

Delmarva Peninsula Golf Association

Men's "B" League

Bylaws

PREAMBLE

The Delmarva Peninsula Golf Association Mens "B" League is a nonprofit inter club association dedicated to the spirit of competitive golf in the Four-Ball Match Play format. As such, league members shall strive to promote and preserve the integrity of the game by adhering strictly to the USGA Rules of Golf and the USGA Handicap System.

I. ORGANIZATION

The organization and League Commissioner shall be approved by the Delmarva Peninsula Golf Association Board of Directors.

II. ELIGIBILITY TO COMPETE IN LEAGUE MATCHES

- A. Competing clubs must use the USGA Handicap System.
- B. And individual competitor must:
 - a. Have an official USGA Handicap Index with the Club he represents of no less than a six (6) handicap from the tees to be played on or, before the 7th day of the month, shall be based on the prior month.
 - b. Be an active paying member of his Club and in good standing.
 - c. Have reached his 21st birthday prior to the match being played.
- C. A two-man team may not have individual or combined handicaps totaling less than the following on the competition course:
 - a. Pairing sheets team 1 - 6/16
 - b. Pairing sheets team 2 - 7/20
 - c. Pairing sheets team 3 - 8/22

III. THE COMPETITION

- A. Each club will field 6 two-man teams, with three teams playing away and 3 teams playing at home in Four-Ball Match Play.
- B. Each club will play matches as agreed upon by the established schedule.
- C. Play will be from the men's or White Tees, unless other tees are selected before the season, or it is mutually agreed by the Captains to play from other tees.

- D. All matches are played at “scratch”. Points will be awarded on the basis of one point for the winner of each nine holes and one point for the winner of the 18 holes, for a total of three points per match. One-half point will be awarded to each team for a tie in any of the three segments of the competition. The Club with the most total points wins the match. A tie will remain a tie.
- E. A Club’s standing will be based on its won-lost record. If the won-lost record and the total points are the same, the winner of the match between the tied clubs shall have the better record.

IV. MATCH DAYS AND TEE TIMES

- A. Matches will be scheduled on the second Saturday of each month from April through October. Matches, however, may be scheduled on other days within the scheduled month if agreed upon by the respective Team Captains.
- B. Matches should be scheduled for 10:00AM or at such time as mutually agreed upon by the respective Team Captains.
- C. All Team Captains must be alert on the day of play for any potential delays due to frost, rain or other reasons, in the scheduled tee times and immediately notify the visiting Club of any such delays, along with the approximate tee times.
- D. All matches will be played, regardless of weather, as long as the course remains open for play. If general play on the course is temporarily suspended by the club official responsible for such decisions due to weather conditions, play will resume from the point where play was stopped, provided that play is resumed on the same day. If play cannot be resumed on the same day, and less than nine holes have been completed, the entire match at that Club must be rescheduled.
- E. The fact that one Club has stopped play due to weather conditions is no bar to the other half of the team finishing play on the other course.
- F. If a match at one Club is rained out prior to the start of play and rescheduled for another date, the other half of the team must do likewise.
- G. If it is known before the match that one Club’s course will be closed due to weather conditions, and the suggestion is made that all play take place on the other course, both Team Captains must agree to play the match on the one course.
- H. If nine or more holes have been completed, and play is suspended for the rest of the day, the remaining holes will be halved, and points will be counted as if 18 holes have been played.
- I. If a match has already begun and play is temporarily suspended due to weather conditions, before a match can be postponed, both teams must wait one hour for the responsible club official to make the decision that the course is playable.

- J. All regular season matches will be played no later than the final day of each month. Otherwise, teams that have not completed their matches by the end of the scheduled month shall split the points evenly. NO EXCEPTIONS.

V. FORFEITS

A team, which fields less than two 2-man teams at both the home and away course, shall forfeit the entire match. The team that shows up for the match shall receive twelve points as a result of the forfeit.

VI. RESCHEDULED MATCHES

Rescheduled matches must be approved by the Team Captains of both teams and communicated to the League Commissioner via mail, email or fax.

VII. TEAM CAPTAINS – HANDICAP VERIFICATION – TEAM LINE-UPS

- A. The Team Captain shall designate one member of his Club playing at the course on which he is not playing as the “Visiting” or “Home” Captain, as the case may be. If the Team Captain is not playing at either course, he shall designate both a “Visiting” and a “Home” Captain.
- B. The Home Captain and the Visiting Captains at each course shall provide each other with the names, handicap indexes and handicap for their entire twelve man roster broken down into “Home” and “Visiting” teams and designating each two-man team at each location as #1, #2 or #3. The Captains shall also provide each other Club member’s official list of USGA Handicap Indexes used for the line-ups.
 - a. Line-ups must be determined prior to the exchange of line-up sheets by the Team Captains.
 - b. Line-up sheets must be exchanged simultaneously, ensuring that match pairings are determined via blind draw similar to a Ryder Cup type format.
 - c. Should the Captains determine upon review of the Handicap listing that a player from either team(s) has a handicap or that a team has a combined handicap less than the criteria stated in paragraph II.C., the match of the offending player(s) shall be forfeited and the competing two-man team shall be credited with 3 points, whether or not the match is played. Substitution of another player after the fact is not permitted.
 - d. Claims against improper handicaps after play that are upheld by the respective Team Captains shall result in forfeiture of the match(s) by the offending Team(s).

VIII. SIGNED SCORECARDS AND POSTING OF ADJUSTED GROSS SCORES

- A. Even though the format is match play at “scratch”, the USGA Handicap System requires that all match play adjusted gross scores for 13 or more

holes be posted for handicap purposes (USGA Handicap System Manual, Part II, Section 3.1).

- B. Consequently, each of the teams shall maintain a score card for each of their matches. At the conclusion of the match, the teams shall exchange signed score cards, showing not only the winner of each of the 3 points at match play, but also the adjusted gross score for each player. All cards are to be returned to the respective Team Captains, who shall ensure that his team's players' scores are posted in accordance with the USGA Handicap System.

IX. CARTS REQUIRED - GREEN FEES WAIVED – FOOD AND REFRESHMENTS

Participants may be charged cart fees by the club where they are playing. Greens fees are reciprocally waived. Food and refreshments will be paid for by the participating players.

X. MATCH RESULTS

- A. After completion of the match, the winning Team Captain shall report the results to the League Commissioner. The League Commissioner shall inform the other clubs by sending out team standings on a periodic basis.
- B. The winning Team captain shall mail, fax or email a copy of the line-up sheet to the League Commissioner after the match. The line-up sheet must indicate the 6 teams that comprised the two competing clubs, the USGA Index and the handicap of each competitor on the competition course, match by match results and the total match score. The line-up sheet must be mailed, faxed or emailed by the Thursday following the match.
 - a. Should the winning Team Captain fail to communicate properly the line-up sheet to the League Commissioner by the Thursday following the match, the match will be declared a 9-9 tie.
 - b. Rescheduled matches must be reported immediately per Section VI.

XI. DUES

No dues will be collected at this time.

XII. BYLAWS

Each Team Captain shall be responsible for ensuring that his players have copies of and/or are familiar with the provisions of these Bylaws.

XIII. AWARDS

- A. A rotating plaque will be presented to the winning team each year and, subsequently, a permanent plaque will be presented to the league champion from the previous year. Both plaques will be prominently displayed in the Champion's clubhouse or pro shop.