

Liberty Cup - Team Match Play Competition

- You must be a paid member or associate of the Liberty Lake/MeadowWood Men's Club to participate. All USGA rules apply. Be mindful of the fact that many of the rules vary from stroke play in that penalties may result in loss of the hole rather than penalty strokes added to your score.
- The tournament consists of a team match play competition. The entire field is divided into two teams, the "Lakes" and the "Woods". The first round (Saturday) consists of two-man team events. The second round (Sunday) consists of singles. In the spirit of team camaraderie, players are urged to wear their team colors. Greens or blues for the "Lakes", reds, maroon or crimson for the "Woods".
- First round (Saturday) two-man events: The first nine holes will consist of 2-man best ball (Four ball). Each player will play their own ball through the hole and use the best ball (best score) to determine which team wins the hole. The second nine holes consists of 2-man modified Scotchball (Foursomes). Each player will tee off on every hole. Each team will decide which drive they want to use and alternate shot from there the rest of the way until holed or conceded. (The player who hit the chosen drive cannot hit the second shot.) There is no minimum or maximum for the number of drives used by a player. Each nine hole format will be a separate match worth one point each. There will be no handicap strokes in the team events.
- The second round (Sunday) will consist of 18 holes of singles competition. Players are matched by their handicap index and there are no handicap strokes given. **Exception:** in the singles competition only, if a player's handicap index is more than 2.0 of their opponent, they shall be given however many strokes necessary to obtain a difference of less than 2.0. Example 1: Player A is 8.7, Player B is 10.8 (difference of 2.1). Player B gets one stroke on the #1 handicap hole. Example 2: Player C is 17.0, Player D is 20.3 (difference of 3.3). Player D gets two strokes, one stroke each on the #1 and #2 handicap holes.
- Regardless of gender or age, the default tees for those with an index of less than 14.0 will be the white tees. The first foursome in which all players have an index of 14.0 or higher, and all subsequent foursomes will play from the gold tees. Furthermore, since the competition is confined within each foursome and not the entire field, any individual foursome may mutually decide which tees to play (white or gold). If an agreement cannot be reached, play from the default (white) tees.
- Unlike stroke play competition, putts may be conceded by an opposing player. If any player concedes an opponent's putt without consulting their player partner, it shall stand. A concession may not be declined or withdrawn. Be sure to check with your teammate before conceding any putts to avoid any confusion.
- The matches are played by holes. A hole is won by the side completing the hole in fewer strokes. On the scorecard provided, keep track hole by hole which side is "UP" or "AS" (all square). The match is won when one side is "UP" by more than the number of holes remaining (eg. "3 and 2"). One point will be awarded to the side winning the match. If the sides are "All square" (AS) at the end of the match each side will be awarded 1/2 point. (If a match is decided before the 9 or 18 holes, the players may finish playing the holes left at their discretion.)
- Upon completion of the round, text a photo of the scorecard to Paul Halttunen @ 509-999-8161.

Rule in the event of a "no-show" player:

The field is seeded from the #1 low handicap to the highest in order to pair players of equal ability. If a player is a "no-show" there can be no substitute player to take that spot unless a substitute player with the same handicap can be found.

The playing partner of the "no show" may choose not to play and all points for the "no show's" team will be forfeited. Or, in the Saturday partners events, the teammate of the "no-show" shall be allowed to play by himself in the best ball format against the opposing 2 players to compete for the match point. In the alternate shot format, the team of the "no show" shall forfeit the match point. The three players may play any type of format or game they wish unrelated to the tournament.

In the Sunday singles match, the opponent of the "no-show" may choose not to play or may play along for a score to post to GHIN if he wishes. (It will not be deemed a tournament score.) The match point will be forfeited by the "no show's" team.

Rule for overall tie:

In the event of a tie in overall points, all players will receive an equal share of the tournament purse. (Pro-shop credit)