

2023 ORLGA PRESIDENT'S CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT

RULES AND FORMAT

May 1 – August 31

Playoffs: September 1 – October 31

FORMAT: The ORLGA President's Cup Tournament is a Flighted, Better Net of Partners Match Play event which consists of two-person teams.

MATCH PLAY: Refer to the Match Play Rules Summary posted.

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 May 1 and August 31 with playoffs to follow. If any teams do not complete their matches by August 31, they will forfeit the matches not played.

HANDICAP: All players will receive 90% of their handicap as determined by our tournament manager software. 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 must use the tournament manager 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 for assistance in preparing scorecards.

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

SCHEDULING: Teams are encouraged to schedule matches as soon as possible. Matches may be rescheduled only if it is mutually agreed upon AND another date can be found that works for all players. If two teams have a mutually agreed upon tee time and someone needs to cancel but no future time before the deadline is possible then the match should be played with whomever is available to play. In the case where the mutually agreed upon match cannot be played due to weather and no future date can be found that works for all players, then the match will be played in a 1 vs 1 format with each team choosing one member to play. If a date STILL cannot be found before the deadline, then the match will be forfeited by both teams with each receiving 0 points.

PRIOR TO MATCH: Match play rules state a required order of play which can be time-consuming and is not generally adhered to during ORLGA play. Decide if it is acceptable to the teams to play "ready golf" until the green is reached. Discuss and agree upon possible situations, i.e. How do you plan to handle water or mud in sand traps? 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 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.

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 in the President's Cup envelope. Match scores are considered final when the scorecard is signed, received and the results posted by the tournament director (Kris Heurich) 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.

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.

USE OF LIFT, CLEAN AND PLACE: The ball must be played down unless the Pro Shop has declared Cart Path Only (CPO) for the course or for specific holes. In those cases, Lift, Clean and Place is in effect for the course or the specific holes declared as being CPO.

PANTHER'S RUN HOLE #18 DROPPING ZONE: The local rule for the Dropping Zone on Panther's Run Hole #18 is in effect. The ORLGA Local Rules document can be found on the website under Rules/Regulations.

CONCESSION OF MATCH: USGA Match Play Rules refer to when a single match is at stake. Our PC tournament flight winners are determined by the cumulation of the total number of points received for holes won in all matches played, therefore all 18 holes in each match must be played.

PLAY-OFFS: Flight winners will play each other to determine an overall president's cup champion. Playoffs will begin as soon as the flight winners are determined. The exact format of the playoffs will be decided after signup is closed and exact number of teams and flights are set. If after all matches within the flight have been played and 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 the winner is determined using a match of cards (number of holes won in the last nine holes, then holes won in last six holes, then last three holes and finally the 18th hole.)

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 removed from the competition. 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 Tournament Director, ORLGA Vice-President, ORLGA President and an ORG Professional will function as the tournament committee. Questions, rules, and/or any unresolved issues are to be presented to the Tournament Director for resolution. The President will resolve any appeals.

AWARDS: The flight winners and president's cup championship team will be announced at the ORLGA Christmas Luncheon.