

# General Rules & Guidelines

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### 1. DEFINITION

**'Intersectionals'** is a Team (Club) Match Play competition. Each Club team is placed in a Division according to pre-determined criteria and defined in each of the Men and Women Divisions. Each Division is divided into Sections and each Section consists of 3 or 4 teams.

### 2. ELIGIBILITY

A player must be a member in good standing at their club, or a public player who plays in a club's league. Every player must have a verifiable handicap factor on the Golf Canada Handicap System, or a verifiable handicap factor certified by their Club Professional in accordance with the World Handicap System.

### 3. TEAM COMPOSITION

#### WOMEN

A WOMEN's team consists of the six (6) best players in the club and two (2) alternates. The team may include a maximum of 2 Juniors. Juniors must be 18 or under on the day of the competition. Juniors may be alternates but the team of 8 players may not exceed the maximum of 2 Juniors.

If a club wishes to enter a second team in the Women Division it must contact the Convenor by email before the registration deadline. If the schedule can accommodate the second team, the Convenor will confirm back with the club. Requests for a second team will be reviewed on a first come basis. **A Handicap Rule applies to the second team** (see Item 4 below).

#### SENIOR WOMEN

A SENIOR WOMEN's team consists of six (6) players and two (2) alternates. All players, including alternates must be 50 years of age or older on the day of the competition.

#### MEN'S A

A MEN's A team consists of the eight (8) best players in the club and two (2) alternates. The team may include a maximum of 2 Juniors. Juniors must be 18 or under on the day of the competition. Juniors may be alternates but the team of 8 players may not exceed 2 Juniors.

#### MEN'S B

A MEN's B team consists of eight (8) players and two (2) alternates. The team may include a maximum of 2 Juniors. Juniors must be 18 or under on the day of the competition. Juniors may be alternates but the team of 8 players may not exceed 2 Juniors. **A Handicap Rule applies to all MEN's B teams** (see Item 4 below).

#### SENIOR MEN

A SENIOR MEN's team consists of eight (8) players and two (2) alternates. All players, including alternates must be 55 years of age or older on the day of the competition.

#### SUPER SENIOR MEN

A SUPER SENIOR MEN's team consists of eight (8) players and two (2) alternates. All players, including alternates must be 65 years of age or older on the day of the competition.

## **ALTERNATES (ALL DIVISIONS)**

QKIM encourages teams to include two alternates on their teams. In addition to gaining valuable experience in Match Play and team competition, alternates contribute to the spirit of the game and they play two important roles:

- 1) Alternates' scores may be used to break a tie between teams to determine the Champion. (See Section 6: Ties)
- 2) If a player is absent or unable to compete, the alternate will be slotted into the starting roster at the Captain's Meeting and the team will not forfeit its points to the other competitors in that grouping.

### **Rule for players on more than one team:**

- A player cannot be on the starting roster in both Men's A and Men's B competitions. Only a Men's A alternate who did not compete in the Men's A competition may play in the Men's B competition if he is eligible.
- A player on a Super Senior Men's team may participate on the Senior Men's team and/or in one of either Men's A or Men's B teams if he is eligible.
- A player on a Senior Men's team may participate in one of either Men's A or Men's B teams if he is eligible.
- A player on the Senior Women's team may participate on the Women's team.

**Penalty:** If a player plays in both Division "A" and Division "B" matches, the club will be disqualified from both Intersectional Divisions for the current year. The club will then be placed in the last section of both Intersectional Divisions for the next year.

## **4. HANDICAP FACTOR**

Current Handicap Factors for all players must be provided by the Team Captain at the Captain's meeting prior to the first tee time on the day of the competition. Handicap Factors can be provided in one of the following ways:

- Golf Canada Handicap Certification Form
- Printout of the player's handicap scoring record from the Golf Canada Score Center
- Printout of the player's current Golf Canada Handicap Card
- Certification of handicap factor in accordance with World Handicap System, signed by Club Professional

### **For Women's Division only – clubs entering a second team:**

Players on the second team must have a handicap factor higher or equal to the highest handicap factor on the club's first team, including alternates, on the day of the match. If the matches are on different days, the date of the first match determines the HCP factor. **Players found playing in breach of the above requirements will lose their points**

**For Men's B Division only:**

Players must have a Handicap Factor of 10.5 and above on the day 4 weeks ahead of the matches. A report showing the potential players' handicap factor will be mandatory and must be sent immediately to the QKIM Convenor. Players will be allowed to improve their game to a handicap factor below 10.5 during that 4-week period. At the Captains Meeting, Team Captains must show their players' Handicap Factors of 10.5 or higher on the day 4 weeks prior to the competition, as well as the current Handicap Factor which may be lower than 10.5. **Players found playing in breach of the above requirements will lose their points.**

**Exception:** The Convenor reserves the right to make a special exception if a player's handicap factor drops below 10.5 within 1 week prior to the 4-week deadline and returns to 10.5 or higher before the day of the Match. A formal request must be made by the Club at the 4-week deadline.

## 5. COMPETITION

The competition consists of single match play between members of the Teams in the same Section. The final roster of team players with current handicap factors must be submitted by the Team Captain at the Captain's meeting 45 minutes before the first tee off time. Captains can use the **QKIM Team Roster Form** or bring their own printout providing all the information is included.

Substitution(s) can only be made at the Captains' Meeting and only with the alternate players listed on the **Team Roster Form**. No changes will be made to the groupings after the Captain's Meeting. If a player is late for his/her tee time, the player loses the first hole and all subsequent holes in which he/she fails to appear. If a club does not have a full roster, the slots in the highest HCP groups shall be vacant.

**Substitution Method:** The replacement player must be positioned as the club's lowest player at his particular handicap factor. Example: If the alternate player has a HCP factor of 8.3, that player is inserted at the rank corresponding to the 8.3 HCP factor.

**Starting Order:** Alternate players will start the competition. Players will follow in order of their club handicap factor. The highest handicap factor will tee off first. NB. Tee off order: Host Club, Club B, Club C and Club D.

## 6. SCORING

**Individual scoring:** Each player plays a match against the other players. Two (2) points for each match won; one (1) point for each match halved; zero (0) point for a loss.

**Team scoring:** The winning team advances to the Section above at the 4th rank. The 4th place team drops to the Section below at the 3rd rank. The 2nd place team becomes the Host club for the following year, with certain exceptions described in **Item 9 – Host Club Selection**

**Ties:** In case of a tie between two or more teams, the team with the highest aggregate points of individual matches between members of the tied teams shall be the winner. If the teams are still tied, the point results of the matches between members of the tied teams shall be compared on a sudden death basis starting with the 1st Alternate match, followed by the 2nd Alternate match (unless Alternate is slotted into the starting roster at the Captain's meeting), then the lowest handicap players until the tie is broken.

## 7. GUIDELINES

- a. Local competition rules must be specified at the Team Captains' Meeting prior to the tournament.
- b. The Rules of Golf in effect are those for Three-Ball Match Play (Rule 21.4) as well as those on the notice to competitors.
- c. If a player fails to appear on the first tee at their allocated starting time, the player will incur a penalty of "loss of the first hole". The player may catch up to the group, but loses any hole started by the group.
- d. Motorized or electric carts are permitted and should be limited to 2 per foursome. In cases where there is a player who walks in the group, the player who is riding must not move the cart past the walker's ball.
- e. The use of any electronic device during the match is subject to Rule 4.3a. A distance-measuring device is permitted as long as it measures distance only.
- f. Matches must be played within a definite time limit. Players will be given the pace of play used by the host club + half an hour to complete their matches. At that time, players will finish the hole they are on and the matches are over. If a group falls behind the group ahead, the QKIM official, at his/her discretion, may rule the current hole halved (tied) and instruct the group to proceed to the next hole.
- g. When all of a player's matches are concluded, win or lose, the player may either cease play or finish the round. Should the player decide to continue, the player shall play in a manner not impacting the continuing matches or not delaying pace of play. This includes: Always teeing off and putting after the players in the other matches; no provisional balls; two putts maximum per hole.

- h. Only the Team Captain or his representative is allowed to give advice.
- i. All decisions made by the Official are final.

## 8. INTERRUPTION OF PLAY

If play is interrupted for more than 45 minutes\* due to bad weather or for any other reason resulting in the competition being incomplete, scoring shall be as follows:

- If the final foursome has completed 9 holes: Points are calculated as of the state of the matches on the last hole completed by each foursome. If the final foursome has not completed 9 holes:
  - If possible, reschedule another competition within a 7-day period.
  - If this cannot be done, then the competition is cancelled. The Team rankings remain unchanged. The host club moves up to the next higher section at the 4th position and the 4th placed club drops down to the section below at the 3rd position. The 2nd position club is the host club and remains in the same section as the 3rd position club.
  - If all the sections in one division cannot compete, the rankings shall remain the same for the following year.

\* the QKIM official may use his/her discretion to alter the 45-minute time limit)

## 9. SPECTATORS & CADDIES

Spectators are an integral part of all QKIM matches. While our goal is to maximize the spectator experience, we must also ensure that the integrity of the match and safety for participants and guests are preserved at all times. The following are in accordance with Golf Ontario's spectator guidelines, as follows:

- A minimum distance of 30 yards must be maintained between the player and spectators in ALL circumstances except on the putting green or teeing areas where the minimum distance is 10 yards.
- Spectators are prohibited from the teeing areas, fairways, putting greens, captains meeting, scoring and starting areas, and areas where Rulings are being provided.
- No advice is to be given to any player during a match. Advice is defined as any verbal comment or action that is intended to influence a player in choosing a club, making a stroke, or deciding how to play a hole. Exceptions are asking or giving the player food, drink, umbrella or the like; or needing to deal with a medical situation.
- Spectators can help pace of play by observing when and where golf balls stray. Searching for stray balls should only start when the player reaches the area of the

stray ball and indicates help is required. (It should be noted that in certain circumstances, players may not want to find their original ball.

- Mobile devices must be set to the “vibrate” only or “silent” mode or turned off.
- The use of golf carts by spectators is at the sole discretion of the host club. Golf Ontario tournaments prohibit the use of golf carts by spectators, however QKIM recognizes that there may be instances when a spectator has mobility challenges and may require a cart. The host club can decide on a case by case basis.
- Any spectator whose conduct is deemed to be disruptive or not conducive to the well-being of the match will be told to leave the course. Instances of abuse, bullying, harassment or discrimination will not be tolerated under any circumstances. The QKIM official is the sole judge in determining unbecoming conduct.
- **Caddies;** A player may provide his or her own caddie. A caddie cannot be another player in the competition who has played or will play in the same round. A caddie driving a player’s cart must also perform expected duties of a caddie throughout the round. Caddies must wear soft-spikes or flat-soled shoes. Bare feet are prohibited.

## 10. HOST CLUB SELECTION

The club finishing in 2nd place becomes the Host Club the following year with two exceptions:

1. No club will host the same section for two consecutive years.
2. No club will host more than 2 matches per year.

In the event of an exception, the 3rd place team becomes the Host Club. When necessary, the Convenor reserves the right to select the Host Club based on the most equitable options.

The selection criteria are intended to spread the hosting duties among all clubs while providing more opportunities for players to visit the other courses.

## 11. DISQUALIFICATION / TEAM WITHDRAWAL

If a team withdraws from the competition or is disqualified, it will be relegated to the last section of its division for the following year.