

Invitational Interclub Golf League
RULES
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(Approved)

Highlighted Changes proposed, not approved

WHO:

Area private country clubs, or equivalent, compete for points with traveling trophy awarded and displayed for the end of season playoff winner. The addition of any new club into the competition is subject to majority approval of the Invitational Interclub Golf League Board of Governors.

Eligibility requirements for participants and dependents must have a current verifiable handicap index and be a member in good standing with their club.

PURPOSE:

This Interclub was begun in 1995 by members of The Woodlands CC, Bentwater CC, and Walden Lake Conroe. We will be celebrating 25 years in 2020. Hopefully, we will be better tournament golfers as a result of this activity, as well as enjoying the fellowship and the making of new friends during the pursuit of our favorite activity—
GOLF!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

FORMAT:

Play for each player will be from his preferred tee. Players may play from different tees using USGA handicap adjustments. All captains are encouraged to play their lower handicap players in the A group and higher ones in the B group.

The format is four ball modified match play (all four balls of the foursome count for every hole.)

The handicap used will be the Course Handicap derived from the player's Handicap Index (index), following USGA Rules of Handicapping (Rule 6.1 – Course Handicap Calculation). The Course Handicap is calculated by taking the index and multiplying by Slope Rating of the tees being played divided by 113, **add the difference between the course rating and par**, and then rounding to the nearest whole number.

For example, on a course whose slope is 125, course rating of 70.0, and par of 72, a player with a handicap index of 10.5, will have a course handicap of 10. Fortunately, the GHIN app calculates this for us, but the math is shown below:

$$[10.5 * (125/113)] + (70.0 - 72) = 9.6 \text{ rounds to } 10$$

The lowest handicap of the four competitors plays the match at scratch, while the other three receive full differential handicap on the appropriate holes. The **maximum handicap index for the B players is 18.0. The maximum handicap index for the A players is 12.0.**

Each week the team captains will provide their opponents the most recent USGA handicap index and the tees their player wish to play. It is the responsibility of the home team to prepare the scorecards.

“USGA rules are used with the host club determining any local rules”, such as; playing the ball up or down, rake and placing in traps, dropping out of traps entirely, etc.. Over the years we have played in many different conditions for the enjoyment of the game, and this would help new Clubs coming into the League what to think about before hosting a match.

Range Finders that estimates distance corrections using terrain slope are permitted.

Each club is expected to strictly observe the USGA Handicap System. This includes posting ALL scores (after applying a limit of Net Double Bogey per USGA Handicapping Rules 3.1b) and ensuring that ALL away scores are posted using the correct Course Rating and Slope. The Club Primary Coordinator is responsible for each of his players to post their scores to GHIN.

SCORING:

Two points per hole are awarded as follows:

Hole Scoring

One point is awarded to the team with the net low ball. If there is a tie, each team receives ½ point.

One point is awarded to the team with the low net of the high balls. If tied, each team receives ½ point. For example:

Team 1 Player 1--Net 3, Player 2 Net 4

Team 2 Player 1--Net 4 Player 2 Net 4

Scoring for the above scenario: Team 1 gets 1 point for the low net score (Net 3 vs. Net 4) and the two teams each receive ½ point for tying the other balls (Net 4 vs. Net 4). In this example, Team 1 would receive 1 ½ points and Team 2 would receive ½ point.

Note: The lowest scores play against each other whether it is the “A” player or the “B” player with the lowest score.

Match Scoring

Scoring of matches to be based on two 9 hole matches **plus one for total** for a maximum total of **3** points per match. Since there are 4 matches, the total number of points each week would be **12**. A team will receive 1 point for winning a 9-hole match, ½ point for tying a 9-hole match, and 0 points for losing a 9-hole match. Holes 1-9 and holes 10-18 comprise the two 9 hole matches. The third point for total goes to the team accumulating the majority of the 36 available total points. Each team will receive a half if they each accumulate 18 points. The team with the most of the 3 points will be awarded 1 point for the win, the other team will receive no points. In case of a tie, both teams will receive ½ point.

The intent is for players to play only once a week in a scheduled match during the regular season and only once in each round in a scheduled match during the playoffs. Rules disputes will be determined by the host professional - play a second ball and the professional will make a decision at the completion of play. No mulligans will be allowed. An opponent can concede the balance of play on the hole to speed up play. First tee times for all matches will be at 1:00 PM (noon for matches outside daylight saving time) unless agreed in advance by both team representatives to begin the matches at a different time. Any player late for a tee time may join his match at the next tee following the hole the match is on when the late player arrives. The late player will have lost all holes that he was unable to play due to his being late.

In the unlikely event that a team member shows up to play but becomes sick or injured and cannot continue to play; the remaining player will play his net ball against the other team's best net ball. Injured players should be treated as "Ghost" players, as we do for "no shows" for the holes they are unable to compete.

Once the Captains have agreed upon the results of their matches, one will send by email or text the results of their match to the President or his designate. The format is as follows:

	W/L pts	Match pts	Total pts
BW	1	8	80
KW	0	4	64
	1	12	144

W/L points = winner decided by match points; ½ each if tied 6 to 6

Match points = 3 pts / match (front, back and total) x 4 matches

Total points = 2 pts / hole x 18 holes / match x 4 matches

A scoreboard of League standings will be maintained by the President (or his designated assistant).

SOCIAL:

Carts are mandatory!!! This was part of our agreement with the Clubs when Interclub was started. Clubs will make an attempt to keep cart fees at \$20 per player.

TEAMS:

Each club must have eight players each week – 4 players will play at home and 4 will play away. Captains may put his players in any position, however, if a player wishes to play in the 1 to 4 slot (the A team) that player will have to play to a maximum handicap index of 12.

A club that cannot field a team for a match will receive no points for that match. The other team will receive 50% of the points normally available. A second occurrence of being unable to field a team will result in the club being asked to withdraw from the Interclub League.

In the unlikely event that a team member does not show up for a match, that team will play with the “ghost” as one player. The “ghost” will play with the A or B group, depending on the scheduled player’s index in relation to the other players. In addition, the “ghost” net score for each hole will be one stroke higher than the highest net score of the threesome.

RAINOUTS:

Any of the 4 Team matches conceded or forfeited cannot be rained out and rescheduled. They are final.

Regarding matches still in progress at the time a Rainout is declared: If 9 holes or more are completed before a rainout, the holes completed are counted and the score for the remaining holes will be halved. If 9 holes are not completed by both matches at that course, the scores will not count and the match at that course will be rescheduled. The 1 point for total will be based on holes played through 9.

No rainout dates are scheduled as such. If a match is rained out, the two clubs will agree on a mutually acceptable makeup date and time before the end of the season. It is strongly recommended that the makeup match be played within one week of the rainout. Rainouts must be made up within five days after the end of the season. If rainouts cannot be made up within the allotted time, points for the match will be halved.

The responsibility for suspending play will lie with the captains or their designee unless they go to the clubhouse at which time the return to the course will rest in the hands of the pro shop personnel in charge. The decision to end play will be made by the captains in consultation with the club professional.

PLAYOFFS:

To be eligible for the playoffs, a player must have played at least **2** matches. **Captains may waive this requirement if mutually agreed.**

The seeding for the playoffs and Home course advantage (all matches to be played at one course) will be based on the W-L record of each team with the tie breaker being the total points. (4 matches/weeks x 36 points/match = 144 points/ weeks) for the season. If a tie still exists, the president will flip a coin to determine order of seed.

First Week:

- If 8 teams in league (1v8, 4v5, 3v6, 2v7);
- If 7 teams in league (1 bye, 4v5, 3v6, 2v7);
- If 6 teams in league (1 bye, 4v5, 3v6, 2 bye)

Second Week:

- If 8 teams in league (1st week winner of 1v8 plays 1st week winner of 4v5, and 1st week winner 3v6 plays 1st week winner of 2v7);
- If 7 teams in league (1 plays the 1st week winner of 4v5; and the 1st week winner 3v6 plays 1st week winner of 2v7);
- If 6 teams in league (1 plays the 1st week winner of 4v5; and 2 plays the 1st week winner 3v6)

Third Week:

- The remaining two teams after the second week playoff matches advance to play each other for the Championship. The Championship match will be an 18 hole competition. Home course will be decided by the team that finished the season in the highest position.

CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES:

Each club will donate equally for the cost of maintaining the trophies. This money will be collected by the President. Monies for a trophy in 2019 will be collected by the President.

All green fees are waived, and only cart fees charged to players at a host club's course. Clubs are encouraged to maintain the cart fees at \$20 per player. All players are to ride in carts.

Each club will have a primary and secondary coordinator to facilitate scheduling.

The primary and secondary coordinators of each club will serve on the Invitational Interclub Board of Governors. Past presidents are encouraged to remain on the Board with full voting rights. Issues will be decided by majority vote with each club getting two votes, plus the Past Presidents' vote; maximum three votes per club. The current President will vote in case of ties.

Each club will maintain a phone list of participants with names, current handicap, work and home phone numbers.

Original—Mar-95
Revision#1--Mar-97
Revision#6--April-03 (filed as Rules 03)-by action of 2003 BOG during meeting
Revision#7--BOG 1/18/2005
Revision #8 – Feb. 2008
Revision #9 – Mar. 2009
Revision #10 – Mar. 2010
Revision #11 – May 2010
Revision #12 – March 2011
Revision #13 – January 2013
Revision #14 –February 2013
Revision #15 – November 2013
Revision #16 – December 2013
Revision #17 – February 2014
Revision #18 - June 2014
Revision #19-February 2015
Revision #20-February 2016
Revision #21- February 2019