

Tee's To Be Played During Tournament Rounds

Men

Men Born 1961 or later

- **Blue Tees** with an index of 17.9 or lower
- **White Tees** with an index of 18.0 or higher.

Men born on and between 1948 and 1960

- **White Tees** with an index of 19.9 or lower
- **Gold Tees** with an index of 20 or higher.

Men born on or before 1947

- **White Tees** with an index of 11.9 or lower
- **Gold Tees** with an index between 12 and 23.9
- **Green Tees** with an index of 24.0 or higher.

Ladies

- **Gold Tees** with an index of 7.9 or lower
- **Green Tees** with an index of 8.0 or higher

Official Rules

- **Two Person Net Best Ball Match Play (Four Ball Match)** – A (2) two-person net best ball sees teams of (2) two competing against another team of (2) two. Players from both teams play their own ball and the lowest net score (adjusted with handicap) of each team becomes the team score. The team with the lowest score on each hole is deemed to have won that hole.
- **Determining Winners of Each Match** – A match is won when the leading team is up by more than there are holes left to play. For example, if team A is leading by 3 holes after the completion of the 16th hole, team A wins 3 & 2. (Up 3 holes with 2 holes left to play). Matches cannot end All Square (AS). Should a match be AS upon completion of the 18 holes please see the proshop to arrange a sudden death playoff.
- **Handicaps** - 100% of handicap will be used when competing in matches. Participants must have a GAO Handicap (Proshop can assist with arranging a handicap)
- **Substitute Players** - Should a player be unable to make a match, a (one) substitute player may be entered to compete. If the original player is unable to return to the next match, the substitute player will become the permanent player within the team. Substitute players cannot be players already entered into the competition either playing or eliminated. Players with illness or extraordinary circumstance may become reinstated. Should this be the case contact the Proshop.
- **Weather** – Players should be prepared to play in all weather conditions. Golf is an outdoor sport and all competitors are competing in the same environment. Be prepared.

- **Match Deadlines – *Matches must be played by the deadline date.*** Any matches not completed by this time will be decided by a coin toss. It is the responsibility of the team members to schedule matches and not the responsibility of Royal Ashburn and the Proshop staff.
- **Prizing** – In keeping with the Rules of Amateur Golf, prizes are distributed via Gift Cards and can be used for any Proshop purchases or food & beverage at Royal Ashburn Golf Club. **Grand Prize** will be awarded to tournament champions upon completion of the final round. Grand prize consists of a \$500 gift card for Porter Airlines and a \$500 gift card for Cabot Links Golf Club in Inverness, Nova Scotia. Prize pool is subject to change depending on the number of teams entered. A minimum of 32 teams required to run the event.

Fairness

Sandbagging will not be tolerated

To ensure fairness for all competitors, the tournament committee reserves the right to alter any of the conditions and schedules herein, including the course handicap of any competitor for any reason. The Committee reserves the right to reject the entry of any applicant, at any time, for any reason. Any decision by the Committee, in any matter, shall be final.

The Tournament Committee (Proshop) will be responsible for determining handicaps for each player prior to the start of each match. Handicaps will be calculated using the **Golf Canada Handicap Manual**. (See Summary below)

Handicap Summary

- Handicaps will be determined based on 100% of each players handicap.

Determining Difference of Strokes Between Players Playing a Four Ball Match

- 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.
 - Example: Players A,B,C and D have a course handicap of 5, 10, 15 and 20. Player A plays at scratch, B receives 5 strokes, C receives 10 strokes and D receives 15 strokes.

For full details please refer to the **Golf Canada Handicap Manual**

- Section 3-5. Players Competing from Different Tees or Men and Women from Same Tees and section and
- Section 9-4 (iii). Handicap Allowances as it pertains to Four-Ball Match Play

While this may sound confusing, rest assured our Tournament Committee are experts and will ensure fairness of all matches.

When Booking & Participating in Matches:

- Matches should be scheduled at the earliest convenience of group members. **Do not wait to schedule your matches!**
- Please book tee times by calling the Proshop and not online. When booking, alert the Proshop staff that you will be playing an RA Match Play match.
- All four players names should be given with the booking.
- If possible, in advance of the match, determine what tees you will be playing and alert Proshop.
- Please arrive a minimum of 30 minutes prior to your tee time. This will allow the Proshop / Tournament Committee to establish handicaps and arrange the official scorecard.
- **Rules of Golf** – Upon registration each player will receive a general rules sheet with some of the most common rulings. It is recommended that you carry a rule book to assure yourself of rules.
- **The Number 1 Rule** – Have Fun! While this is a competition, please enjoy your matches and keep the competition friendly and social. Use your time to experience competitive golf, get together with your favourite golfing buddy and meet some new friends.