

WHITEPATH GOLF ASSOCIATION (WGA)

RULES OF GOVERNANCE

The Whitepath Golf Association (WGA) is an ad-hoc organization that seeks to provide a venue and structure for competition among its members. WGA membership is open to golfers of all ages and skill levels who wish to join. Membership dues are determined by the Georgia State Golf Association (GSGA) and payable to the WGA on January 1st. Dues must be paid in full as a prerequisite to participate in any WGA event.

Tournaments are pre-planned for each calendar year, typically from March through November. The tentative dates and a description of each event are posted on the Whitepath Pro Shop bulletin board and are also available at the front desk. Dates may be modified and/or new dates added after the tournament schedule has been published. All scheduled events will be located at the Whitepath Golf Course. The entry fee for each event will be \$20 per person. Ninety percent of entry fees received will be dispersed as prize money. The WGA goal is to award prize money or merchandise to 75% of each event's participants, distributed at the conclusion of each event. Additional monies may be added to the prize pool from WGA operating funds upon unanimous approval of the Board of Directors. Whitepath Golf Course Cart Fees and / or Greens Fees (if applicable) are an individual cost responsibility and payable in the Pro Shop prior to the start of each event.

All WGA tournaments will be handicapped and flighted to assure that every player has an equal opportunity to compete against any other player. The Georgia State Golf Association (GSGA) Handicap **Index** (GHIN) will **initially** be used for this purpose. A golfer's GHIN will be the

handicap baseline for the first WGA Tournament that a golfer participates in. At the conclusion of each stroke play event the Tournament Committee will adjust the golfer's handicap up or down relative to the initial GHIN Index and that value will become the golfer's WGA handicap for the next WGA tournament. However, under no circumstance will a golfer's WGA handicap adjust upward or downward from one event to the next by more than four strokes. The Tournament Committee will perform pre-tournament flighting at its sole discretion to further enhance fair and equitable competition. Scorecards from WGA tournaments will not be submitted to the GSGA for GHIN handicap consideration except for those events that comply with GHIN rules of handicapping, including acceptable format for play.

The WGA is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of a President, Tournament Chairman and Treasurer, each serving consecutive one year terms, but subject to majority vote at the annual general membership meeting. The Board meets at the end of the year to review all aspects of the Association's operations, including changes to the Board itself and planning the upcoming year's tournament calendar and scheduling the annual general membership meeting. The WGA Treasurer maintains and disburses the Association's operating funds and obligations. A Treasurer's Report will be submitted to the Tournament Chairman within two weeks following each tournament and published at least annually to the WGA membership.