Presents the

4-Ball Match Play

A Handicapped Team Match Play Event

Rules of the Competition

All tournament play is to be by USGA rules except as governed by local rules.

FORMAT - 2-Person Team Match Play. Net Best-Ball wins each hole. Play continues until one team wins the match.

DIVISIONS – 4 divisions (assuming full field), payouts in each division, 1st and runner-up overall.

TEE TIMES – The first matches can be played on the event’s start date. Subsequent matches will rely on the competitors to arrange their own tee times. Deadlines posted on the bracket

TEES - Teams will choose which tees to play before each match. If the teams cannot agree on which tees to use, a coin flip will determine the tees played for the match.

HANDICAPS - Current revisions at the time of each match will be used by all competitors. There is a maximum handicap differential between partners of 8. The player with the lowest handicap shall be adjusted to 0 and the other players are reduced by that players handicap. For example, handicaps for a match must be applied as follows:

Team 1 Player 1 has a true handicap of 2, which would be adjusted to a 0.
Team 1 Player 2 has a true handicap of 6, which would be adjusted to a 4.
Team 2 Player 1 has a true handicap of 4, which would be adjusted to a 2.
Team 2 Player 2 has a true handicap of 12, which would be adjusted to a 10.

REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPLETION OF MATCHES – The first round of matches will be played on the start date for the completion. Tee times will be arranged by the tournament committee. Subsequent matches will be set up by competitors and MUST be completed within three (3) weeks of the previous match’s deadline. Any match not played within the allotted time frame will be scheduled by the tournament committee for the weekend following the deadline. If only one player/team shows up for the tee time, he/she will be declared the winner, if neither player make the tee time, both are DISQUALIFIED.

POSTING RULES FOR WSGC MATCH PLAY EVENTS - All competitors must place complete and attested scorecards in the box adjacent to the handicap computer and record their score in the handicap computer before leaving the golf course. The card must include the following information:

1. Name of the event (ex. “Summer Championship”).
2. Clearly note the DATE of the match, TEES played, and the FINAL RESULT.
3. Indicate the number of strokes on each hole for both competitors. If one competitor picks up on a hole, record the most likely score on that hole. Make sure you adjust this to an ESC score before you post your score. Indicate the hole on which the match is closed out.
4. Scores after match close out must be posted at “par plus handicap” or better. Example: if you are an 18 handicap and make an 6 on number 18, after closing out your match on a previous hole, you must post a “5” (4+1=5). If you make a 4, you must post that 4 as it is better than your par plus handicap.
5. Signatures of BOTH competitors.

(See Opposite Side for Local Rules)
Local Rules

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Preferred Lies - If “Winter Rules” are in effect by posting at the golf course, a ball lying through the green may be lifted without penalty and cleaned. Before lifting the ball, the player must mark its position. Having lifted the ball, the player must place it on a spot within 6 inches of and not nearer the hole than where it originally lay, that is not in a hazard and not on a putting green. A player may place the ball only once, and it is in play when it has been placed (Rule 20-4). If the ball fails to come to rest on the spot on which it was placed, Rule 20-3d applies. If the ball when placed comes to rest on the spot on which it is placed and it subsequently moves, there is no penalty and the ball must be played as it lies, unless the provisions of any other Rule apply. If the player fails to mark the position of the ball before lifting it or moves the ball in any other manner, such as rolling it with a club, the player incurs a penalty of one stroke.

Embedded Ball – See Rule 25-2. The embedded ball rule is in effect through the green.

Ball in Abnormal Ground Condition Not Found – See Rule 25-c. All members of the group must agree that the ball has been lost in the abnormal condition, defined by the WSGC Tournament Committee as “any casual water, excessively muddy area, ground under repair or hole, cast or runway on the course made by a burrowing animal, a reptile or a bird.” Per Rule 25-c, a ball must be dropped at the nearest point of relief from where it was determined lost, no nearer the hole.

Unsure How to Proceed - If you are unsure how to proceed during the course of your match, you must clearly state your specific claim to your opponent prior to teeing off from the next teeing ground. That claim must then be filed with the Tournament Committee immediately proceeding the match for resolution (refer to USGA Rule 2-5).

Distance-Measuring Devices - A player may obtain distance information by using a device that measures distance only. However, if, during a stipulated round, a player uses a distance-measuring device that is designed to gauge or measure other conditions that might affect his play (e.g., gradient, wind-speed, temperature, etc.) the player is in breach of rule 14-3, for which the penalty is disqualification, regardless of whether any such additional functions were actually used.

Knuth System – The WSGC uses a modified Knuth system to help promote fairness of play and help protect the integrity of the club and its members. We reserve the right to adjust any person’s handicap based on the recommendation of this system. More information can be found next to the computer or on the web site at www.westseattlegolfclub.org or at www.popeofslope.com

The Tournament Committee roster is posted on the website and outside the pro-shop and is subject to change.