

Couples League Event Descriptions

USGA Rules will be used loosely in Couples League!

The Couples League is just a fun night out on the course; hopefully we all understand that this is not the Men's or Women's Open League where you can be as competitive as you want.

The "Gimme" tape will be used in couples league. If your ball is fairly close to within the tape mark on the pin, you can pick-up your ball and add the stroke to your score.

Weather – Cancellation/Postponements

The Couples League will NOT play in adverse conditions. If it has been raining all day, the league will inevitably cancel for the night. If there are scattered showers with no visible dangerous weather either on course or radar, we will need to make a decision at the course. (We will lean towards cancelling rather than playing)

Unfortunately, there may be the chance we have some tough weather where we will not be able to play. If a decision can be made early in the day as the course has become unplayable, that decision will be posted on the League Website 4:00pm. If you do not have access to the website, you may call the course directly at (651) 501-6321 and the voice mail will have an updated message for you. If the decision is made early enough, a league wide email will also be sent (make sure the course has an updated email address for you) If it is after 4:00 P.M., you should assume that a decision will be made at the course. You can certainly keep checking the website or calling the check-in desk for any updates.

If weather causes the entire night to be washed out, you will receive a rain check the following week.

If there is a cancellation, any scheduled dinners will still take place as catering arrangements were previously made.

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Two Person Scramble

Each team member hits a tee shot. The team will then choose the best shot of the two and both team members hit 2nd shots from that spot. The spot should be fairly close to within one club length of the original position, no closer to the hole. You will continue this procedure until you finish the hole.

Scotch Doubles/Pinehurst/Chapman Format

This 2-person team format is named after Dick Chapman, a great amateur golfer who played The Masters 17 consecutive years. He "invented" the game at Pinehurst Resort; hence it is

alternately called Chapman or Pinehurst.

In the Scotch Doubles/Pinehurst/Chapman System, both players on a team tee off, then they switch balls.

Player A plays Player B's drive, and vice-versa. Each player hits his second shot.

They then select the better of the second shots, and from that point until the ball is holed they play only one ball in an alternate shot format.

So, switch balls after the drive, select the one best ball after the second shot, play alternate shot until the ball is holed. The player whose second ball was not chosen gets to play the third shot (so teams might sometimes choose the best ball after two shots based on who will get to hit the third).

Four Person "4-3-2" Shamble

A shamble combines elements of a scramble with elements of stroke play. Like in a scramble, all players tee off and the best shot of the four tee shots is selected. Each player moves their ball to the spot of the selected shot. From this point, the hole is played out by each player playing their own ball into the hole.

We will use all four scores on the par three holes; three scores on the par four holes; and two scores on the par five holes

Purple Ball Alternate Shot (Formerly Pink Ball)

This is an alternate shot game with the men teeing off on the odd numbered holes and the ladies on the even numbered holes.

Each team will get ONE Purple ball. The team that last the longest with the Purple ball will win. If more than one team finishes all nine holes with the Purple ball, the lowest score will determine results.

2-Person Four Club Scramble

This event is the same as the 2-Person Scramble with the exception that each team member only can carry 4 clubs. (Yes, the putter is considered one of your clubs; NO, you cannot borrow your partners clubs)

Four Person “Step Aside” Scramble

Normal scramble rules apply except the following: The player whose ball is selected by the group for playing the next shot is forbidden to participate in the next shot. This no-succession rule applies to every shot until the ball has been holed.

****NOTE: Threesomes electing to play four balls in this event may assign the first three holes to one golfer, holes 4 through 6 to another golfer, and the final three holes to the remaining golfer. If the shot selected is from the player with two shots, that player is forbidden to participate in the next shot meaning the next shot will be ONLY played by the other two players and with one shot each.*

The team must carefully choose the golfer to hole short putts because that golfer will not be allowed to hit a ball off the next tee. This is a good strategy game for team development, camaraderie, collaboration, and cooperation. And, it is fun to play if the big egos are set aside. The ball closest to the pin is not always the ball to select for play. You have to think about which player has the shot you need, and which player you can afford to have step aside for the following shot.

2-Person Switch

Each player will switch to hitting their partners ball throughout the hole until both players have holed out. Once one player has holed out, the other ball is finished as well.

Partner Swap Scramble

We will be drawing names for partners in this classic end of the year scramble.

Standard 2-person scramble rules will apply.