the Rules Chair and two other members. The Chair and her Committee should keep all members informed about the conditions of each competition and the Rules in force. The Chair and other Committee Members should familiarize themselves with the Rules of Golf. The Committee is responsible for the proper application and interpretation of the Rules of Golf.

RULES BOOKS: Copies of the 2012- 2015 *The Rules of Golf* book should be made available to all players. 2014 is not a Rules change year, but there is a new edition of the *Decisions on the Rules of Golf 2014-2015*. The new USGA Decisions books and current USGA Rules books will be available for sale at all CWDGA meetings, match play events and tournaments. A copy of the 2014-2015 *Decisions on The Rules of Golf* book should be kept in the women's locker room at each club.

POSTING RULES: The Rules Committee is responsible for posting, in advance of play, the regulations and rules governing all scheduled events.

DECISIONS ON GOLF RULES: The Rules Committee decides any questions or claims that may arise. The Rules Chair and the other members of the Rules Committee should be prepared to supply general information about the Rules of Golf. The Committee should decide any Rules question that arises during scheduled play. In order to make a fair and amicable resolution of questions or claims the Committee should:

Assemble the facts. Find the Rule that pertains to the situation. Ask those involved to read the Rule or Rules that apply to the situation. Try to let them come to the right conclusion and intervene only if necessary. Distinguish carefully between Rules for match play and those for stroke play. In match play, the players should be left to resolve differences on their own, whenever possible.

If a question cannot be decided by the Rules Committee, the Golf Committee, as a whole, should make a decision. If doubt still exists, the CWDGA Rules Chair may be consulted. USGA can be called upon for Rules questions at 908-326-1850, as can Jodi Ciotti of CDGA (jciotti@cdga.org; phone 630-685-2323).

LOCAL RULES: See *The Rules of Golf* "Local Rules." Note that any penalty imposed by a Rule of Golf cannot be waived by any local Rule.