

The Northern California Golf Association cordially extends an invitation to your club to participate in the 29th Annual Team Match Competition.



2018

**OFFICIAL TEAM MATCH ENTRY APPLICATION
TEAM MATCH COMPETITION**

**CHAMPIONSHIP:
POPPY HILLS GC
PEBBLE BEACH, CA**

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.

REGISTER ONLINE AT www.ncga.org

TOURNAMENT SCHEDULE

TEAM ENTRY FEE: \$250

TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE

April 1, 2018

CLUB MATCHES

JUNE 14 THROUGH AUGUST 11, 2018

TEAM PLAY-OFFS

AUGUST 30 THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2018

CHAMPIONSHIP

OCTOBER 27 - 28, 2018

Entry application and appropriate fee must reach Northern California Golf Association, Tournaments, 3200 Lopez Road, Pebble Beach, CA 93953, no later than April 1, 2018. Telephone, walk-in, or incomplete entries will not be accepted. Register online at www.ncga.org.

LATE ENTRIES NOT ACCEPTED

CLUB/PLAYER ELIGIBILITY

Participating clubs with NCGA membership as of January 2018 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 use separate applications.

Participating players must be members in good standing of the club, be listed on the club's NCGA index report with a valid GHIN number and be at least 21 years of age as of June 1, 2018.

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.

A player 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.

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 create their own groupings provided that all captains in the group are in agreement. 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.

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

All group winners will participate in a single elimination playoff 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 the Thursday and Saturday Leagues will advance to the finals at Poppy Hills GC on October 27-28, 2018. Practice rounds are available Friday. On Saturday, the Thursday and Saturday Teams will each be competing in an 18-Hole League Championship. On Sunday, the Thursday and Saturday League Champions will compete for the overall championship. The runners-up will be competing 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.

2018 TEAM MATCH SCHEDULE

June 14 & 16	First Round Matches
June 21 & 23	Open Date
June 28 & 30	Second Round Matches
July 5 & 7	Open Date
July 12 & 14	Third Round Matches
July 19 & 21	Fourth Round Matches
July 26 & 28	Open Date
August 2 & 4	Fifth Round Matches
August 9 & 11	Sixth Round Matches
August 16 & 18	Open Date
August 23 & 25	NCGA RESERVED (All Regular Season Matches must be completed prior to this date)
*August 30 & September 1	Playoffs Begin
*September 13 & 15	Round of 16
*September 27 & 29	Quarter Finals
*October 11 & 13	Semi Finals
October 26	Practice Rounds
October 27 & 28	Championship at Poppy Hills GC

(SEE ATTACHED)

***Each playoff round has two weeks to be completed, beginning with the week listed.**

Gary Fox - Operations Committee Chairman

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