



2017 IGA Women's InterClub Matches

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Regulations



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DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

The IGA's mission is to promote the game of golf by offering amateurs a positive experience within the region served by the Idaho Golf Association. Specifically, the IGA is excited to offer a program that will promote the growth and sustainability of women's golf and all its benefits. The IGA Women's InterClub Matches ("WIM") program will be a women's only interclub four-ball match play competition that will span a designated season within geographic regions served by the Idaho Golf Association. The program will encompass IGA District 1 (Oregon to Mt Home, Boise to McCall) member clubs. Divisions of six teams each will compete within their division, playing for points. At the end of the regular season of five matches, the division point winners may compete for the District Championship. Such a playoff will depend on the number of Division competing during the 2017 WIM season.

DEFINITION OF A TEAM

Each team will consist of four (4) players (2 sides of 2 players). Players must be registered by the Team Captain on the team's roster prior to each play date. There is no permanent roster required for each team and no limit as to the number of players who may be used during the regular season. Players may be added at any time during the InterClub Match regular season, provided they meet the requirements articulated in the "player eligibility" section below. Playoffs are not regular season matches and must include players who were on a regular season roster and played at least one regular season match. If a team plays with an unauthorized player in a playoff, the side on which that player competed will forfeit its match. Their opponent will be awarded $\frac{1}{2}$ of the available points for the match.

Teams short of players may play with fewer than four (4) players by playing a one-player side against the opponent's two-player side. The one-player side must be in the proper handicap sequence. The side playing short of players will be determined at the discretion of the Team Captain with the stipulation that two (2) matches must be played and players are in handicap order. If a team is unable to field at least one (1) player in each match (2 total players), the matches not played will be considered a forfeit.

FORFEITURES

If a team cannot field at least two players for a play day, they will forfeit at least one of the matches. A forfeiture will be scored as zero (0) points for each match of the team that fails to send a player. Opponents of the forfeiting side must be present on the play day and will be awarded $\frac{1}{2}$ of the total points available for each side (3 of the possible 6 points per-match). Inability to field a full team of 4 players is not an acceptable reason for forfeiture. Any circumstances causing forfeiture will be subject to review by the WIM Steering Committee. The review may result in the team's ineligibility for the following WIM season. Additionally, it is unacceptable for a team to forfeit the last matches of the season simply because they will not advance to the playoffs.

FORMAT

- Each golfer on the two-player side will play her own ball. The four-ball match will consist of two players playing their better ball against the better ball of two other players.
- Each team will include two sides of two players each, for a total of four (4) players per team.
- Players will be paired in handicap order from lowest to highest. The two lowest handicap golfers on a team will play against the two lowest handicap golfers on their opponent's team. The two highest handicap golfers on a team will play the opponent's two highest handicap golfers.

The format will be a Four-Ball Match Play for Nassau points. Gross and net matches played concurrently, each match will be worth six (6) points: two (2) points for the front-nine (1-gross match point, 1-net match point), two (2) points for the back-nine (1-gross match point, 1-net match point), and two (2) points for the 18-hole match (1-gross match point, 1-net match point). There will be three (3) points for each gross match, three (3) points for each net match. Each team will be playing for 12 points each play day. If any of the matches complete play of the respective holes, "All Square," the sides will split the point ($\frac{1}{2}$ point each).

DISTRICTS AND DIVISIONS

Districts: Participating clubs will be divided by the three established IGA Districts. Only District 1 is participating.

Divisions: Each District will consist of one or more Divisions. Each Division will include six (6) teams/clubs which will compete against each other during the InterClub Match regular season. Each team will play every other team in their Division once (a total of 5 regular season matches/play dates). Divisions will be determined by previous year end total points. New teams will be assigned to a Division by the WIM Steering Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

Club:

- Clubs must be an IGA member licensed club in good standing. Clubs must be in compliance with the Handicap certification program.
- Only clubs from District 1 (as defined by the IGA) will be eligible to participate.
- Clubs/courses may enter more than one team. Acceptance of more than one team from a club will be at the discretion of the WIM Steering Committee and each team must pay the team entry fee (\$30 per year). Multiple teams from one club will be assigned to play in different Divisions.

Players:

- IGA InterClub Match team membership is open to female amateur golfers who must have an up-to-date women's USGA Handicap Index®.
- A Handicap Index must be issued from an IGA District I member "golf club" (as defined in the "USGA Handicap System Manual") which is licensed to use the USGA Handicap System™.
- Players must be in good standing with the club she wishes to represent and must be on that club's "active golfer" GHIN roster as of her date of declaration and throughout the InterClub Match season.
- **Age:** A player must be 18 years of age or older on the date of a match in which they compete and all players are required to list their age and date of birth on all IGA entry forms.
- **Amateur Status:** All players must conform to the "USGA Rules of Amateur Status."

Player declaration is determined by the date the Team Captain lists the player on the club's team roster for a match. Team member names will be submitted prior to each competition. *Course Handicaps* will be determined by using the player's most current *Handicap Index*.

Players must declare and compete for only one club/course in a District during a WIM season provided they meet all the requirements stated in this paragraph. **The penalty when a player competes for two different clubs/courses during one season is as follows: the Match in which the offending player participated will be forfeited, and the player may be disqualified from playing in any WIM competition the remainder of the season.** Multiple infractions of this section by a single team may result in disqualification (default) of all matches for the season and subject to review by the InterClub Steering Committee for future eligibility.

Transgendered individuals must refer to the IGA Policy and entry application procedures for transgendered individuals by calling the IGA Office at (208) 342-4442. A copy will of the IGA application materials will be sent to you. If eligibility for entry in an IGA Championship has been previously approved under this policy, subsequent IGA Championship entry applications, whether in the initial or subsequent years, will be accepted without the documentation required in the initial transgendered application process.

Players requesting permission to use items on the List of Equipment Permitted Conditionally for Medical Reasons under Exception 1 to Rule 14-3, please refer to www.usga.org/equipment/medical/general_guidelines.html for details.

The IGA may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the InterClub Matches and/or suspend a player from future competitions if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in the IGA. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, damage to the golf course or the player's equipment, verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior, failure to abide by club rules or any other unbecoming conduct.

TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE

All team commitment forms and team entry fees must be received by the IGA by **5:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 14, 2017**. Team entries must be submitted by paper entry. Captains must submit team player names and team members must submit play day fees to the IGA prior to **12:00 noon, Wednesday before the Match**. Rosters must be submitted to WIM Commissioner, Mary Ann Mathews at mamjwm@msn.com and team members payment may be made online at www.theiga.org or may be submitted to the IGA by cash or check prior to the Wednesday deadline.

TEAM ENTRY FEE AND MATCH FEES

\$30 team entry fee must accompany the team entry form by the deadline date listed above. A per-player fee of approximately \$20 - \$40 (depending on site) per match will be collected by the IGA. Team Captains are responsible for ensuring match fees are paid to the IGA prior to the Wednesday deadline for each match.

2017 SCHEDULE

April 14 (Friday)		Team Entry Deadline	
May 12 (Friday)	Purple Sage	Team Captains' and Player meeting prior to first match	Each team MUST be represented
May 12 (Friday)	Purple Sage	Round 1	Afternoon Shotgun
June 9 (Friday)	Centennial	Round 2	Morning Shotgun
July 7 (Friday)	BanBury	Round 3	Morning Shotgun
August 18 (Friday)	Eagle Hills	Round 4	Morning Shotgun
September 8 (Friday)	RedHawk	Round 5	Morning Shotgun
October 19 (Thursday)	Hillcrest	Awards Reception	6:00 p.m.

GROUPINGS AND STARTING TIMES

Groupings and confirmed shotgun start times will be available online at www.theiga.org , 24 hours prior to the start of the matches.

HANDICAPS

- All players will use their current *Handicap Index*.
- The *Course Handicap* of all four players is reduced by the *Course Handicap* of the player with the lowest handicap, who then plays from scratch. Each of the three other players is allowed 100 percent of the difference.
- Players are responsible for the correctness of the *Course Handicap* and Handicap Allowance on the scorecard/s. This is a player responsibility, even when the Committee prints the information on the card.

PRIZES:

Division Winner – team plaque

TBD – District Champion traveling plaque/trophy (if playoff is possible)

RULES OF GOLF; CLOSE OF COMPETITION

Play will be governed by “The Rules of Golf” as approved by the USGA. Questions will be settled by the on-site Rules Committee, whose decision will be final. A match is deemed to final when the result has been officially announced (posted on the scoreboard).

GOLF BALLS; DRIVER HEADS

Only brands of golf balls on the most current USGA List of Conforming Golf Balls and driver heads on the most current USGA List of Conforming Driver Heads may be used. Updated lists may be found on the USGA web site at www.usga.org or by contacting the USGA Technical Department at (908) 234-2300.

DISTANCE MEASURING DEVICES

Players are allowed to use devices that measure or gauge distance only.

CADDIES

A player may provide her own caddie, but is not required to employ a caddie for a match. Caddies must not ride on any form of transportation during a stipulated round unless authorized by the Committee, see below.

TRANSPORTATION

Players may ride during a stipulated round. Cart rental fees will be paid by the player/side at the host club golf shop, payable to the host club. No more than two (2) carts per group will be allowed.

The optional condition prescribed in “Appendix I” of “The Rules of Golf will be in effect for caddies, but not for players. A player using a golf cart (automotive transportation) during the stipulated round must not permit a spectator to ride in her cart.

PENALTY FOR BREACH OF CONDITION:

Match play – At the conclusion of the hole at which the breach is discovered, the state of both gross and net matches are adjusted by deducting one hole for each hole at which a breach occurred; maximum deduction per round – Two holes.

If a breach is discovered between the play of two holes, it is deemed to have been discovered during play of the next hole, and the penalty must be applied accordingly.

Any caddie seeking a golf cart due to a permanent disability as defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) should contact the IGA at (208) 342-4442 to obtain information on procedures for submitting such requests. All required information must be submitted to the IGA and be received by the IGA at the time the player’s entry is received. Requests due to temporary injuries or impairments will not be granted.

Only caddies who have complied with the above procedures and met all of the IGA requirements to demonstrate a permanent disability that prevents the caddie from walking the course will be permitted to use automotive transportation.

DRESS CODE

Players must abide by the IGA dress code during practice and championship rounds: Players attire and personal grooming must be neat in appearance, no blue jeans, no tank-tops; shorts and skirts must NOT be shorter than 6” (length of dollar bill), above middle of knee. Dress code will also apply to caddies. Caddies must wear flat soled shoes (no golf shoes with spikes or alternative spikes).

Penalty for breach of IGA dress code – player may be required to change clothes, be disqualified from the Championship, or be suspended from future competitions conducted by the IGA.

TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

Serve as the team contact and liaison with the IGA

Attend Captains’ meetings. Meetings will be arranged by the IGA. An IGA representative will be in attendance.

Commit/Enter Team: Complete team commitment/entry form and submit it to the IGA on or before the deadline date with team entry fee (\$30, one-time fee for the team).

Submit Team Roster: Prior to each WIM round, submit team roster/s to Commissioner (Mary Ann Mathews) at mamjwm@msn.com. Deadline: Wednesday, noon prior to match.

Ensure each individual golfer on the team roster registers herself and pays her fee for that play day at www.theiga.org. Deadline: Wednesday, noon prior to match.

Verify and return match results to the scoreboard on completion of match

Submit scorecards to Committee who will post all scores.

Education of Players: Team Captains will educate their team players on:

- Rules of Golf, with emphasis on Four-Ball Match Play (claims)
- Pace of Play (concession of holes/strokes and “picking up”)
- Proper scoring methods (including gross and net match play scoring, ESC and X-out holes)
- IGA WIM Regulations
- Golf Course Requirements (dress code, starting times, etc.)