

2021 ORLGA PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

RULES AND FORMAT

April 15 – August 31

FORMAT: The ORLGA President's Cup Tournament is a Flighted, Better Net of Partners Match Play event which consists of two-person teams. **The tournament will end when all FLIGHTS have determined a winning team.** Number of places paid will be dependent upon the number of teams in each flight.

ENTRY FEE: \$10 per person (\$20 per team). Please drop it off into the box on Jane Arnold's porch (6558 Castlebrook) before your first match. All prize money will be awarded to winners in each flight.

ELIGIBILITY: Each player must be a dues-paying member of the ORLGA and have a valid handicap in GHIN. Also, the minimum-play rule is in effect for this competition.

MATCH PLAY: *USGA Rule 3.2.* Match play is a form of play where a player (or players) plays directly against an opponent (or opponents) in a head-to-head match. You win a hole when one of the teammates completes it in the fewest number of strokes. You (or your opponent) may concede a stroke OR a hole, to each other. If your next stroke has been conceded, you are permitted to putt out, if this may help your partner (for example, by showing them the line for their putt).

If you are unsure how to proceed, you and your opponent can agree on a course of action even if it is against the Rules, but you are not allowed to waive a Rule. If you and your opponent don't agree on how to proceed, you should do what you think is correct. Your opponent can then make a request for a ruling, which will later be decided by the Tournament Committee.

INDEX DIFFERENTIAL: The maximum partner index differential cannot be greater than 8. Should the difference become greater than 8, then the higher handicapped person will be capped at 8 strokes more than the lower.

FLIGHTING: The teams are established by handicap into flights, depending on the number of teams that sign up. The flights will be determined based on indexes with an equal number of teams and as balanced as possible. Matches must be played between April 15th and August 31st. If any teams do not complete their matches by August 31st, then they will forfeit the matches not played. If needed, playoffs within flights must be played by September 30th.

HANDICAP: All players will receive 90% of their handicap. In each match, the low handicap player has no strokes and the other three players have the difference between their handicap and the low handicap person or Player A. Each player receives strokes from Player A. Appropriate rounding will be used.

SCORECARDS: Players should use the computer software to generate and print scorecards. The procedures to create the scorecards can be found on the ORLGA website under Guidelines and Forms/President's Cup. Players who are unable to access or have difficulty working with the software may contact a member of the Tournament Committee or one of the appropriate golf event directors for the month for assistance in preparing scorecards.

TEE TIMES AND COURSES: Course and Tee Times must be mutually accepted by both teams.

PRIOR TO MATCH: Discuss and agree upon possible situations, i.e. If it is not cart path only but the course is very muddy, are you allowing lift, clean and place in your own fairway? If it rains out and both teams agree to stop the match, will you finish the hole stopped at or will play that hole again? Also, be sure to have a copy of the Rules of Golf to reference for rules questions.

SCORING: All players are expected to record a score for each hole on the scorecard. If a player picks up and does not complete the hole, the player must record either their Most Likely Score (MLS) not to exceed the Net Double Bogey maximum (Double bogey plus your handicap for that hole). In both cases, an X **must be added** to the **score**, e.g. 8X. To win a hole a player must successfully putt out. If all 4 players record their Max or most likely score, no points are awarded for that hole.

Upon conclusion of the match, the scorecard must be signed and attested by a member from each team. One copy of the scorecard should be placed in the Handicap box in the Panther's/Lion's pro shop and the other copy on Jane Arnold's porch (6558 Castlebrook). Match scores are finalized when scorecard is signed and received by the tournament director (Jane Arnold) unless a ruling has been requested.

All players must post a Competition (C) score in GHIN for the match.

NOTE: For Ringers purposes, you may not record a Ringers score for a hole that you did not complete. Any holes that you picked up for any reason must be recorded with the MLS followed by an X.

POINTS: There will be 18 points awarded for each match. One point will be given for each hole. Holes that are tied will receive ½ point each. If the score is even after the final hole, then the match ends in a tie. If after all matches within the flight have been played a tie occurs between two teams, the first tiebreaker will be to determine the winner of the original flighted match. For example, if Team 1 and Team 2 are tied then we will look back to when Team 1 played Team 2. If Team 2 won that match 10 to 8, then Team 2 wins the flight. If that does not break the tie, then an additional playoff round would be played. The playoff match may not end in a tie. Additional holes would be played until there is still a tie after the round. This playoff match must be played by September 30th.

WITHDRAWALS: If a team withdraws from the tournament because of family emergency or health related issues, etc., any games the team may have played will be forfeited. If one team member withdraws, the remaining team member may opt to play the remaining matches without the original team member. If a team member has withdrawn before any matches have been played that member may be replaced by another ORLGA member of a similar handicap. The replacement player must be approved by the Tournament Committee.

TOURNAMENT COMMITTEE: The Vice-President and President of ORLGA will function as the tournament committee. Questions, rules, and/or any unresolved issues are to be presented to the Vice President for resolution. The President will resolve any appeals.

AWARDS: The flight winners will be announced at the ORLGA October meeting.