

SENIOR MEN'S INTERCLUB

FORMAT AND RULES

The Senior Men's InterClub is a series of team matches involving golf courses within the region. The objective is to provide the opportunity to play other area courses, meet fellow golfers and enjoy some friendly competition. Participating clubs and event schedule will be determined prior to the start of the golfing season. Each participant is responsible for paying his green fee (at a preferred rate) and teams are encouraged to stay for no-host refreshments after each match.

1. Each club shall name 2 representatives/contacts as Team Coordinators, with one being an alternate. Team Coordinators will be responsible for advising team members of tee times and when clubs are meeting before the match. In addition, each team coordinator will ensure that one player from each team is familiar with the format and rules.
2. The Visiting Club should contact the Host Club at least 3 days prior to the scheduled match to confirm names of the visiting team's players, their factors, tee times, meeting time and meeting location.
3. All factors/handicaps will be "frozen" three (3) days prior to each match date and shall not be altered by any player(s) prior to or during that particular match (unless the match is postponed).
4. Each club will field 4 players to be selected from mens member (55 yrs and over) players only.
5. Players must have an established handicap factor.
6. For each event, four players will play a match at the host club's course. How the players are assigned for each event is a matter for each club to determine. Player pairings are to remain the same for each home and away match.
7. Challenges are a home and home series and will consist of two teams with two players from one Club playing against two players from the host Club. Players should be available to play both challenge matches. All players will play from the same tees designated as the "Senior Tees", or "white tees", not exceeding 6300 yards by the host Club. Playing partners are established prior to each match with handicap stroke hole allocation being determined from the low handicap player, who receives no strokes.

Scoring is “hi/lo net scores”. This compares the two low net scores and the two high net scores on each hole awarding one (1) point for the better “lo” and “hi” net scores. A maximum of two points are available per hole. The team with the most points on the front nine is awarded one point. The team with the most points on the back nine is awarded one point. The team with the most points over the eighteen holes is awarded one point. The maximum number of points that can be won in the match is three (3) points. Each team will be awarded 1/2 point for a tie on the front nine, the back nine, or the eighteen holes.

8. Each player is responsible for applying his Handicap Factor to the host club’s Handicap Table for the tees selected, to obtain his Handicap for the match. It is the Team Coordinator’s responsibility to try to ensure that players from their club maintain accurate handicap records in accordance with the RCGA Handicap System. . Players, whose handicap is suspect or not up to date, should not play in the Home and Away Challenge League.

9. Use 100% of the handicaps with the lowest handicap in the foursome going to zero and the others adjusted down accordingly.

10. The event schedule will be determined prior to the start of the golf season. Play day and tee times may vary from week to week subject to availability at the host Club. Any conflict in the schedule is to be handled by the respective Team Coordinators. The League Coordinator is to be notified if matches are rescheduled.

11. All players are to be informed that Pace of Play requirements and dress codes are adhered to at all locations.

12. Score cards are to be signed and attested for all matches. Team Coordinators should communicate match results to the League Coordinator on the same day of the match (preferably by email). In turn, the League Coordinator will communicate all weekly results to League members and Team Coordinators together with league standings.

13. Host club is responsible for determining if the match should be postponed or halted, if play has already been started, due to weather.

14. Matches, if cancelled, must be made up within one week, if possible, following the final match date or points will be split if the match is not rescheduled.

15. If less than 9 holes are played, the match must be rescheduled and played within one week, if possible, following the final match date or points are split if not

rescheduled. If 9 or more holes are played, but not 18, score as follows: retain points earned and split remaining holes unplayed.

16. To ensure compliance with speed of play players who are out of the hole in any match should pick up with “the most probable score” as defined in the RCGA handicap manual being used for any hole where a player picks up his ball.

17. Temporary Greens - Each foursome plays each hole under the same conditions. The temporary green putting rule in force at the host club will apply.

18. Golf carts, rangefinders and GPS can be used by any players. Rangefinders can only be used to measure yardage (not elevation, wind or other variables).

19. All rulings to be made in accordance with Royal Canadian Golf Association Rules of Golf.

20. In the match, if a doubt or dispute arises between the players that cannot be resolved within a reasonable time by the players involved, the match shall continue without delay. Any claim shall be settled by the host club professional before the scorecards are signed.

21. The Club with the most accumulated match points at season end is declared Champion. Resolution of a season end tie will be determined as follows: a) if two Clubs are tied, the Club with the most points in their matches between each other is the Champion. b) if the two Clubs are still tied, then the Club who won the most matches in the season is the Champion. c) if three teams are tie at season end, then the team who won the most matches in the season is the Champion; the team who won the second most matches is in second place; and the Club who won the third most matches is in third place.

22. Consideration will be given to having an annual windup tournament on a club rotational basis.