

Women's Public Links Golf Association of Southern California
2024 Women's Team Play
ENTRY, FORMAT, CONDITIONS, AND PROCEDURES

Date: September 2023
To: WPLGASC Team Captains
From: WPLGASC Team Committee

Team procedure and requirements – Please review this document when planning your roster. You and your members must understand the requirements for team and individuals to avoid forfeiture.

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2024 TEAM DUES - \$50.00 per team

ELIGIBILITY OF TEAM MEMBERS

1. Any WPLGASC Member of a WPLGASC Member Club who meets the following requirements is eligible.
 2. The Team Member must be a member of the enrolled Team Play Club *and* be listed on the following two reports:
 - A. January 1, 2024 USGA/SCGA Handicap Index Report for the WPLGASC club she chooses to join, and
 - B. The WPLGASC 2024 Club Membership Roster for any club she chooses to join.
- In order to be eligible to participate, the WPLGASC Secretary, Janet Herbold, must receive WPLGASC Individual Membership dues and the WPLGASC Club Dues for each team member and club by the December 1, 2023 membership deadline. Be sure WPLGASC receives those dues by December 1, 2023 to avoid losing team members.
- Players will join (PAY WPLGASC DUES) at one WPLGASC club. The club must be a WPLGASC member club for 2024. If a player belongs to several WPLGASC clubs, the player may play for any 2024 WPLGASC member club where she is a member.
3. A player may play on ONE (1) team for ONE (1) WPLGASC club only. **It is the responsibility of each player to** ensure that she will play for only one team. Make sure your Team Members understand.
 4. The Team Member must have a USGA/SCGA Handicap Index as of January 1, 2024 based on 20 scores; **and** to qualify three (3) of the 20 scores must be games played at any course between January 1, 2023 – December 31, 2023.
 5. Verify policies in #2 through #4 above with regard to those members on your 2024 Team Rosters: If you have members whose handicap index may not be current as described in #2, have your Club Handicap Chair check the handicap detail reports of those members for you.
 6. WPLGASC reserves the right to refuse the entry of any member at any time with sufficient reason.

TEAM PROCEDURE AND REQUIREMENTS

TEAM ROSTERS are limited to 20 players. Roster replacements may be considered by the Committee in extreme and exceptional circumstances.

TRAVEL TIME: The Committee considers geographic area and travel for the Division and Area assignment process to ensure realistic travel time for each team based on the location of their club facility. The 2024 dates are included later in this section. Please be certain that members of your team will be available to compete in all matches, **no matter the day of the week**, including re-scheduled matches **and Final Matches** should your team win Division Gross or Net. Please consult with prospective team members prior to planning your club's team lineup. We suggest that you begin that process now to avoid missing deadlines.

TEAMS, DIVISIONS AND FINALS: There must be **at least 3 teams** in each Division in order to conduct Team Play. If there are not enough teams in a Division, the Committee will contact the teams involved. Matches will be planned and scheduled with consideration of the needs of all divisions and timetables may differ by division.

Every effort will be made to provide final matches for every Division. At times due to an uneven number of Divisions or no opposing Division, this may not be possible.

DATES: Matches will be scheduled **DURING THE WEEKS OF** March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7, 14, and 21. (Monday dates). **Matches may be scheduled on any day of the week!** It is possible that your team may have matches scheduled on a club play day. With regard to the weeks of March 31 (Easter), and April 8 (AFH), we will attempt to schedule matches on Wednesday through Friday of those weeks, if necessary and possible. We expect that **Team Finals** may be scheduled **any week day** during the weeks of April 14, 21 and 28. ***Please plan accordingly and notify club persons who develop your club calendar.*** Once dates and schedules are set, there will be no changes because of club date conflicts.

FOUR-BALL MATCH PLAY FORMAT GROSS AND NET: Eight (8) Players (4 Sides) in a team competition
- Two (2) partners compete together as a side, with each player playing their own ball and a side's score for a hole is their better ball score against the better ball score of their opponents. USGA Rules of Golf, effective January 2023 (Refer to Rules 23 and 24).

HANDICAP INDEX: The following USGA Handicap Index parameters are in effect for 2024 Team.

- **HANDICAPS FOR "A" TEAMS:** USGA Handicap Indexes - 0-22.0. A player with an index higher than 22.0 may play on the A Team, but must play down to a 22.0 index.
- **HANDICAPS FOR "B" TEAMS:** USGA Handicap Indexes - 16.0-36.0. Players with an index higher than 36.0 may play on the B Team, but must play down to a 36.0 index.

IMPORTANT: A decision by the WPLGASC Team Committee regarding the HANDICAP INDEX to be used in 2024 WPLGASC Team Competition will be provided early January.

HANDICAP INDEX ORDER: If a club (s) fields two (2) or more teams, the handicap indexes of the teams may not **exceed** each other. For example: You have 11 players for your A team and 11 for your B team. The index of the last player on A is 18.5. You may begin your B team with an 18.5 index. The same applies to Two-Club teams.

Team Captains will receive communications regarding roster preparation, the Handicap Index to be used for 2024, and other items in early January.

TEAM WITHDRAWALS

If a team **withdraws after November 13, 2023**, the team entry fee will not be refunded and the club may be liable for additional penalties. If a team **withdraws after January 1, 2024**, the club may be liable for all green fees for the course the team was scheduled to play. For example, a team has 4 matches, using 8 players scheduled at a course. The green fees are \$40.00. That could result in penalty amount of \$320.00 a week 4 times for a total of \$1240. Withdrawing a team causes hardship for all teams in a division and the golf facilities. See Eligibility of Team Members. If your team roster dwindles and you think you must withdraw, remember that you may compete with less than 8 players in a match but you must have 4 players for every match.

DEADLINE: Registration Forms and payment
must be received **NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 16, 2023.**

QUESTIONS:

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