
CHALLENGE CUP SCRATCH MATCHES



An Inter-Club Competition for Women Golfers

Thank you for inquiring about participation in the **Palm Beach County Challenge Cup**. Hopefully this short introduction to our Association will answer many of your questions. Our website is www.challengecupgolf.org. Every Board member (contact information on the website) and in fact most participants would welcome the opportunity to discuss this Association with you and to answer any further questions.

Challenge Cup is the most prestigious interclub competition in Palm Beach County. It was founded in 1994 for the stated purpose of "fostering and rewarding good golf among amateur women golfers in Palm Beach County and to further concepts of sportsmanship and camaraderie through competition. The format is a **scratch four ball match** competition.

Challenge Cup started as a fledgling league with only 6 teams participating, it now has grown to 42 active teams. Its membership exceeds 600 eligible women from 26 clubs.

- Matches are conducted in late March through mid-April each year. All matches begin at 1PM.
- There are 7 Cups in the group that compete for the top position. Within the Cups are the teams from each club. With 6 teams in each of the 7 Cups.
- There are 5 competitions staged for each Cup. Each team in the Cup plays against all the other teams in the Cup.
- Teams submit a roster in handicap index order by a specific date. There are four (two person partnerships) in handicap index order from that roster who will play each match. Unlike traditional match play, 18 points are available in each four-ball match.
- Each team tries to win its Cup. The winner can then challenge the cup above them and if successful will move to the cup above.

The requirements for a club entering into the Challenge Cup are as follows:

- Individuals must be at least 21 years old and be a full golf member in good standing with a participating club.
- At least 12 women meeting these criteria must be named on a roster to compete; there is no limit on the number of women on the roster.
- All clubs are expected to pay a \$100 fee each year which covers the costs of producing the Challenge Cup book, conducting an annual Captains' meeting, scoreboards, trophies, website and miscellaneous expenses.

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- Each club is asked to name a Captain and Co-captain, who will be the contacts for the club and expected to attend the captains' meeting in March before the season each year.
- Each club (other than a team in first position) must host a match for the Cup in which it plays on one of the specified dates from approximately March 20 through mid-April.
- Hosting one Cup consists of hosting 48 players from the 6 clubs in that Cup.
- The host club must provide golf carts, greens fees, and after golf hors d'oeuvres and cocktails (beer and wine), as well as gratuities. The per player amount is set by the Association each year. (\$75 per player in 2024).
- A club with a team in first position will instead host a rain date (if needed) and a Challenge Match.

Challenge Matches are played on neutral courses and require golf with carts for the agreed upon per player fee (\$35 per player in 2024).

Should you elect to enter a team, we welcome the confirmation form acknowledging the club responsibilities and this letter signed by a club representative, captain contact information, and the submission of a prospective roster by handicap index of qualified team members.

Sincerely,

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