

CHALLENGE CUP – 2024

Registration, Programs & Announcements

- **Provide a registration table in/near the cart staging area by 12:15 pm or earlier.**
 - Players may arrive at approximately 11:30 am to 12:15 pm, depending on their desire to practice
 - Only the captains will need to register and provide a check to the host club
 - Advise players to be at the staging area by 12:30 pm
 - Conduct player announcements from 12:35 to 12:45 pm (adjust time by +½ hour if 1:30 start)
- Tournament Program Preparation: **Provide one program per cart.**
 - State that the Challenge Cup Standing Rules are in effect as per our Challenge Cup Player Book (Pages 26-31) No need to copy them in your program. Local rules may be included in the program if they are for safety reasons at your course or special situations not included in our Standing Rules. (eg. Bulkheads in need of replacement or repair). Please refer to our Challenge Cup Standing Rules on our website to ensure there are no conflicts.
 - <https://www.challengecupgolf.org/players-resources/standing-rules>
 - State the yardage from the tee to the hazard for any blind holes/hazards.
 - Provide the pin location and a pin sheet (if possible)
 - Identify the location of the restrooms and door codes if necessary.
 - Include the name of the Challenge Cup Rules Chair(s) to whom any requests for rulings will be made after the match. Your team Captain can provide you with the name of the Cup Rules Chair(s). If hosting 2 Cups, provide both names.
 - Include information on where the players will meet after the match for scoring results and food, beverages.
- Tournament Day Course Conditions
 - If the course superintendent requires cart paths only, your host captain MUST notify all captains by 10 am so that player substitutions can be made if necessary
 - **In the event of inclement weather prior to play or during play, please work with the Cup Rules Chair to determine a course of action based on the information provided by your club superintendent. Every effort should be made to have the entire field complete at least nine holes regardless of the length of delay.**
- Tournament Day Announcements
 - Announcements should be made prior to the matches in the cart staging area starting at 12:35 pm to 12:45 pm or as applicable for a 1:30 start time.
 - Please exercise discretion when sending groups out to their starting holes if a dangerous weather situation is imminent and will trigger the on course alarm on your Thor Guard or similar system within 15 minutes of the start time.

- Announcements should include the following:
 - The name of our Cup Rules Chair(s) of the day
 - Identify that the Challenge Cup Standing Rules take precedence over local rules, except for a local rule used for safety reasons. (Pages 26-31 of the Players Book or from our website)
 - Identify that the Challenge Cup Slow Play and Cell Phone Policies are in effect as stated in our Player Book on Page 16 & 17.
 - **Slow Play Policy** - It is encouraged for pace of play, to please pick up if you are out of the hole. A foursome falling behind the match in front of them will first receive a warning from the course ranger (or other official charged by the host club with enforcing pace of play). If that group does not close the gap and remains out of position they will be asked by the course ranger to move to the next hole or skip the next hole if they are between holes. The hole on which they pick up or the skipped hole will be halved.
 - Identify that all requests for rulings are reported **after the match** to the Cup Rules Chair(s) of the Day for each Cup.
 - All scorecards go to the player's respective team captains immediately following play. (All Captains will provide the Golf Professional with a signed Match Line-Up and Results form for their team scoring.)
 - Identify where players are to return in the event of a dangerous weather condition (eg if your Thor Guard or similar alarm system sounds or if not, where to proceed for lightning)
 - Ask all groups to hold their position on the tee of their starting hole until 1:00 pm (or 1:30 if a 1:30 start time) to allow all players to get to their starting hole.
 - Players will enter their start and end time. This is mandatory for all players so that slow play complaints can be addressed by the Cup Rules Chair.