

MILWAUKEE COUNTY PUBLIC LINKS ASSOCIATION

SECOND TEAM RULES

Approved by Board of Directors, March 4, 2003

The purpose of the Second Team Matches is to promote competition among mid to high Handicap players and determine the MCPLA "Second Team Champion" annually

I. SCHEDULE

- A. There will be five (5) scheduled Second Team Matches each Season, weather permitting.
- B. Each of the seven (7) Member Clubs will field a Team of sixteen (16) players and two (2) alternates at each Match. A field of one hundred twelve (112) players shall compete. Only alternates on the roster may be substituted after 10 P.M. of the evening before the match. The original sixteen (16) rostered players may not become alternates.
- C. A Season Schedule will be distributed to all Second Team Captains prior to the first Match of the season.

II. ELIGIBILITY

- A. Each Club shall be represented by members with Handicap Indexes of six point five (6.5) to a maximum of thirty six point four (36.4).
- B. Team members must have a minimum of ten (10) scores recorded to be eligible to compete in any Team Match. Penalty is **disqualification**.
- C. Each Club shall post members' scores for Handicap purposes, on the due dates specified in the MCPLA/WSGA Master Handicap Schedule. Penalty for violation of this rule will be a one (1) stroke reduction in the Course Handicap for each of the club members participating in that Match.

III. RULES

- A. Competitions are conducted under the United States Golf Association "Rules of Golf" for **Stroke Play**.
- B. Each Member Club will have one (1) Second Team Captain. The seven (7) Captains, plus the MCPLA Second Team Director, will serve as the Second Team Rules Committee.
- C. Team Captain shall provide a copy of these Rules to each team member before they compete in their first Match of the season.
- D. The Second Team Captain shall fill out a Club Roster Sheet for every Match, listing the sixteen (16) players and may include two (2) standby alternates, along with their current Handicap Indexes. This Roster will be sent to the Second Team Director, by the date specified in the Season Schedule. The Director shall make and return the pairings to each Second Team Captain, who will notify his team players of their official starting times.
 - 1. Rule 6-3a provides: "The player shall start at the time laid down by the Committee." The penalty for breach of 6-3a is disqualification. However, it is a condition of Second Team competitions that, "if the player arrives at his starting point, ready to play, within five minutes after his starting time, the penalty for failure to start on time is two strokes at the first hole instead of disqualification." (See Note under Rule 6-3).
- E. Team Captains will select only those players who are capable and willing to play at a pace to complete the round in accordance with the Course "USGA-WSGA Pace Rating". Rule 6-7 states, "the player shall play without undue delay." The MCPLA "**Pace of Play**" Policy will be observed. The first group to start will be considered **out of position** if, at any time during the round, the group is behind the prescribed schedule. Any following group will be considered **out of position** if it, (A) is taking more than the allotted time to play, and (B) **if you are not ready to play your approach shot when the flag ahead of you is placed in the hole**. It is the responsibility of the players to note whether their group is **out of position**. Players will **NOT** be informed the group is being timed. Summary of Penalties:
 - First Offense: Two occasions exceeding 40 seconds to play a stroke - **one stroke penalty**.
 - Second Offense: One more occasion (total three) exceeding 40 seconds to play stroke - **two stroke penalty**.
 - Subsequent Offense: One more occasion (total four) exceeding 40 seconds to play stroke - **disqualification**.

Players must proceed briskly to their balls and may play out of turn.
- (F.) A player who cannot finish his match, due to an emergency, injury or illness, will retain all points won up to that time. Abuse of this rule may be grounds for disqualification and will be reviewed by the Rules Committee.
- G. Each player shall keep the score of all four players in the group. One scorecard shall be attested by all four players, as the Official Scorecard and shall be turned in at the Score Table. It shall indicate points won, gross score of each player and the time of completion of final hole. The penalty for failure to sign the Official Scorecard is **disqualification**.
- H. Shirts must have traditional collars: only golf slacks or knee length walking shorts are allowed, **no denim**. Pagers, cell phones and metal or traditionally-designed spikes are prohibited, penalty for breach is **disqualification**.

IV. METHOD OF PLAY AND SCORING

- A. Each player in a group is playing an 8 point match against each of the other three players. Using 100% difference in Course Handicap, strokes are allocated as indicated on the scorecard. A competitor may win two points for the most holes won on the front nine; two points for the most holes won on the back nine; two points for the most holes won in the 18 holes and two points for Net Medal score, all based on 100% of Handicap difference. In case of a tie, in any segment of the Match, each player is awarded one point.
- B. Any one individual can score a maximum of 24 points within his group. Total points for each group must equal 48 points. 40 points if there are only two players.
- C. The team accumulating the most points for the Season will be the "*SECOND TEAM CHAMPION*." A tie for the Championship will be broken by an 18 hole Team play-off at a neutral course. Total points per group will be 32. The Second Team Director will make arrangements for the play-off.

V. DISQUALIFICATION PENALTIES

- A. When a player, who has started play, is disqualified under Section II-A or B (Eligibility); Section III-E (Pace); Section III-G (Failure to sign scorecard); Section III-H (Dress Code); he shall lose all points and the other players shall recalculate their matches. Additionally, the player's team shall be assessed a 10 point penalty deducted from the total team score. Any other disqualification under the "Rules of Golf" shall be loss of points only.

VI. PROTESTS

- A. Any protests regarding scoring, eligibility, handicap or the Rules must be submitted in writing, by the Second Team Captain, to the Second Team Director within one week of the match in question or the protest will not be deemed valid.
- B. The Second Team Rules Committee will make a final determination of all protests within two weeks of the date the protest was received.

VII. PRIZES

- A. Three (3) golf balls will be awarded for each of the eight hole events at each Match.
- B. The annual Second Team Champion will receive a traveling trophy, provided by MCPLA. The trophy must be returned at the September MCPLA regular meeting of the following year.

VIII. HOST CLUB TEAM CAPTAIN RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The host club Second Team Captain is responsible to contact his Club Professional or Clubhouse Manager and Course Superintendent one month prior to the match and review the following:
 1. Confirm the course has reservations for 112 players on the appropriate date and starting time. May and September Matches may use crossovers. (14 groups - 56 golfers off 1st and 10th tee simultaneously).
 2. Ensure that the golf course will provide a minimum of one (1) open tee time before the Second Team Match begins. At 7:04 A.M. start, May or September Cross-over, last public (nine holes only) off the 1st and 10th tees before 6:48 A.M. At June - August starts, last public should be off #1 tee at least 16 minutes before our first scheduled tee time.
 3. Request that the golf course have a balanced setup, six holes easy, six holes moderate and six holes difficult. Course setup should not exceed the white yardage. **No gimmicks!**
- B. The host Second Team Captain must review the arrangements in Section VIII A, with Course personnel. again 10 days before the Match and again the Thursday before the Match to ensure proper playing conditions.
- C. The host club Second Team Captain is responsible for providing manpower to conduct the Second Team Match.
 1. Starters are required, on #1 tee or #1 and #10 tees. They must check pairings, handicaps and verify that all players have purchased golf permits. They must ensure players are complying with the Dress Code and advise them that four signatures are required on the scorecard. **Note:** Substitutions of rostered players and standby alternates cannot be made after 10 P.M. of the night prior to the Match. Rearrangement of the original rostered pairings is not allowed at any time.
 2. The Host Second Team Captain should make a serious effort to provide at least two (2) non-playing Rangers to monitor the Pace of Play of all competitors. This is imperative at all Matches.
 3. One (1) member is required to take scores. He should ensure all players have signed the card and verify the point totals, 48 per group, and then record the gross scores and points on the Master Score Sheet.
 4. The names of the Starters and the Scorers should be indicated on your Team Roster when it is submitted to the Team Director. Handicap sheets will be furnished for use on the day of the Match.