

2026 TEAM MATCH SCHEDULE

April 30 & May 2	First Round Matches
May 7 & 9	Open Date
May 14 & 16	Second Round Matches
May 21 & 23	Open Date
May 28 & 30	Third Round Matches
June 4 & 6	Open Date
June 11 & 13	Fourth Round Matches
June 18 & 20	Open Date
June 25 & 27	Fifth Round Matches
July 2 & 4	Open Date
July 9 & 11	Sixth Round Matches
July 16 & 18	Open Date
July 23 & 25	Open Date
July 27 – August 9	NCGA RESERVED (All Regular Season Matches must be completed prior to this timeframe)
August 10 – 23	Playoffs Begin*
August 24 - September 6	Round of 16
September 7 – 20	Quarter Finals
September 21 - October 4	Semi Finals
October 16	Practice Rounds at Poppy Hills GC
October 17 & 18	Championship at Poppy Hills GC

***Playoff rounds have two weeks to be completed, beginning with the week listed.**

TEAM MATCH COMMITTEE

Craig Oliver- Golf Committee Chair

Bryce Leon- Director of Championships

Luke Guenther- Manager of Championships

Robert Holbrook – Assistant Manager of Championships

The Northern California Golf Association cordially extends an invitation to your club to participate in the 38th Annual Team Match Competition.



2026 TEAM MATCH COMPETITION

A weekly team competition between players that belong to regular NCGA member clubs. Standings compiled throughout the season will be maintained at the NCGA office and will be the basis for playoffs culminating in the finals at Poppy Hills GC.

TEAM ENTRY FEE: \$500

TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE
March 23rd, 2026

Register online at www.ncga.org
(Paper entries not accepted)

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

CLUB MATCHES
April 30 through July 26, 2026

TEAM PLAY-OFFS
August 10 through October 4, 2026

CHAMPIONSHIP
POPPY HILLS GOLF COURSE
PEBBLE BEACH, CA
OCTOBER 17 - 18, 2026

CLUB/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Participating clubs with NCGA membership as of January 2026 may enter one Thursday team and one Saturday team for each 18-hole golf course of at least 5,000 yards in length that they maintain. If entering teams for both days, please complete separate entries for both Thursday and Saturday.

Participating players must be a member in good standing of the club, have a current numeric index and be listed on the club's GHIN index report as of **April 27, 2026**. Members affiliating with the club or establishing an index after that date are not eligible to compete in 2026. Any member who has not established a current numeric index is ineligible. **Players may represent only one club but may play on both teams (Thursday and Saturday) during the regular season. Players may represent only one team during the playoffs.**

NCGA tournaments are open to male and female amateur golfers who are members in good standing of a current NCGA member club. When both men and women compete in net events, the women should play from a forward set of tees and handicaps will be adjusted accordingly.

All players will use their current handicap index (maximum of 18.4) for calculation of their course handicap. Players with a current handicap index higher than 18.4 are eligible to compete but must play to the 18.4 maximum.

Either the current club professional or assistant professional may participate as a team member if they have a numeric index, but both may not play on the same day of competition.

TEAM GROUPINGS

Teams may suggest other clubs whom they would like to be grouped with however, the NCGA will have the final decision on groups. In addition, a maximum of TWO teams will be allowed to stay in the same group for consecutive years, unless geography otherwise dictates. Otherwise, Team Groupings are based primarily on the commonality of clubs within a group, especially with respect to playing privileges and amenities. Generally, this means that like clubs (private or public) will be grouped with similar clubs. However, of nearly equal significance in determining groupings is a participating club's geographical location and willingness to travel. Together, these factors may result in groupings where there is a mixture of public and private clubs. The Team Match Committee reserves the right to make changes to the team groupings after they have been published.

CONDITIONS OF PLAY

Participating clubs are REQUIRED to host green fees for visiting teams and make their courses available for any scheduled and/or make-up matches (including playoffs if their team is involved). **CLUBS PARTICIPATING IN THE PLAYOFFS MUST HOST PRACTICE ROUNDS FOR THE SIX OPPONENTS/GUESTS WHO WILL BE COMPETING AT THEIR CLUB AT EACH LEVEL OF THE SINGLE ELIMINATION PLAYOFFS. ANY CLUB THAT DOES NOT PROVIDE A PRACTICE ROUND DURING THE PLAYOFFS WILL FORFEIT THE MATCH.**

STARTING TIMES

Host Team Captains are responsible for setting starting times, or time, in the case of a shotgun start. However, opposing captains are expected to cooperate with each other and set starting times that are mutually agreeable and reasonable enough to accommodate the travel of visiting teams. Whenever possible, the first tee should be closed 20 minutes prior to the first starting time. (NOTE: DURING PLAYOFF MATCHES, THE STARTING TIMES MUST BE SET AT A TIME WHICH ENSURES THAT THE MATCH AND ANY SUDDEN DEATH PLAYOFFS CAN BE COMPLETED PRIOR TO DARKNESS.)

NUMBER OF PLAYERS

Twelve players compete in each match. Participating clubs should maintain a roster of alternates. A minimum of six players are required to field a team for any given match.

FORMAT/SCORING

A team of two players play the opposing team of two players in three simultaneous matches: Two individual matches and a Four-Ball (best ball of partners) match.

Individual matches are played for 2 points. The Four-Ball match is also played for 2 points. There are 6 points possible in each group.

FORFEITURES

Forfeiting teams may be declared ineligible for future competition pending a review of circumstances by the Team Match Committee.

DETERMINING GROUP WINNERS

Group winners will be determined by awarding 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss. The team with the greatest number of points will be declared the winner. Exception: Groups with identical points. See “Rules of Play” for tie breaking procedure. “Rules of Play” will be distributed during the preseason.

PLAYOFF MATCHES

Teams advancing to the playoffs will participate in single elimination matches to determine the overall Thursday and Saturday Team Champions. Only players who have participated during the regular season will be eligible to participate in the playoff matches and championship.

CHAMPIONSHIP

Two teams from Thursday and Saturday Leagues will advance to the finals at Poppy Hills GC on October 17-18. Practice rounds are available Friday. On Saturday, the Thursday and Saturday Teams will compete in an 18-Hole League Championship. On Sunday, the Thursday and Saturday League Champions will compete for the overall championship. The runners-up will compete for third place.

WITHDRAWALS

Participating clubs are expected to compete as scheduled. Withdrawal at any time after the pairings have been published will result in disqualification for the following year. Entry fees will NOT be refunded.