



THE 2025 LA VALLE COASTAL CLUB
MGA PRESIDENT'S CUP
will commence Saturday March 8, 2024
Sign up now online or through the Golf Shop



The President's Cup is a multiple-round, single-elimination bracket tournament. Each individual game is match play between two players. There will be four flights/brackets with a maximum of 16 players per flight. If the number of entrants does not complete a flight/bracket, byes are used in the first match play round only. The overall champion is decided in a playoff between the four flights. Winners will have his name engraved on the perpetual President's Cup trophy. Players will use their current Handicap Index for the date the match is played.

If there are more than 64 entrants, a **qualifying round on Saturday, March 8, 2024**, will be used to determine the 64-man field. The number of players in the qualifier is determined by the number of entrants over 64. Should the number of entrants total 96 or more, the total field will expand to 128 players, increasing flights to 32 players. Assuming the total number of entrants is fewer than 128, the earliest enrolling entrants will receive a bye in the first round.

IMPORTANT: *The order of registration for the event will be used to determine the players in the qualifier (if necessary). This means that if you are the 64th of 65 to sign up, you run the risk of having to play in the qualifying round to earn a position in the 64-man field. SIGN UP EARLY to assure your spot!*

Qualifiers will be divided evenly into four flights by current handicap index.

Prizes will be awarded based on the actual number of matches won.

ENTRIES: If there are more than 64 entrants, a qualifying round will be used to determine the 64-man field. The number of players in the qualifier is determined by the number of entrants greater than the 64-player field. The order of registration for the event will be used to determine the players in the qualifier. For example, if there are 74 entrants, the last 20 players to register will be in the qualifier to determine the 10 that complete the 64-man field. Those playing in the qualifier have a 50% chance of qualifying. If there is a tie for the last qualifying position, a card-off starting with the first hole will be used to determine the qualifiers. The Tournament Captain will construct the seeding in accordance with the USGA rules of match play. Only the 64 people completing in the first match play round will be charged an entry fee.

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DATES: The Qualifying Round will be contested on Saturday, March 8th, with tee times for all pairings. A seeding party will be conducted after the qualifying round to complete the brackets such that players are matched up by handicap index to minimize their handicap differential (e.g. #1 lowest vs #2 lowest handicap, #3 vs #4, etc.). For all match play rounds, opponents will have two weeks to mutually schedule their match. Players unable to schedule a mutually agreeable tee time will flip a coin to determine the match victor. Extensions to round deadlines may be granted at the sole discretion of the Tournament Committee depending on circumstances.

TEES: Matches may be played from any mutually agreeable tees (blue, blue/white combo, white, or white/gold combo), or white tees if an agreement cannot be reached. Match play involving any player(s) meeting the Gold Division eligibility may be played from the gold tees. The decision on tees shall be made by the player with the highest age + index if both are qualified for gold tees, by coin flip in the case of ties, and by the qualified player if his opponent is not qualified. Under all circumstances, both players must play from the same tees.

PAIRINGS:

1. The groups for the qualifier round will be set by the golf shop based on handicap index.
2. All other rounds are arranged by the players.
3. The four flight winners will be paired so that the winner of the lowest handicap flight plays the winner of the next highest handicap flight on both sides of the draw (e.g. A vs B and C vs D flights). The two winners will play for the championship.
4. Gold Tee eligibility rules are in force for intra-flight matches. Semi-final and Final round matches will be played from the White Tees unless by mutual agreement among the contestants.

SCHEDULE: For all match play rounds, opponents will have two weeks to mutually schedule their match. Players unable to schedule a mutually agreeable tee time will flip a coin to determine the match victor.

Round 1 - Deadline Sunday, March 23

Round 2 - Deadline Sunday, April 6

Round 3 - Deadline Sunday, April 20

Round 4 - Deadline Sunday, May 4

Semi-Finals - Sunday, May 18

Finals - Sunday, June 1

LOCATION: Contingent upon course conditions and/or directives from club operations, each of the rounds may be played on any course combination.

TIES: Ties will be played off beginning on the next hole where the match has been played (usually, this would be the first hole played in the match). The tie is broken when one player wins a hole.

PRIZES: Due to the nature of the format, prizes will be awarded based on the actual number of matches won.

PLAYER'S SERIES POINTS: All players competing in the President's Cup will receive 5 points. For each match won, the player will receive a bonus point.