

East Valley Executive Course Play

By Laws

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Team play shall conform to the rules specified by the USGA and shall be Four Ball Match Play (Rule 30.3).

Each team shall consist of a team captain, a co-captain and six other players who are available and who meet the eligibility requirements.

Eligibility

1. All players must be current members of the women's golf association for the course they are representing.
2. Should a player belong to more than one club in the league, that player only play as a member of one team in the league.
3. A team member must have an established handicap of 25 or less based on the scores recorded at the course represented. Team members shall be selected from the lowest handicap player in each club who are willing and available to play. The team's captain and co-captain are eligible for play regardless of handicap changes during the season.
4. A team member must have played at least two (2) club events during the preceding month. First team play of the season is exempt from this requirement. It is at the discretion of the team captain to make this same exemption for subsequent play due to the course being closed for over seeding.
5. Substitutions needed during the last 24 hours before a team play match shall be made at the discretion of the captain and co-captain from those club members willing to play. The substitute may have a handicap higher than the required 25 but must play to a 25 handicap on the course being played.

Scoring

1. Each team will be playing a total of 18 points per match. Winning partners will receive one point per hole: ties will receive one point each hole.
2. In the event a team is disqualified or forfeits a match, the opposing team will receive 1 point for each remaining hole or a total of no more than 12 points.
3. Teams shall be ranked by ascending handicap. Flight partners with the nearest handicaps, must be paired together starting with the lowest handicap.

4. Lowest handicap player in each flight will play from scratch. The other three players in the flight will determine their stroke advantage by subtracting the scratch player's handicap from the handicap. No more than five (5) strokes per person per match will be given.
5. In a case team cannot field a complete team the following procedures will be followed
 - a. Use all available players in the three flights.
 - b. The players must be sequenced in order of handicap index. Low to high through the three flights.
 - c. The captain has the choice to pair up the team members through the three flights as an example: if a team has only four players available, the team captain has a choice to designate team combinations. Example flight one could have one or two players and flight two and three could have one or two players or any combination as long as all four players are used in order by their index.
 - d. If the team has fewer than three players they would forfeit their non-participating flight resulting in a gift of 12 points to the opposing team. The captain of the team with fewer than three players may choose the flights to assign the players and therefore choose what flight to forfeit.
6. The team championship will be determined by the team winning the most net points during the season. In case of a tie score, the two team would have an 18 hole playoff on a neutral course determined by the coordinator.
7. A floating trophy is awarded to the championship team. The trophy recipient is responsible for the engraving.

Rules and Regulations

1. Team members are responsible for verifying their scorecards for accuracy. Example: handicap, number of strokes and placement of strokes. This should also be verified with the opponent before play begins.
2. All team members must use a cart.
3. If a team member is absent at the regular tee time, her partner must proceed along until she arrives.
4. In the event there is a question or protest, do not sign the score card. **Signed CARDS are FINAL.**

5. Upon completion of play, scorecards are to be given to the captain, who will total all points and give cards to coordinator.
6. Complaints from team members about opponents, the course, rules, etc., must be made only to the team captain who will report to the coordinator.
7. Play courteously! All players must pick up their ball when they are out of contention, whether in the fairway or on the putting green. The player picking up should record her most probable score, even if she doesn't finish the hole.

Duties of Coordinator, Captain/Co Captain

1. The team captain is responsible for each member of her team understanding and abiding by the USGA rules governing this type of play, including etiquette and good sportsmanship.
2. Three days before play, the team captain shall call or email the coordinator and give the names and index number of the team players so card can be made up and strokes marked.
3. The team captain shall see that her team is ready to tee off 5 minutes before schedule time.
4. The team captain, when hosting team play, shall make available to all other team captains a copy of her club's local rules.
5. The team captain shall be responsible for notifying the host team captain of the lunch count and options for her team. She should collect the fees for golf and lunch to give to the host team captain prior to play.
6. The host captain shall be responsible to notify other captains of the cost of golf with cart and lunch as soon as possible, but no later than the event preceding the play date at the host course.
7. Each captain, shall be responsible for posting her team's scores after shotgun. All scores shall be posted as a regular score. In the event a player has to pick up she shall record the most probable score, but not higher than her ESC maximum score.
8. At the end of the season play, all captains and co captains shall meet with the coordinator to set up the following season play. Each captain shall provide the next season coordinator with no less than 40 blank score cards from her course and come prepared to furnish the next season date of play at her course.

9. The coordinator will be responsible for preparing scorecards before each team event. Working with the host captain, she will determine starting holes and help get play started promptly.
10. The coordinator will call and chair a pre-season and post season meeting. These meetings will be use to organize the season play.
11. The coordinator will be responsible for resolving any disputes or complaints reported to her by team captains.
12. Upon completion of play, the coordinator will collect all scorecards, tally the score and announce the total points won by each team and the current team standings.

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