



2012

DIVISION II SOUTHERN TEAM MANUAL

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WELCOME TO DIVISION II SOUTHERN TEAM PLAY

The purpose of the Women's Southern California Golf Association Team Play is to foster interest in amateur golf and to encourage friendly competition conducted in a sportsmanlike manner.

USGA Rules of Golf Section I on Etiquette: "Unlike many sports, golf is played, for the most part, without the supervision of a referee or umpire. The game relies on the integrity of the individual to show consideration for other players and to abide by the Rules. All players should conduct themselves in a disciplined manner, demonstrating courtesy and sportsmanship at all times, irrespective of how competitive they may be. This is the spirit of the game of golf."

The WSCGA Team Committee is responsible for organizing Div II Southern Team Play and the Finals competition and for settling all disputes not otherwise resolved.

A. ELIGIBILITY:

- Any WSCGA member who is an amateur in good standing and has an established USGA handicap index.
- The member must be listed as a Regular active member on the January 1st Index Report of the Club she represents and throughout team play including the finals.
- If the club fields more than one team, a player shall be designated on one roster only: "1", "2" or "3".
- A player belonging to more than one WSCGA Div. II Southern club may play for only one club.
- A Team Captain shall be a member of the team she represents.

Div II Southern Team Play will be in the month(s) as determined by the WSCGA Team Committee and approved by the WSCGA Board of Directors.

B. TEAM PLAY INDEX:

Indices on the 1st of each month will be used for all matches, including the Finals. Players with an index average above 40.4 must play down. The indices will be updated monthly and posted on the Div II South Team Play web site page.

C. TEAMS:

There will be no "A", "B" and or "C" team designations based on indices in 2012. A club's team can be comprised of players of any handicap index up to 40.4, and any team player with an index above a 40.4 must play down. A club can field as many teams as they are capable of supporting.

The roster shall remain in effect throughout primary play and the Finals.

A club's roster will be comprised of players whose WSCGA index meets the qualifications listed under "Eligibility". There is no maximum number of players on a team roster and each club can utilize their entire women's club membership when forming their team; however, a club with more than one team may not borrow and /or shift players between the teams.

In order to participate in Team Play, two WSCGA Div II Southern member clubs may, upon the approval of the WSCGA Team Committee, combine to form a team or teams.

D. REGULATIONS:

An area shall consist of not less than three teams.

Primary play for 2012 will be comprised of two areas, High Desert and Mid-Valley. Matches will be played during the months of February, March, April and May, utilizing a home and home format. The scoring system will be both gross and net.

During Primary play if a club is unable to field a team of at least 4 players it shall forfeit, except in an emergency (illness, accident or death) as approved by the WSCGA Team Committee. If an emergency is deemed official, the club in question may reschedule the match with the approval of the Team Committee, the course and the opposing team captain. **All Primary play matches must be completed by May 25, 2012.**

Captains who require assistance throughout the season can contact the WSCGA Team Administrator, Vicki Winchell, by phone at 909-592-1281 x 201 office, by fax at 909- 592-7524 or by email at vicki.winchell@womensgolf.org.

E. TEAM CAPTAIN DUTIES:

WSCGA will conduct organizational meetings and/or teleconferences prior to team play. All information, documents and forms, including a 2012 Manual and Finals information, will be posted and available on the Div II Southern Team web page at: <http://www.womensgolf.org/wscga/team/southindex.htm>.

Team Captains shall have rules sheets, a complete list of players and their indices (available on the web site) and all pertinent information relating to Team Play with them at every match.

The host Captain is responsible for providing scorecards for her team's match and for transmitting the results by fax to the WSCGA office at 909-592-7542 immediately following play. Do not transmit results to WSCGA until all claims have been resolved. Results received by the WSCGA office are final with the exception of errors in addition or subtraction.

WSCGA strongly recommends that a Rules Committee be in place prior to the beginning of every match to handle disputes and claims. Both captains and at least one other person should serve on the Committee. In the event a claim is made that cannot be settled by this Committee, please contact WSCGA at 909-592-1281 for a ruling.

F. FORMAT:

Each team shall consist of four pairs (sides) of players. Handicaps (not indices) shall fall in order beginning with the lowest. The two lowest handicap players on the line up shall be side #1, the next two lowest, side #2 and so on. Players with like handicaps can be placed in any order at the discretion of the Team Captain. Penalty for playing out of handicap order shall be loss of any points earned by the offending side or sides.

Each team's line-up is selected at the total discretion of the Team Captain, including playing short. Any one of the four sides may play short as determined by the Team Captain. Each side must be represented by at least one player when the match begins.

Rosters can be exchanged between Team Captains at any time but the final line up shall be declared no less than one half hour before a scheduled match. (A concurrent exchange of line-ups is recommended.)

No changes are permitted once the final line up is exchanged. Sides shall tee off in order 1-2-3-4 or as determined by mutual consent of the captains.

All Primary play will be a Four Ball Match Play Best Ball format (USGA Rule 30-3).

All matches shall be played on the scheduled date with the following exceptions:

- During heavy rains or extreme weather conditions, Team Captains, by a majority vote, may cancel play prior to tee off.
- Cancellation of the scheduled play by course management over which a Club has no control.
- The course is considered unavailable if carts are unavailable or not permitted to be used. Play shall be rescheduled as soon as possible.

Rain Policy:

If rain commences once the matches have begun, play will continue as long as the course remains open for play. If play is temporarily suspended, apply USGA Rules of Golf 33-2d (The Course, Course Unplayable) and 6-8a, b, and c. Should the course be closed to all play, the following will apply:

1. If all sides in the match have completed at least thirteen holes (or teed off on the thirteenth hole) the remainder of the holes to be played will be halved for the purpose of calculating team results. Team captains will verify results. For posting purposes only, net par will be used on the remaining holes.
2. If any side has played 12 or fewer holes, the entire match must be rescheduled.

3. Team Captains should attempt to reschedule the match with the approval of the neutral club before they leave the course.
4. If Captains cannot agree on a reschedule date before they leave the course, the match must be played before May 25, 2012.

If a match is cancelled or rescheduled by course management, Captains are responsible for notifying the WSCGA office.

G. USGA RULES GOVERN PLAY

A player may pick up when she has no chance to win or halve a hole. If a player starts but does not complete a hole, she shall, for handicap purposes, record the score she most likely would have made if the hole had been completed. Such a score shall not exceed the limit in the Equitable Stroke Control allocation.

When the opponent's ball is at rest, the player may concede a stroke, a hole or a match at any time prior to the conclusion of the hole or match. The concession may not be declined or withdrawn. (Rule 2-4)

If a player has conceded a putt the ball should be removed by the player, her partner or either of her opponents. She may pick up and follow the procedure above or she, her partner or either of her opponent's may mark her ball and for handicap purposes she may putt out after the play of the hole is completed by those in contention. If a player putts a conceded putt and her act is of assistance to her partner, the partner is disqualified for that hole.

In the event that matches are scheduled on the same day and time as other tournaments at the course being played, team players may not compete in anything except Team Play (USGA Rule 33-1). Breach of this rule will result in disqualification of the offending players for the remainder of Team Play.

Caddies, Coaches, galleries or guests are not permitted on the golf course during any team play event. Personnel duly authorized by course management or the WSCGA are an exception.

USGA Rules shall prevail. Local rules not conforming to the USGA Rules of Golf shall be eliminated. Any local rules and the team rosters are distributed to the players on the day of competition.

Rule 30-3 Four Ball Match Play:

Representation of side: "A side may be represented by one partner for all or any part of the match; all partners' need not be present. An absent partner may join the match after completion of a hole, but not during play of the hole. No Team shall commence play with fewer than 4 players.

Balls used in Team play must be on the conforming ball list. Clubs used in Team Play must not be listed on the non-conforming club list. Lists may be found on the USGA website www.usga.org.

Players should be aware of and fully understand how to make a claim, (Rule 2-5)

Temporary greens must be played as permanent greens.

Any group not holding its place shall allow the following group to play through. (USGA Rules of Golf, Section I/Etiquette-Pace of Play)

Please refer to the attachments regarding the cell phone policy and the use of distance measuring devices during team play.

Team Captains shall make decisions as outlined by these rules / procedures and consult with the WSCGA regarding any unsettled disputes or claims. NO outside agencies such as Head Professional, manager, marshal etc. shall be consulted.

I. PRIMARY PLAY SCORING:

Based on a Four Ball Match Play Best Ball format (USGA Rule 30-3)

There are two separate tournaments, the gross tournament and the net tournament. The Win Point, Match Point, Hole Point and Bonus Point scoring system will be applied to each match.

Honors on the first tee will be decided by a coin toss between the Team Captains. Winning gross score has the honor on subsequent tees.

In the net match full difference in strokes shall be designated off of the lowest handicap player of the two sides who will play at scratch. Strokes shall be taken as they fall on the scorecard.

Win Points

One Win point will be awarded as follows:

1. One win point will be awarded to the team with the most total match points won in the team match.
2. The winner has a potential for one gross win point and one net win point.
3. It is possible for a win point to be halved.

Overall winners will be determined by the most gross and net win points earned.

Match Points

Match points are awarded as follows:

1. One gross match point and one net match point will be awarded to each side winning their individual match.
2. It is possible for a match point to be halved.
3. The match is awarded to the side with the most combined gross and net hole points
4. Each team has a potential for four (4) gross points and four (4) net points each match.

Hole Points

Hole points are awarded as follows:

1. Each of the 18 holes is worth one gross point and one net point. These may be won, lost or halved.
2. Each side has a potential for 18 gross points and 18 net points
3. Each team has a potential for 72 gross points and 72 net points per match (4 sides x 18 = 72 hole points).

Bonus Points:

One gross and one net bonus point will be awarded as follows:

1. One bonus point will be awarded to the team with the most combined hole points scored in the team match
2. It is possible for a bonus point to be halved.

The total points that would be won in each team match will be 5 points (4 match points and one bonus point).

Gross / Net Winners:

The Gross and Net area winners are the teams having the most Win points at the end of Primary Play. If a team wins both the Gross and Net tournament, the team will be designated as the Gross winner and will represent their area in the Gross Finals. There will be a Gross and Net winner from the High Desert and a Gross and Net winner from the Mid-Valley.

Gross and Net Ties at the end of Primary Play:

Total Win points won during Primary Play will determine the Gross and Net winners in each area.

If Win points, either Gross or Net, are tied at the end of Primary play, the following procedure will be used to break the ties:

1. Total Match points won in Primary play will be compared. The team with the most total Match Points is determined to be the winner.
2. If still tied the total number of Match points won in the matches between the tied teams will be compared. The team with the most total Match Points is determined to be the winner.
3. If still tied, total Hole Points won in Primary play will be compared. The team with the most total Hole Points is determined to be the winner.
4. If still tied the total number of Hole points won in matches between the tied teams will be compared. The team with the most total Hole Points is determined to be the winner.
5. If still tied, Match points between the tied teams will be compared side by side until the tie is broken and a winner determined.
6. Any ties not broken by this procedure will be determined by a blind draw done by a representative of the WSCGA.

H. FINAL COMPETITION:

Primary play will be a Four-ball Match Play Best Ball format with a Gross and Net winner in each area, High Desert and Mid-Valley. If a team wins both Gross and Net in their area, that team shall go to the Gross Finals, and the second place Net team then qualifies for the Net Finals.

The Final Competition will also be a Four Ball Match Play Best Ball format (USGA Rule 30-3) and played on a neutral course. Champions and Runners-Up will be determined by the same scoring system as utilized during Primary Play.

A Team Captain has total discretion in choosing her line-up for the Finals and may play any side short. Any player listed on a Team's original roster is eligible to play. No club may acquire a player for Final competition who was not previously listed on the club's roster. Rosters established at the beginning of the season remain in effect throughout the Final Competition.

In the Final competition, the gross match will play at scratch. In the net match full difference in strokes shall be designated off of the lowest handicap player of the two sides who will play at scratch. Strokes shall be taken as they fall on the scorecard.

Honors on the first tee will be decided by a coin toss between the Team Captains. Winning gross score has the honor on subsequent tees for the Gross Final and winning net score has the honor on subsequent tees for the Net Final.

Carts shall be mandatory during the Final matches.

At the conclusion of the Team finals a scorecard return area will be designated and an assigned WSCGA official will attend the score box. Once a scorecard has been placed in the score box, it cannot be rescinded and/or altered. A WSCGA official will be responsible for reviewing the final team scores and determining the winners and/or the necessity for a play-off or tie-breaking procedure.

Ties in the Final Competition:

If match points between the competing teams are tied and there is no definite winner at the end of the competition, a play-off utilizing sides #1 only will commence immediately following regular play **with the approval of the host course**. Gross competitors will play a hole-by-hole sudden death match at scratch. Net competitors will play in 3-hole increments with strokes allocated as they fall and utilizing aggregate hole points. Play will begin on a hole designated by WSCGA in advance of the Finals and will continue in the described manner until a winner is determined.

Should a play-off not be feasible, total Hole points between the competing teams will be compared. The team with the most total Hole points is determined to be the winner. If still tied, Match points will be compared side by side until the tie is broken. Any ties not broken by this procedure will be determined by a blind draw done by a representative of the WSCGA.

I. POSTING:

Team play scores during Primary play are posted as regular scores. Scores from the Finals are posted as (T) Tournament Scores.

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DIVISION II SOUTHERN TEAM PLAY
CLUB NUMBERS

HIGH DESERT TEAMS

CLUB	CLUB NUMBER
Buena Vista	316
Horse Thief	180
Kern River	317
Kern Valley	190
Oak Tree	227
RiverLakes / North Kern	319

MID VALLEY TEAMS

CLUB	CLUB NUMBER
Black Gold	314
Empire Lakes	161
Upland Hills	294

**TEAM PLAY SCHEDULE
2012 DIV II SOUTHERN TEAM PLAY
PRIMARY PLAY DATES**

Home and Home matches will be scheduled by the Team Captains from
February 1 to May 25, 2012

FINALS
Date and Venue TBD

DISTANCE-MEASURING DEVICES

POSITION STATEMENT

The USGA Decisions on the Rules of Golf effective January 1, 2006 allow a Committee to permit the use of distance-measuring devices by Local Rule. This applies to devices that measure distance only, not other conditions that might affect a player's play (e.g., wind or gradient)

The WSCGA Committee has created a Local Rule in accordance with USGA guidelines which allows the use of distance-measuring devices at all WSCGA tournament and team play competitions. This Local Rule applies even if a club has not adopted their own Local Rule regarding distance-measuring devices.

Conditions of play for WSCGA-organized events will invoke the following USGA recommended wording for the Local Rule allowing distance-measuring devices:

“Distance-Measuring Devices: For this competition, a player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect her play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.), the player is in breach of Rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions are actually used.”

CELL PHONE POLICY

POSITION STATEMENT

The use of a cell phone or other electronic device is not of itself a breach of the Rules of Golf. However, if the device is used and a breach of etiquette occurs, the penalty is disqualification (Rule 1-4) of the side.

Repeated use of a cell phone on the golf course may constitute a serious breach of etiquette, resulting in a penalty of disqualification (Rule 33-7) of the side.

Using a cell phone to ask for or give advice during a stipulated round is in breach of Rule 8-1 (Decision 14-3/16). The penalty is disqualification of the side.

As many WSCGA clubs prohibit use of cell phones on their grounds, the WSCGA strongly recommends that cell phones not be used in WSCGA tournaments or team play. A club's stricter policy takes precedence.