

PLAYING CONDITIONS

1. A maximum of 26 company member teams can participate. Teams that have participated in the previous two years will be given preference. After that, the “first come first serve” rule will be applied.
Note: When a group of players who the previous two years participated as a team change their company member sponsor, they do NOT qualify for the “two-year preference rule” but will be processed as a “new team” under the “first come first serve” rule.
2. Each company participating may be represented by a minimum of four (4) and maximum of seven (7) players. All players should be a member of the Curaçao Golf & Squash Club.
3. Players can not switch teams during competition.
4. Each team is allowed to replace a player with another player ONLY ONCE during the competition, subject to rule 3.
5. Teams who start the competition with less than 7 players can add the number of players needed to complete the team during the competition, subject to rule 3 and 4.
6. Each player must be at least 18 years of age and have an established golf handicap from the CG&SC. Established handicap is a handicap without P (provisional).
7. The form of play is USGA Four-Ball. (see Appendix – Fourball Format Explained)
The team, whose player has the lowest NET score on a hole, wins the hole. The team with the most holes won, wins the match.
8. To establish a player’s Adjusted Playing Handicap (see steps 1. – 4. in Appendix below)
 - a) First, the Handicap Allowances have to be determined to calculate the Playing Handicap (PH). *That is the percentage of the USGA Course Handicap recommended for a handicap competition.*
 - A player who registered LESS than five (5) 18-hole score between October 01, 2018 and the start of a match, will use a Playing Handicap (PH) that is 60% of his/her USGA Course Handicap from the system (UCH).
 - A player who submitted AT LEAST five (5) 18-hole score between October 01, 2018 and the start of a match but submitted his/her last card more than 4 weeks before the day of the match, will use a Playing Handicap (PH) that is 75% of his/her USGA Course Handicap from the system (UCH).
 - A player who has submitted AT LEAST five (5) 18-hole score between October 01, 2018

and the start of a match but submitted his/her last card played the Curaçao Golf & Squash Club golf course 4 weeks or less before the day of the match, will use a Playing Handicap (PH) that is 90% of his/her USGA Course Handicap from the system (UCH).

b) Then, Adjusted Handicaps (APH) have to be determined. *Players playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating receive additional strokes.*

- Men playing from the Blue tees: Adjusted Playing Handicap is the same as their Playing Handicap (PH).
- Men – Seniors playing from the White tees: Have to SUBTRACT 3 strokes from their Playing Handicap (PH).
- Ladies playing from the White tees: Have to ADD 3 strokes to their Playing Handicap (PH).

9. Professional Golfers always play from scratch.
10. The Committee can always adjust a player's handicap when she finds it necessary to do so.
11. Each team will play every other team once. The match schedule will indicate the holes on which each respective match must start and will be emailed to all team captains, members and published on the website, handicap portal and on the bulletin board.
12. Only the Committee can approve whether and when a match has to be re-scheduled. The Committee has to receive written notice if a match has to be re-scheduled even in the case where both teams have agreed on an alternate date.

The following condition are valid for re-scheduling a match:

- a. To re-schedule a match, a written request has to be submitted to the Match Committee. *In order to avoid any controversy, the request has to be by both team captains and at least 24 hours before the start of the re-scheduled match.*
- b. No match can be re-scheduled without the written approval from the Match Committee.
- c. A re-scheduled match should be completed before the second Friday after the original match was scheduled. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- d. The re-scheduled match has to start from the tee box that was originally assigned [on the match schedule]. NO EXCEPTIONS!
- e. The re-scheduled match has to be played with the handicaps, number of cards since October 1, 2018 and the date the last card was turned that were valid on the date the match was originally scheduled.
- f. Requests from a team to re-schedule a match made in less than 24 hours prior to the original start of the match do NOT have to be honored by the opposing team. If a request is denied and the team requesting the change does not show up, this team automatically loses the match as a result of a "no-show".

13. Teams with two or more “no-show” during the competition, will be automatically banned from the competition the next year.
14. Each match will be played over 10 holes. The order of the holes to be played will be alternated each week. During the Front Nine Week, the matches will be played from Holes 1 through 9 and hole 17; first hole 17, then hole 8. During the Back Nine Week, the matches will be played from Holes 10 through 18 and hole 8; first hole 17, then hole 8.
15. All match results must be entered before 19:30 hrs. on the form on the bulletin board by one of the players: 2 points for a win, 1 point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.
16. The result of a match on a particular date will be considered official at 19:30 hrs. on that particular date. In case there is a protest, only the result of the match under protest will not be official. All other match result will be considered official.
17. A protest must be filed with the Match Committee before 19:30 hrs. on the same day that the match has been played in order to be taken into consideration. The committee will issue a decision not later than the next officially scheduled match. Protests that require interpretation of the rules of golf will be forwarded to the CG&SC Rules Committee.
18. The official result of a match can always be changed if the Match Committee has sufficient reason(s) to do so.
19. The USGA and R&A Rules of Golf combined with the CG&SC local rules will apply.
20. Standings and results of the competition will be published weekly on the bulletin board, website and handicap portal and will also be emailed to the members.
21. At the end of the competition, after the completion of all the scheduled matches, the team that has earned the most points will be declared the 2019 Champion. In case there is a tie for first, second or third place at the end of the competition, a sudden death playoff(s) will be held to break the tie(s). Teams are allowed to use any two players on their player’s list to compete in the sudden death play-off.
22. Each player is allowed only one caddy. USGA & R&A Rules apply.
23. In addition to the playing partner and caddy, an “assigned” Team Coach is allowed to give advice to a players. The “assigned” Team Coach has to be announced prior to the start of the match. Only one (1) “assigned” Team Coach per team per match.
24. Only players, their respective caddies or “assigned” Team Coaches are allowed to tend the flagstick.

25. Participation fee is Naf. 1.000,= per team and will be charged to the team captain.
IMPORTANT: In order to be considered in the participation selection process, payment of the participation fee has to be made by the registration deadline. Payment does not guarantee participation in the competition. It only guarantees consideration in the participation selection process. Non-payment, on the other hand, guarantees that a team will NOT be considered for participation in the competition.
26. **The Match Committee will decide upon all matters not covered by the foregoing.**
27. **All the above information is subject to change upon as a result of decisions made by the CG&SC Match Committee.**

APPENDIX

To determine the Adjusted Playing Handicap:

Step 1: Players must first determine *USGA Course Handicap* (using the handicap system).

Step 2: Players should then apply the *Handicap Allowances* for the appropriate format.

Step 3: Calculate the *Playing Handicap* using the *Handicap Allowances*.

Step 4: Determine *Adjusted Playing Handicaps*. Because players are competing from different tees or men and women are competing from the same tees, players must apply the adjustment for the difference in *USGA Course Rating* from the tees played.

Example why the above order:

A competition in which players using a *handicap allowance* of 80 percent are playing from two sets of tees where the difference in *USGA Course Rating* is four strokes. Player A's *Course Handicap* of 30 is first reduced by six strokes to 24 ($30 \times 80\% = 24$), then increased by four strokes to 28 ($24 + 4 = 28$). Had the order of adjustment been incorrectly reversed, A's *Course Handicap* of 30 would first have been increased by four strokes to 34 ($30 + 4 = 34$), then reduced by seven strokes to 27 ($34 \times 80\% = 27.2$, rounded downward to 27) - a loss of one stroke.



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Step 2. How to determine Handicap Allowances

A "handicap allowance" is the percentage of the Course Handicap recommended for a handicap competition.

Allowances vary for different forms of competition and are designed to produce equitable competitions. (See Section 9-4.)

Match	Match Date	4 weeks before match date (4WMD)	Less than 5 scorecards	5+ scorecards after October 1, 2018 - last scorecard is:	
			after October 1, 2018 plays for:	older than 4WMD plays for:	on or after 4WMD plays for:
			...% of USGA Course Handicap (UCH)	...% of USGA Course Handicap (UCH)	...% of USGA Course Handicap (UCH)
1	Friday, January 18, 2019	Friday, December 21, 2018	60%	75%	90%
2	Friday, January 25, 2019	Friday, December 28, 2018	60%	75%	90%
3	Friday, February 01, 2019	Friday, January 04, 2019	60%	75%	90%
4	Friday, February 08, 2019	Friday, January 11, 2019	60%	75%	90%
5	Friday, February 15, 2019	Friday, January 18, 2019	60%	75%	90%
6	Friday, February 22, 2019	Friday, January 25, 2019	60%	75%	90%
7	Friday, March 01, 2019	Friday, February 01, 2019	60%	75%	90%
8	Friday, March 08, 2019	Friday, February 08, 2019	60%	75%	90%
9	Friday, March 15, 2019	Friday, February 15, 2019	60%	75%	90%
10	Friday, March 22, 2019	Friday, February 22, 2019	60%	75%	90%
11	Friday, March 29, 2019	Friday, March 01, 2019	60%	75%	90%
12	Friday, April 05, 2019	Friday, March 08, 2019	60%	75%	90%
13	Friday, April 12, 2019	Friday, March 15, 2019	60%	75%	90%
14	Friday, April 26, 2019	Friday, March 29, 2019	60%	75%	90%
15	Friday, May 03, 2019	Friday, April 05, 2019	60%	75%	90%
16	Friday, May 10, 2019	Friday, April 12, 2019	60%	75%	90%
17	Friday, May 17, 2019	Friday, April 19, 2019	60%	75%	90%



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Step 3. Determine Playing Handicaps using Handicap Allowance (see 1.)

1. Players who have not registered five (5) 18-holes cards after October 1, 2018, get a Handicap Allowance of 60%.
2. Players who have not registered five (5) 18-holes cards after October 1, 2018 but whose last card is older than 4 weeks, get a Handicap Allowance of 75%.
3. Players who have not registered five (5) 18-holes cards after October 1, 2018 and whose last card is NOT older than 4 weeks, get a Handicap Allowance of 90%.

USGA Course Handicap from system (UCH)	Playing Handicap (PH) using Handicap Allowance (from 1.)		
	60% ⁽¹⁾	75% ⁽²⁾	90% ⁽³⁾
0	0	0	0
1	1	1	1
2	1	2	2
3	2	2	3
4	2	3	4
5	3	4	5
6	4	5	5
7	4	5	6
8	5	6	7
9	5	7	8
10	6	8	9
11	7	8	10
12	7	9	11
13	8	10	12
14	8	11	13
15	9	11	14
16	10	12	14
17	10	13	15
18	11	14	16
19	11	14	17
20	12	15	18
21	13	16	19
22	13	17	20
23	14	17	21
24	14	18	22
25	15	19	23
26	16	20	23
27	16	20	24
28	17	21	25
29	17	22	26
30	18	23	27
31	19	23	28
32	19	24	29
33	20	25	30
34	20	26	31
35	21	26	32
36	22	27	32

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Step 4. Determine "Adjusted" Playing Handicaps (APH)

Playing Handicap (PH) (from 2.)	"Adjusted" Playing Handicaps		
	Men Blue Tee (no adj.)	Men - Seniors White Tee (-3)	Ladies White Tee (+3)
0	0	0	3
1	1	0	4
2	2	0	5
3	3	0	6
4	4	1	7
5	5	2	8
6	6	3	9
7	7	4	10
8	8	5	11
9	9	6	12
10	10	7	13
11	11	8	14
12	12	9	15
13	13	10	16
14	14	11	17
15	15	12	18
16	16	13	19
17	17	14	20
18	18	15	21
19	19	16	22
20	20	17	23
21	21	18	24
22	22	19	25
23	23	20	26
24	24	21	27
25	25	22	28
26	26	23	29
27	27	24	30
28	28	25	31
29	29	26	32
30	30	27	33
31	31	28	34
32	32	29	35
33	33	30	36
34	34	31	36
35	35	32	36
36	36	33	36

Four-ball Format Explained

Taken from the USGA Handicap Manual

The Adjusted Playing Handicap of all four players is reduced by the Adjusted Playing Handicap of the player with the lowest handicap, who then plays from scratch. The players then play with their “Reduced” Handicap against the course. The better NET ball per hole (based on the “Reduced Handicaps”, wins the hole.

Example: Players A, B, C, and D have a **Course Handicap** of 5, 10, 15 and 20, respectively. Player A plays at scratch, B receives 5 strokes from the course, C receives 10 strokes from the course, and D receives 15 strokes from the course.