

CENTRAL FLORIDA CHALLENGE CUP

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Purpose

The purpose of the Central Florida Challenge Cup (CFCC) is to promote a keen competitive interest in the game of golf among member clubs using a Match Play format. CFCC will consist of twelve (12) clubs, unless a majority of the member clubs votes to change that number.

Dues

Dues will be due and payable prior to or by July first (rev 2013). The amount will be determined by the CFCC Board of Directors and the CFCC Chairman based on expected expenses in the year ahead. Each club should determine its way of raising the annual dues.

Membership Eligibility

Clubs:

New Clubs will be admitted only to replace a Club that drops out. A new Club seeking entry must submit a request, in writing, to the CFCC Chairman. The request must have the approval of the club management and contain an agreement to charge member cart fees for the visiting team matches. Each club should also agree to have lunch facilities available at the player's expense, if possible.

Individual:

Any female amateur who is a member in good standing at a member club (rev 2007) who is at least 18 years old on opening day of the season, and who has a permanent USGA handicap is eligible to compete as a member of the team representing her Club. If a person belongs to two clubs, she may only play for one club and must choose, at the beginning of the season, which club she will represent. However, she must use her lowest handicap index for Challenge Cup play. (rev. 6/2001)

Any CFCC player who only holds a **Ladies Association membership** at a CFCC member course needs to be an active participant in the Ladies Association by participating at least once a month, or the equivalent of **nine**

times during the season, in their Ladies Association events to be CFCC eligible (Added 2013)

STRUCTURE

There will be two divisions with no more than six Clubs in each division. Divisions for the following season will be based on the total number of points accumulated during the previous season. The Club with the highest **gross** points heads Division One and the Club with the second highest number of **gross** points heads Division Two. Based on their place in the final gross point standings the remaining clubs will be divided between the two divisions with Division 1 consisting of the #s 1,4,5,8,9 and 12 and Division Two consisting of the numbers 2,3,6,7,10, and 11. (rev. 5/16)

Each Club will play every other Club in its division twice, once home-once away. Points won by each team will be accumulated for gross and net in each division throughout the season. The winner of gross in each division will play for overall gross Winner. The same will apply to net. Divisional ties will be determined by an 18 hole playoff at a site neutral to the teams involved,

In the event a team wins both gross and net in its division, gross will take precedence and the #2 net Team will represent the Division in the net finals. **All teams will play from the same set of tee and from a yardage that is a comparable average (5300 yards) of the yardages that are played during the season (added 2013)**

The Overall gross and net finals will be played at a course that is neutral to the participants. This may include a Challenge Cup Member Club. To be eligible to play in the finals, a player must have played in at least **one** regular match. If either final ends in a tie, the winner will be determined by a sudden victory play-off starting at the 1st hole of the course. The #1 team (the last group to tee off) will play as many holes as needed to determine a winner. (Rev 8/2011)

TEAMS

Each team will be composed of 10 eligible players with a US handicap index of 25 or less. In the event a team does not have 10 eligible players on the date of the match, players otherwise eligible, may compete but must do so with a 25 handicap. A team **may** compete with less than 10 players. The most recent USGA Handicap Index will be used to determine the handicap for

each match. If a team participates with an ineligible player, the points for the individual match will be forfeited to the opposing match.

SCHEDULING MATCHES

In Challenge Cup, even though it is match play, an entire club or individual teams may not forfeit entire matches to another club or teams since this would be unfair to others in the division and adversely affect the standings. (Should a team not show up for a match, that team will get **0 gross points and 0 net points**. The team that shows up to play will receive an average of their home or away points, whichever match took place, at the end of the season. If a team doesn't play 10 matches, they are ineligible to play in the finals no matter how many points were accrued.) **REV 2017***

NTF-2018: To clarify the REV 2017*: If for some reason, a **DIVISION** is scheduled to play less than 10 matches, the teams within that Division would be eligible to play in the CFCC finals; provided that throughout the season, they had adhered to all applicable CFCC Rules and Regulations

Each club will have a 17- day window in which to play its scheduled match. Early scheduling during the period is encouraged to avoid weather delay problems. Matches should be schedule when the Host Club is available for full play.

In the event a match cannot be completed in the time period scheduled, the Team Captain must contact the CFCC Chairman for instructions.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Board of Directors

The Board will consist of three active members who will serve for **three** years. The Director completing her term will recommend her replacement from any member club.

The Board will supervise the CFCC Chairman, review any complaints, and resolve any problems that may come to its attention. If necessary, a complaint board may be formed with four additional members (two from each division) to form a panel of seven to settle a major complaint. The four

persons must not be from the clubs involved. If a Director's club is involved, she shall have no vote. A simple majority will govern all votes.

CFCC CHAIRMAN

The Chairman shall maintain all records and the history of the CFCC. She shall be responsible to the Board of Directors and may delegate her duties to an assistant as long as she maintains responsibility. In addition, the Chairman shall:

- Receive and account for all dues as well as maintaining the financial records of the CFCC.
- Set up the Divisions each year, in accordance with the prescribed formula.
- Draw up and publish, in a timely fashion, the schedule for the year's matches, according to the prescribed formula.
- Receive from the Team Captains the results of each match and maintain a complete record of all matches, including standing in gross and net.
- After each round, send the results and standings of each match to each Captain and Co-Captain so that the clubs may know how they stand before the next round.
- Determine the gross and net winners of each Division and set up the Final competition for the Overall Winners.
- Arrange the engraving and presenting of trophies.
- Conduct the Annual Meeting in May and notify all Clubs of the date. (rev May 2010)
- Keep the Board of Directors and the membership apprised of any changes or problems.

Team Captain and Team Co-Captain (name change rev. 5/16)

Team Captain

The Team Captain should be a person eligible for team play. She will:

- Obtain the Annual Dues for her club and send them to the CFCC Chairman.
- Attend the Annual (rev 2014) meeting.
- Coordinate the schedule of matches with the other clubs in her division after obtaining approval from her Club Pro for the dates. Ideally, the schedules should be complete prior to July 1st (**rev. 2013**). The Team Captain should come to a mutual agreement for the dates of their matches within the prescribed period and notify the clubs involved immediately or any changes to the original schedule.
- Keep the women golfers of her club informed about CFCC and post all CFCC bulletins, news, and standings promptly in a prominent place so all team members are current about standings and any rule changes. **Distribute the current Rules and Regulations to all your players.**
- Forward any complains **in writing** to the CFCC Chairman for forwarding to the Board. No complaints will be acted upon by telephone.
- If there is a different Co-Captain work closely with her. **Duties and responsibilities of the Team Captain and Co-Captain may be combined.**
- Correspondence to and from the Chairperson should come only from either the Captain or Co-Captain. (Added 8/2007)
- **The guiding rule for Central Florida Challenge Cup is good sportsmanship and fairness.** Disputes as to scores should be settled in accordance with USGA Rules. Other disputes should be settled by the Team Captains or the Co-Captains with the Board as last resort.

Team Co-Captain

The Co-Captain must be a member eligible for team play. She shall:

Work with the Captain for assembling a representative team from the club. Insure that all team members are knowledgeable about the USGA Rules, and the etiquette of golf.

Captains and Co-Captains must arrive at least forty-five minutes before the first tee time and follow the procedures outlined in **“Rules and Procedures for Match” (rev. May 2011)**

Make sure all facilities are in readiness for the Visiting Team and the LOCAL RULES are provided.

Stress the importance of “picking up” when it does not affect the outcome of a hole. However, **the USGA requires match play scores be posted if 13 holes or more are played. Therefore, even if a person “picks up”, a score for that hole must be recorded for handicap purposes.**

Captains or Co-Captains are responsible for posting all Challenge Cup scores as **“T” Scores.** (added 2013)

At the end of each match, tally the points for gross and net, making sure the opposing Team Captain agrees. Both captains shall sign the Score Sheet (rev 2013), attesting to the results. The home Team Captain will report the results on **the day of the match** to the CFCC Chairman, by email using the information on the Score Sheet with a copy of the e-mail to the opposing Team Captain. The Score Sheet (Rev. 2003) will be retained by the Home Team for the entire season.

RULES AND PROCEDURE FOR THE MATCHES

- **USGA Rules govern all play.**
- The Team Captain may pair her 10 team members into 5 teams in any manner she chooses. Team #1 will play against Team #1 of the other team, and so on.
- An alternate who is eligible in all respects for CFCC play may be substituted for a player who does not report for her match. The substitution can be made up until the time the pairing is scheduled to tee off. An individual team can tee off and play with only one player, if no eligible substitute is available. The originally scheduled player may join her partner on the course and complete the match, **but an alternate cannot join a pairing after it has started play.**
- The matches will be played according with the USGA Decisions 9-4a/2 and 9-4a/3. Which states that the *Course Handicap of all four players is reduced by the Course Handicap of the player with the lowest handicap,*

who then plays from scratch. Each of the three other players is allowed 100 percent of the difference. (Added 2007)

- If a temporary green is used, or if a hole is unplayable because of water or any other reason, the points for that hole will be split.
- If a Club has more than one course or combination of courses, the same course rotation should be used for all matches. (rev 2003)
- As revisions of handicaps/USG indexes sometimes occur on the day of a match, handicaps in effect on the day preceding a scheduled match will be used for completion. (added 8/2007)
- In order to speed up play, practice putting is not permitted after a putt has been conceded or the outcome of the hole decided. (rev, 2003)
- To insure unnecessary interruption of play, use of cellular phones is not permitted during the play of matches, except in an emergency. (Rev. 2003)
- Even though the Home Pro Shop may assist in doing the cards, it is **the Home Team's responsibility that the cards are available** to the Visiting Captain in a timely fashion and are correct.
- The Home Team Captain shall provide a local Rules Sheet for each pairing.

Slow Play Rule Accepted (rev. 5/2015)

If you fall behind the group in front of you by an entire hole, you must halve that hole and pick up and go to the next hole. To clarify, if you pull up to a par 3 and the group in front of you has already teed off on the next hole and are preparing to hit their next shots, you must skip the par 3. If you pull up to the tee box on a par 4 or 5 and no one is on the hole, you must skip that hole. The only exception to this rule is if the open hole is due to the group in front of you just having skipped the hole, ie. If you've been waiting and the group in front of you is now gone, they have skipped a hole. In that case, play the open hole and now work to stay up with them

SUSPENSIONS FOR WEATHER

Play may be suspended only if there is lightning, seen or reported, in the area, if the **Host Professional** declares the course unplayable, or if the Team Captains agree to do so because of intolerable playing conditions.

Except in the case of lightning, individual teams may not abandon play on their own.

If a match resumes play after a suspension, and one player of a pairing does not wish to play, her partner may complete the match alone. If both players of a pairing do not continue, then the points earned stand, but the remaining points are awarded to the opposing team.

If a match has been suspended and, subsequently, **cannot be completed on the same day**, the following applies:

- If **all pairings** have completed **13 holes** or more, the **Visiting Team Captain** will have the option of splitting points for the remaining holes. If the Visiting Team Captain does not wish to split points, the match must be **rescheduled within a week, and match continues from the point after the last completed hole**. **All players** must be the **same** as in the **original match** and the points earned for completed holes shall count. The rule in paragraph two above, with regard to matches after a suspension applies in this situation.
- If **less than 13 holes** have been completed by **All pairings**, the match must be **rescheduled** within the time period allowed and **started as a new match** with new players and previous points wiped out.

The decision to split points or reschedule the remainder of the match must be made before the Visiting Team leaves the Home team's property. The decision, once made, cannot be changed. The CFCC Chairman should be notified of the decision and the rescheduled date.

If, in advance of a scheduled match, the Host Professional deems the course "unplayable", and both Team Captains agree, the clubs involved may swap the location of their match as long as it is played within the 17 day period. Conditions which may apply are: extreme wetness, over seeding, temporary greens, etc. Caution should be used in invoking this rule since the possibility for confusion is immense. The clubs involved should notify the CFCC Chairman immediately.

In the interest of keeping play moving, a conceded putt will be picked up immediately and practice putting on the completed hole will not be permitted.

AWARDS

Four “traveling “ plaques will be awarded as follows:

- **Team Gross Winner**
- **Team Gross Runner-up**
- **Team Net Winner**
- **Team Net Runner-Up**

The plaques will be presented to the winners at the Annual Meeting for display at their club. These plaques remain the property of CFCC and will be returned to the Chairman of CFCC at the end of the following season. Suitably inscribed smaller plaques will be presented, as well, to be retained by the Finalists.