

NEVADA STATE GOLF ASSOCIATION WOMEN'S SILVER CUP STANDING RULES

SECTION 1. GENERAL

- A. The Silver Cup is a match play Championship similar to the Curtis Cup Matches.
- B. A Women's team from the Northern Nevada Golf Association shall compete against a Women's team from the Southern Nevada Golf Association.
- C. The winning team shall receive the revolving trophy for the year.
- D. The Silver Cup Championship will be held in the North during the uneven calendar year and the South during the even calendar year.

SECTION 2. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE

A. The Captain(s) from the South will designate a Tournament Committee to assist in the organization and operation of the Championship when it is in the South. The Captain(s) from the North will designate a Tournament Committee to assist in the organization and operation of the Championship when it is in the North. They will adhere to these Standing Rules.

B. The Host Captain(s) or Tournament Committee shall set the:

- Location
- Dates
- Time
- Budget

C. Rules Committee

- The Tournament Committee from the area the Championship is being held will appoint a Rules Committee.
- Any decision needing interpretation of the rules shall be presented to the Rules Committee.
- The Committee's ruling shall be final
- The enforcement of the NSGA pace of play policy shall be the responsibility of the Rules Committee from the area in which the Championship is being held.

D. No Caddies are allowed.

SECTION 3. TEAM CAPTAINS

A. Each association shall appoint a Captain or Co-captain.

B. Advice:

- Advice may only be given by the Captain or her appointee(s)
- A maximum of two people can provide advice to the team at any one time.

- Anyone allowed to give advice (including the Captain) should be wearing something that distinguishes her as an advise giver.
- A Captain may not give advice while she is playing.
- Each team's advise giver must be identified prior to the start of the Championship.
- All advice must be given BEFORE the players reach the green. ADVICE GIVERS ARE NOT ALLOWED ON THE GREEN SURFACE (unless they are making a ruling)
- Partners are allowed to give advice to each other during Foursome and Four-ball matches. Advice cannot be given during single matches, except by the Captain or her designated representative.

SECTION 4. TEAM COMPOSITION

- A. Each association shall field a team of 20 players.
- B. Each association will determine 9 players gross and 9 players net at their discretion.
- C. The remaining two positions on each association's team may be chosen by their respective Captains.
- D. The team members will be listed in handicap index order.
- E. The high 10 handicap players will compete in the upper bracket.
- F. The low 10 handicap players will compete in the lower bracket.
- G. The handicaps used will be determined by the handicap revision date determined by the Tournament Committee. This date should be no more than one week before the Championship.

SECTION 5. ELIGIBILITY

- A. A player must be an individual member of a member club of the NNGA or SNGA at least 60 days prior to the first day of the matches.
- B. A player must have a verifiable handicap index.
- C. A player must be at least 18 years of age prior to the first day of the matches.
- D. A player must meet amateur status as specified in the Rules of Golf.
- E. At date of qualifier entry, a player's handicap index may not exceed 30.0.
- F. The maximum handicap allowed for this Championship is a course handicap of 36. Players with a higher handicap may enter but will be limited to a 36.

SECTION 6. FINANCIAL

- A. The Host Captains will develop the tournament budget with the help of their Tournament Committee. They will need to communicate with the traveling team

Captains the amount per player to cover playing fees and the awards luncheon. The Captains will determine the best way to collect and pay for these fees from their players.

SECTION 7. PAIRINGS

- A. All players must be paired within the same bracket all three days of the Championship.
- B. Each Captain shall determine the pairings of the partners competing in Foursome and Four-ball matches.
- C. Pairings for Foursome and Four-ball matches will be chosen prior to the first day of competition. For each four-ball and foursome match the host team shall be the first to display its player(s); the guest team shall then put up its opposing player(s).
- D. Pairings for singles matches shall occur no later than the night before the singles matches are to be played. For singles matches, the host team and guest team will alternate displaying their player first (i.e. match #1- host team displays singles player and guest team puts up the opposing player; match #2 – guest team displays singles player and host team puts up the opposing player, continuing this process through all singles matches).

SECTION 8. GUIDELINES FOR CHAMPIONSHIP

- A. The Rules of Golf, these Standing Rules and the NSGA Hard Card shall govern all play except as modified by any Local Rules made by the Tournament/Rules Committee.
- B. Day 1-
 - Foursome Matches:
 - a. A match in which two play against two and each side plays one ball.
 - b. Each partner tees off on each hole.
 - c. After a shot is selected, the partners alternate shots until the hole is completed.
 - d. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play.
 - The handicap will be 50% of the difference between the combined handicaps of the members of each side. This difference is awarded to the higher handicapped side starting at the #1 handicap hole.
- C. Day 2-
 - Four-Ball Matches

- a. A match in which two play their better ball against the better ball of two other players.
- b. Each partner plays her own ball.
- c. Balls belonging to the same side may be played in the order the side considers best.
 - The handicaps of all four players will be reduced by the low player's handicap, she will play from scratch. The three other players will receive 100% of the difference between their handicap and the low player's handicap.

D. Day 3-

- Singles Matches
 - a. A match in which one plays against another.
 - b. Two matches will be played simultaneously.
 - c. When ALL FOUR BALLS LIE ON THE GREEN, the match with the ball lying farthest from the hole will putt out first.
 - d. The other match may mark their balls and then stand aside and allow that match to finish the hole.
 - e. The completed match will then stand aside and allow the other match to finish the hole.
- E. The higher handicapped player will receive 100% of the difference between the handicaps of the two players. The lower handicapped player shall play from scratch.

F. Playing etiquette:

- On days 1 and 2, each match may play out the round even if the match has been decided prior to the 18th hole.
- On day 3 if a match being played simultaneously with another has been decided and the other match has not, the concluded match should stand aside and allow the other match to finish without distraction.

G. Scoring:

- One point will be awarded for each match won.
- One -half point will be awarded for each match tied.
- Daily recap
 - a. Day 1 – ten total points
 - b. Day 2 – ten total points
 - c. Day 3 – twenty total points
- The Team that currently holds the trophy retains the trophy if they score 20 points before the other Team scores 20 ½ points.

- If the two teams are tied after the three days of competition, the team holding the revolving trophy will retain it until the next Silver Cup Championship.

H. Illness and Emergency

- In the case of illness or emergency which prevents a player from participating in a day's event, the point shall be awarded to the player or team that is present and ready to play.

SECTION 9. PLAYER CONDUCT

- A. Poor sportsmanship will not be tolerated.
- B. The Rules of Golf, these Standing Rules and the NSGA code of conduct will guide the players conduct.
- C. The Rules/Tournament Committee may disqualify any player whose conduct before, during or after the Championship is deemed unsportsmanlike.
- D. A player disqualified for unsportsmanlike conduct may have the incident reviewed by the Tournament Committee to determine if further action is warranted.

SECTION 10. SPECTATOR POLICY

- A. Friends and family are encouraged to follow players.
- B. The Rules of Golf say that a player may receive advice from her team partner, advice giver or Captain (when not playing).
- C. Spectators shall stay 25 yards from the players.
- D. Spectators shall not walk in the fairway.
- E. Spectators shall refrain from having a conversation with a player during play.

SECTION 11. PUBLICITY

A detailed list of the winning team must be submitted to the NNGA and the SNGA no later than ten days after the Championship. The Tournament Committee will encourage media coverage and publishing of Championship results.

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