

Rules and Procedures Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches

Eligibility

Participation in the Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches is open to females who (i) maintain a legal residence* in Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina or South Carolina, (ii) hold an active GHIN® number issued by a licensed VSGA, WVGA, or CGA member club in good standing, (iii) are at least 18 years of age on the first day of competition and have completed high school, and (iv) comply fully with USGA Rules of Amateur Status. To compete as a senior, participants must be at least 50 years of age on the first day of competition. To compete as a super senior, participants must be at least 60 years of age on the first day of competition and have previously competed in the Virginias-Carolinas Women's Team Matches.

*Note: An individual is considered to maintain a *legal residence* when said individual (a) maintains her primary residence in the state she wishes to represent <u>or</u> if (a) is in question, (b) the individual (i) possesses a valid driver's license in the state she wishes to represent and/or (ii) is registered to vote in the state she wishes to represent in local, state and national elections. A college student is considered a resident of their parent(s)'/guardian(s)' legal residence unless said student (i) has no dependency on her parents <u>and</u> (ii) fulfills the legal residency criteria as listed above.

Team Composition

Each team will consist of 18 players chosen by the respective team captains or golf association staff. Each team will consist of 6 players age 50 and older (senior), 2 players age 60 and older (super senior), and 10 players of any age (regular). Selection criteria for each team will be determined by the respective team captains or golf association. Team substitutions during competition will only be allowed based on injury, illness or other extenuating circumstance.

Format

The competition will consist of two 18-hole rounds contested over two tournament days with format as follows*:

Day 1: Four-Ball Match Play (9 holes); Pinehurst Alternate Shot Match Play (9 holes)

Day 2: Singles Match Play (18 holes)

*Note: Any format changes must be approved by golf association staffs.

Scoring

Each match will award three points: one point for the winner of the front nine, one point for winner of the back nine and one point for the overall match winner. The team with the most points following the completion of play will be the champion. In the event of a tie, the defending champion will retain the trophy.

Rules

Play is governed by the USGA *Rules of Golf*, as modified by Local Rules and the Standard Local Rules of the host association. The following Rule will also be in effect:

<u>Appointment of Advice Giver in Team Competitions</u>: Model Local Rule H-2 is in effect for this competition. Each team may appoint one person (in addition to the persons from whom advice may be asked under that Rule) who may give advice to members of that team. The advice giver must be identified to the Committee before giving advice.