

2023 MEMORIAL CUP RULES

Four-Ball Match (2-Person Better Ball) format with Leagues & Playoff

Rules and Conditions as of 1/29/23

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1. Participation is voluntary. Two-person teams are to be formed by mutual agreement rather than a "blind draw" process. Teams enter by forwarding their \$40 team entry fee to the Coordinator by March 1st, 2023, with checks payable to "Bay Area Pinseekers". Prize money will be allocated to Playoff teams based on their position at elimination.
2. No teams will be added once play begins, and roster changes will be allowed only due to injury or special circumstances. This is a weekday league; matches can be played on the weekend if all agree, but this is a rare exception because of very special circumstances.
3. All matches, including playoffs, will be played using handicaps calculated with the indexes most recently posted by the NCGA. Each team is responsible for calculating the proper handicap used for play from the tees used. The Coordinator can help as necessary. The lowest handicap player will play scratch and other members of the group will "wheel" off him/her adding handicap strokes starting with the most difficult hole based on scorecard handicap and working down until all differential strokes are allocated.
4. All matches will be played at a choice of four courses: Metropolitan Golf Links in Oakland, Diablo Creek Golf Course in Concord, Rancho Solano in Fairfield, or San Ramon Golf Course in San Ramon. Male players must play from the tees closest to 6,000 yards; and ladies may play from the forward tees if they choose. The choice of tees lasts for all Memorial Cup matches of the year and must be communicated to the Coordinator by 3/1/2023.
5. Teams will be divided into an appropriate number of leagues based on the number of entries. Play is a "round robin" format (i.e., each team playing each other team in its league one time). Play-off rounds will involve the first and second place teams from each league, plus some third-place teams if needed to reach eight playoff teams.
6. Matches will be scheduled OUTSIDE regular Pinseeker tournaments. Teams will arrange for a tee time with their course of choice, and then notify the Coordinator of the anticipated date. The winning team will notify the Coordinator of the result by e-mail. NOTE: all players must comply with Bylawsection3F to be declared champions.
7. All matches will be played under the match play system: winning, tying, or losing a hole (margin of winning a hole does not matter). Each match will be played for 52 points: 2 points for winning each individual hole, 1 for a halve, 0 for losing. Each 9-hole win will be an additional 4 points for a win, 2 points for a tie, and 0 for loss, and similarly 8, 4, or 0 points for the 18-hole match. Matches overall could end tied 26-26. Standings in the league will be determined by points won, NOT by total matches won. If a team cannot complete a match which was started due to illness or injury, both teams shall retain any points won at the time of the stoppage. The non-stopping team shall win all possible further points. If a match is suspended due to weather and cannot be completed the same day, it should be completed starting at the beginning of the first undecided nine holes. Note: playoff matches are not scored by points, but by normal match play scoring over all eighteen holes, and if tied at completion, proceed to a playoff.
8. When any rules issue cannot be settled by the teams during play of a match (including the employment of Section 3-3 of the Rules of Golf, "Doubt as to Procedure"), both teams shall advise the Coordinator. The Coordinator shall then gather information from the players involved, noting the specifics of the issue and the actions of the players. The Coordinator shall then submit a brief report in writing to the Club's Handicap Chairman who shall have final authority to determine what further action, if any, shall be taken.
9. Teams will make every attempt to play all their league round robin matches by the assigned deadline, which is tentatively the last day of August. The deadline may become a month earlier or a month later if circumstances dictate (or at the discretion of the Coordinator). Matches within the league bracket may be

played in any order! Matches not completed by the deadline will result in mutual forfeit, resulting in no points being awarded. A double forfeit may be protested, by either of the involved teams or any other team in the league, by e-mailing the Coordinator, stating the reasons for the protest. The Coordinator will rule within oneweek of receiving the protest. NOTE: this process differs from that defined in Section 8 above which covers on-course rules issues or other conduct. Consideration will be given to each team's typical performance in deciding possible adjusted points to allocate. Playoff matches must be completed within 30 days of the notification of the opponent. If a team cannot play or complete a second match during the league, that team will be dropped from the event, and ALL opponents (even those from previously-completed matches) will be awarded zero points. If one member of a team must withdraw for any reason, the Coordinator may allow an attempt to find a replacement player.

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. "A side may be represented by one partner for all or any part of a match; all partners need not be present. An absent partner may join a match between holes, but not during play of a hole."

10. At the conclusion of the round-robin, all ties in points standing in the league will be broken using the following sequential steps until settled:

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The result of the league match between the two teams.

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Comparison of won-lost match percentages during the league.

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Coin flip.

A tie at the end of playoff matches will be broken as follows:

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At the direction of the Course staff as to the starting hole, play will continue on the golf course, with handicaps applying as before, until one team wins a hole outright.

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If Course is unable to place the match back on the golf course, scorecards will be examined for a difference in the following order:

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Last 9 holes.

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Last 6 holes.

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Last 3 holes.

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Reschedule a new 9-hole or 18-hole match.

11. Since this is match play it is allowable and encouraged that a team or partner that is out of the hole pick up and allow partner to finish hole. Concessions of putts and holes is allowable. Please do all you can to speed up play, within the rules. Regular match play rules apply.

12. The team hitting first on the first hole is decided by coin flip. When a team wins a hole, they both hit first on the next hole, and will continue to hit first until the other team wins a hole.