

Catalina Cup Standing Rules

04/29/2024

I. HANDICAPS and SCORING

1. Indexes and GHIN #s of competing players shall be sent to the Host Captain with the team lineups by the requested date.
2. Only GHIN licensed State and Regional Women's Golf Association issued handicap indexes will be allowed. Local Adjusted or Medical Adjusted handicaps will not be used for competition. Please use WHS 90% for Catalina Cup match play.
3. Catalina Cup matches are designed to allow all players with Indexes of 26.0 and under to participate in Four Ball match play. Players shall be paired in INDEX order. If a captain must use a sub that has a higher index in order to field a complete team, that sub must play to a 26.0 index for the tournament. Same day substitutions will replace the missing player; play at their own index with a handicap no greater than a 26 index. Regarding shorthanded teams, a minimum of three (3) players is required to field a team. If less than six (6) players, the team captain (or designated team player) has authority to arrange the players in any order as long as there is one (1) player per bracket and by INDEX order.
4. Thirty-six (36) TOTAL POINTS are contested in each match. SCORING shall be as follows for each hole: 1 point for winning GROSS and 1 point for winning NET. ½ point for HALVING GROSS and ½ point for HALVING NET. 0 points for loss of the hole, both GROSS and NET.
5. Host Captains will be responsible for providing scorecards. Scores must be kept in accordance with the sample attached.
6. Score Reporting:
 - i. At the end of each match, players from both sides will compare and agree on the total number of Gross and Net points each side had accumulated. A member of each side will then sign and attest both scorecards. The results of the match will be considered closed and final once the scorecards are signed and attested.
 - ii. Team captains will collect three scorecards, one from each match on her team.
 - iii. Team captains will then transmit electronically the results of each match to the Catalina Cup Chairs within 24 hours of the close of competition.
 - iv. Team captains will retain the scorecards for each match and will post her players' scores in a timely manner.
 - v. The Catalina Cup Chairs will send a Standings Report to all captains within 7 days, or before the next scheduled match.

7. The Catalina Cup Trophy shall be awarded to the team with the greatest number of TOTAL POINTS at the end of the season.
8. The Catalina Cup plaques for the highest GROSS and the highest NET points shall be awarded at the closing ceremony. The winner of the Catalina Cup shall not be considered in determining the GROSS and NET awards. Each club that wins a season-long competition is responsible to coordinate and pay for engraving on the applicable trophy or plaque.
9. Should there be ties for Catalina Cup highest OVERALL, highest GROSS, or highest NET, the winning team will be determined by the results of that season's head-to-head match of the tying teams.

II. COURSE and PLAY

1. Players may represent only one club, even if they have concurrent dual memberships.
2. Marshals, consisting of Catalina Cup players (or Host Club members), must be provided by the Host Club. The Host Club shall also appoint a Rules Chair for the event. It shall be her responsibility to keep play moving and assess penalties, when necessary, in accordance with USGA Decisions and Rule books. The marshal should carry a wind-up string, a small horn to announce play suspension, a pairing sheet, a local rules sheet and a stopwatch for timing slow play. She will also be given guidelines for invoking any penalties: 1st warning – ready golf in the fairways; 2nd warning – pick up balls, split the points, and then immediately move on to next tee.
3. Caddies are not allowed. Golf carts are mandatory. "Cart Path Only" restrictions are limited to weather and course maintenance issues. A minimum of 12 tees should be used for the shotgun.
4. Distance Measuring Devices/Cell Phones - DMDs and cell phones may be used for this competition as permitted under the Rules of Golf. If a cell phone is not turned off, it must be kept in silent mode.
5. Players critical of a particular club's policy should direct complaints or suggestions to their Captain, not the Pro Shops.
6. Local Rules applicable to Catalina Cup play on each play date at the host course:
7. Standing rules adopted by the Catalina Cup Chairs:
 - a. IMMOVAL OBSTRUCTIONS CLOSE TO PUTTING GREENS – Player may take relief from immovable obstructions near the putting green that are: on player's line of play; the obstruction is within two club-lengths of the putting green; and the ball is within two club lengths of the obstruction. Free relief under USGA rule 16.1.b.
 - b. TURF AERATION HOLES – If a player's ball lies in or touches an aeration hole, she may take free relief from the abnormal course condition under USGA rule 16.1.
 - c. SEAMS OF CUT TURF – If a player's ball lies in or touches a seam of cut turf or a seam interferes with the player's area of intended swing, the player may take free relief from the abnormal course condition under USGA rule 16.1. Relief is not allowed if the seam interferes only with the player's stance.

- d. ALTERNATIVE TO STROKE AND DISTANCE FOR LOST BALL OR BALL OUT OF BOUNDS – Players are encouraged to play a provisional ball if there is a chance her ball might be lost or out of bounds. If a provisional ball is not played, the player must proceed under USGA Model Local Rule E-5, which is a 2-stroke penalty and which prescribes the relief area depending on the presumed location of the ball.
- e. Teams will play ready golf when in the fairway. Honors on the tee (unless agreed upon by players in the match). Player farthest from the hole (or her teammate) plays first when on the greens.

III. WEATHER

A decision to cancel shall not be made until after the first tee time, unless the course is closed. Then, if inclement weather prevails, the Catalina Cup Chair, if available, or the Host Club representative shall make the decision on a rain/snow/lightning delay. If at all possible, a 20-minute delay should be observed before canceling IF this meets the demands of the course. A decision to cancel or delay can be made prior to the first tee time if severe weather or unsafe driving conditions exist, for example, heavy rain with road and wash closures, snow or ice. The Catalina Cup Chair, if available or the Host Club Representative shall make the decision at least 90 minutes before the first tee times. If rescheduling is impossible, the following scoring will be used:

- i. Teams will split the points if the match cannot be rescheduled.
- ii. Scores will stand if 9 holes have been completed. Each team will share the points for un-played holes.
- iii. Unless play is suspended by the Host Club, teams not completing the round will forfeit all points for the un-played holes. If inclement weather does not cause play to be canceled, the individual A, B and C Teams, with agreement of all players on the individual team, have the option not to play any holes, or to play and stop playing during the match. If this occurs, points will be split for all holes not played.
- iv. See the Rules of Golf for lightning.

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