



ROCHESTER WOMEN'S GOLF NETWORK (RWGN)

Member Handbook 2026

*Let's tee off
together!*



1. Welcome to RWGN

Welcome to the Rochester Women's Golf Network (RWGN)—a community built to grow the game of golf for women of all skill levels across Rochester and Buffalo. Our mission is simple:

- Create opportunities to play
- Build meaningful connections
- Support women at every stage of their golf journey

Whether you are picking up a club for the first time or have years of experience, you belong here.

2. Our Mission & Values

Mission

To grow and improve women's golf locally by providing inclusive opportunities to play, learn, and connect.

Core Values

- Inclusivity – All skill levels welcome
- Community – Women supporting women
- Growth – On and off the course
- Integrity – Fair play and sportsmanship
- Local Impact – Supporting local courses, businesses, and professionals



3. Membership Overview

Annual Membership

- Cost: \$75
- Includes:
 - Official GHIN Handicap Account
 - Access to leagues, events, and clinics
 - Member-only opportunities (including private courses)
 - Monthly newsletter and updates

GHIN Policy

- If you belong to another club:
 - That club is your primary GHIN
 - RWGN is listed as your secondary club
- No discounted membership if GHIN is already established elsewhere

4. Non-Member Participation Policy

RWGN welcomes non-members to experience our community by participating in select events, clinics, and play days.

- Non-members may attend **up to three (3) events total**, whether individually or in combination.
- This limit applies across all time and **is not reset annually**.
- Once a non-member has participated in three events, **RWGN membership is required** to continue attending future events.
- **Private club events are exclusively reserved for RWGN members** and are not included in the non-member participation allowance.



5. Leagues & Play Opportunities

RWGN offers a variety of playing formats:

Weekly Leagues

- Structured 9-hole leagues
- Set tee times and locations
- Managed through Golf Genius

Rotating Play

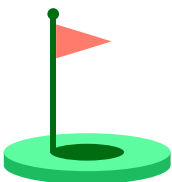
- Weekday & weekend options
- Different courses each week
- Flexible and social

Weekend & Private Course Events

- Exclusive access for members
- Designed to accommodate working schedules

6. Event Registration & Payments

- All registrations handled through Golf Genius
- RWGN collects and distributes payments to courses
- Do NOT pay courses directly unless instructed
- Some events may include:
 - Food & beverage
 - Cart fees
 - Special pricing



7. Cancellation & Refund Policy

- Events may have registration deadlines
- Refunds depend on:
 - Course policies
 - Event commitments
- Late cancellations may not be refunded
- Weather-related changes will be communicated promptly

8. Handicap & Scoring Guidelines

RWGN follows guidelines from the USGA.

For GHIN Members

- Post all scores
- Use accurate handicaps for fair play

For Non-GHIN Members

- Pick up after 10 strokes per hole
- Record scores until handicap is established (54 holes required)
- Strongly encouraged to establish GHIN for:
 - Fair competition
 - Event eligibility
 - Personal improvement tracking



9. Pace of Play

We prioritize enjoyable and efficient rounds:

- Be ready when it's your turn
- Limit practice swings
- Pick up when appropriate
- Keep pace with the group ahead

10. League Sub Policy

- Subs must be RWGN members
- Subs follow:
 - League rules
 - Pace of play expectations
- Sub fees and policies may vary by league

11. Code of Conduct

All members are expected to:

- Treat others with respect
- Support fellow golfers
- Follow course rules
- Always demonstrate sportsmanship

RWGN maintains a zero-tolerance policy for:

- Harassment
- Unsportsmanlike conduct
- Disruptive behavior



12. Alcohol Policy

- Follow all course regulations
- Drink responsibly
- Safety is always the priority

13. Clinics & Education

RWGN offers learning opportunities including:

- Beginner clinics
- Short game & full swing instruction
- Rules education sessions
- Handicap workshops

We collaborate with local professionals and organizations like the Rochester District Golf Association to support your growth.

14. Equipment & Lessons

We encourage members to:

- Get properly fitted clubs
- Take lessons from PGA professionals
- Seek guidance from RWGN partners



15. Social Media & Communication

- Events are only posted once confirmed
- Members are encouraged to engage and share
- Respect privacy and represent RWGN positively

16. Partnerships & Community Support

RWGN proudly supports:

- Local golf courses
- Small businesses
- Teaching professionals

When our partners support us, we support them.

17. Member Experience & Support

Our Experience Member and Ambassadors:

- Welcome new members
- Help with onboarding
- Provide guidance for beginners
- Ensure a positive experience



18. Safety & Liability

- Golf involves inherent risks
- Members participate at their own discretion
- Always prioritize personal safety and awareness

19. Concerns & Feedback

We welcome your input.

If you have concerns:

- Contact RWGN leadership
- Share feedback constructively
- Help us continue improving

20. Looking Ahead

RWGN continues to grow—and so does our vision.

We are committed to:

- Expanding opportunities
- Enhancing member experience
- Strengthening our community



21. Member Cooperation & Communication

At the Rochester Women's Golf Network, member engagement and communication are essential to creating a positive and well-organized experience for all.

Members are expected to:

- **Respond to emails and communications** in a timely manner when input or action is requested
- **Provide feedback** when asked, especially regarding leagues, events, and overall experience
- **Share concerns or challenges** so they can be addressed appropriately
- **Participate respectfully and constructively** to support a welcoming environment

Your feedback helps us improve, grow, and better serve our membership. While we strive to create the best experience possible, we can only address concerns and make adjustments when we are aware of them.

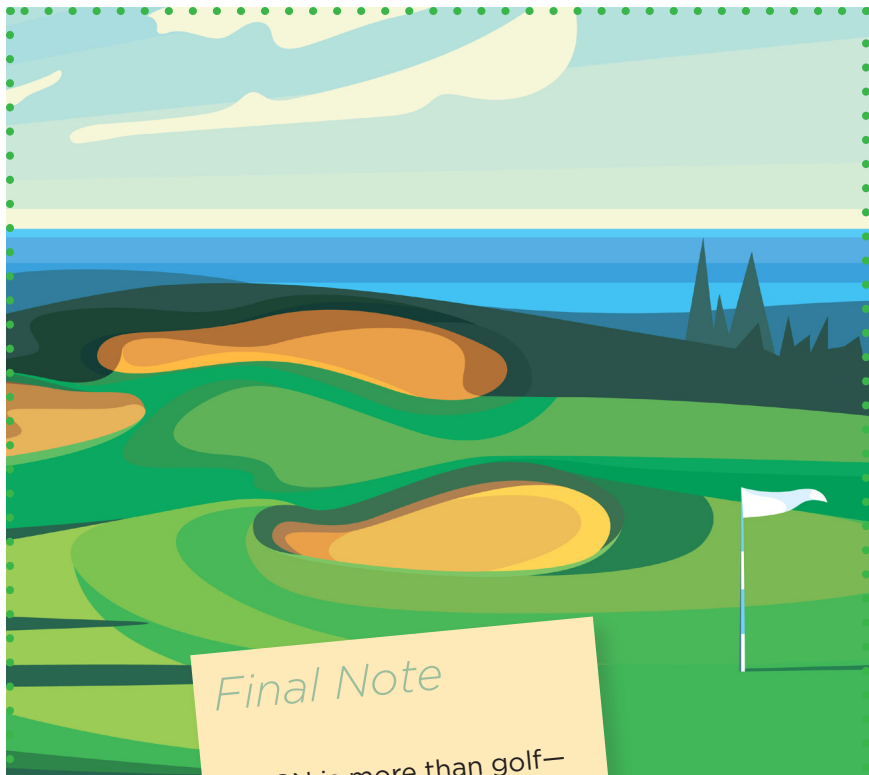
We understand that not every situation can be resolved, but open communication allows us to do our best for the group as a whole.

Thank you for being an engaged and supportive member of RWGN.



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Final Note

RWGN is more than golf—
it's connection, confidence,
and community.

We're glad you're here.

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