

# 2025 ORCHARD LADIES INTRACLUB GOLF LEAGUE TERMS OF COMPETITION

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## I. GENERAL INTRACLUB GUIDELINES

> All play must be in accordance with the latest Rules of Golf, Club Local Rules, and this Golf League Terms of Competition

## II. ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all female amateur members, and dependents, 12 years old and above, in good standing
- > Junior dependents aged 21 to 29 years old must be enrolled in the Junior Dependents Program
- All participants shall have a NGAP WHS handicap index from April 1 to July 16, 2025
- Players without NGAP WHS Handicap Index will still be allowed to participate, however she will be given zero (0.0) handicap index for the league.
- > Only registered and paid team members are eligible to play or act as a captain

## III. REGISTRATION/ENTRY FEE

- A player must register and pay her entry fee at least three (3) days before she will be allowed to play or act as captain. (Example: On or before Tuesday for the Friday game.)
- Registration of players shall be until **Sept. 15, 2025 only.**
- > P1,000.00 per player, including Captains and co-Captains
- > A team must pay the initial entry fee for their first 12 players (with players' names) on/or before Thursday, July 31, 2025.
- > Incomplete or unpaid teams shall be removed from the roster of teams effective Friday, August 01, 2025.
- The league shall push through if we have at least 4 registered teams and paid by July 31, 2025.

#### IV. TEAM COMPOSITION

- Minimum of **12 and a maximum of 18 players** on the roster
- May have 2 Captains a Captain and a co-Captain (playing or non-playing)
- A playing Captain or co-Captain must be one of the players on their roster

# V. MINIMUM PLAYING REQUIREMENT

- Each team player must play at least once in the elimination round. Otherwise, 1 point, per player, shall be deducted from the team's total match points except:
  - a. For player with valid medical reason and with medical certificate approved by the Committee or
  - **b.** For player who ceases to become a member (has sold her share or terminated his playing rights).
- For a no-show player whose name appears on the day's line-up shall be considered fielded provided that her handicap complies with the requirement of the match. Otherwise, she will not be considered fielded.
- During the elimination round a player may be fielded up to a maximum of eighty percent of the Team's total games or maximum of six (6) games. Any further game of the player shall mean loss of match where she has played.

## VI. CANCELLATION/SUBSTITUTION/ADDITION OF PLAYERS/ NON-PLAYING CAPTAINS

- Cancellation of individual entry, substitution, or addition of player/s, and replacement of Captains and co-Captains shall only be allowed until Sept. 15, 2025 at 5:00 PM provided that the player being substituted/canceled has not yet played any match.
- > A non-playing team Captain and co-Captain cannot be substituted if she has already served as a Captain or co-Captain for the day.
- The Golf Office must be informed, in writing, through email, SMS, or Viber, of any cancellation, substitution, or addition of player/s at least 3 days before the play day
- > In the event that a substitute/additional player is deemed ineligible, all matches played by the said player shall be considered lost.



#### VII. LEAGUE HANDICAP INDEX

- > The player's league handicap index is the average of the lowest four indexes (up to tenths only, hundredths disregarded) from her eight (8) NGAP WHS handicap indexes revisions from April 1 to July 16, 2025.
- Players who do not have WHS Handicap record at the Club may submit a handicap certification coming from his Home Club showing the required indexes.
- > Players with multiple WHS Handicap account shall use her the lowest handicap index on a certain revision date.
- > Players without WHS handicap index on a certain handicap revision date shall use 80% of the lowest index she has on record as her league index.
- > It is the joint responsibility of the Team Captain and the player to determine the player's correct league handicap index

#### VIII. FORMAT/RULES OF PLAY

- ➤ **Games –** a one-day18-hole competition between teams
  - a. Three (3) matches per game
  - **b.** Each team shall field three (3) 2-man teams per game with a combined minimum handicap index of 25.0 per team
  - c. The team may designate a Captain and co-Captain per game
  - **d.** Playing Captains or co-Captains may assist their teammates after the completion of their matches
  - **e.** The whole match shall be forfeited for no-show teams and/or those unable to field at least 2 matches (min of 4 players) and a P2,000.00 team penalty shall be charged to the Team Captain.
  - f. The opposing team of the no-show team shall earn a maximum of two (2) match points and a maximum of 6 ups.

## ➤ **Matches** – the competition between two (2) 2-man teams

- a. Shall be played on a scratch basis
- **b.** Each match shall have a different format, sequenced as follows:
  - **1. Pinehurst Foursomes** (formerly Greensomes)
  - 2. High-Low
  - 3. Aggregate
- **c.** Teams shall submit their line-ups to the Golf Office at least 15 minutes before the start of the matches. Otherwise, a loss of hole penalty on their first match (Pinehurst Foursomes) shall apply (the match may be continued on the next hole).
- **d.** Three (3) match points are available per game and match winners shall receive 1 match point.
- e. In case of ties after a regulation play, each team shall receive half match point.
- **f.** A team will receive a 3 up for each defaulted match.
- **g.** If a team quit playing or conceded the match, the number of Ups shall be determined based on the number of holes needed to be conceded to win the match.

#### > RULES FOR THE MATCH FORMATS:

### a. Pinehurst Foursomes

- **a1**. both partners tee off
- a2. On the second shot, each partner hits his partner's ball (switch ball)
- **a3**. For the third shot, they shall choose one ball and play alternately from that point until they complete play of the hole. The partner whose ball is not chosen shall hit the third shot.

#### b. High Low

- **b1**. On each hole, the lower & higher scores of each team shall be matched against the lower & higher scores of the other team.
- **b2**. A hole may be won by winning both the high and low scores or by winning either the high or low score and tying the other.

# c. Aggregate

c1. A match in which the combined scores of a pair are matched against the combined scores of another pair.



# > AMENDMENTS ON THE "TIME OF STARTING" (Rule 5.3a)

a.lf both players of a team fail to start on time, the penalty as stated in Rule 5.3a shall apply

b. If one team player does not arrive and fails to start on time, his partner may proceed to play the match and is allowed to wait for the late partner until either side of the match has started play the 3<sup>rd</sup> hole. Otherwise, the team shall lose the match and be considered a default.

## IX. SPECIAL LEAGUE RULES ON SLOW PLAYER

- > The following time pars shall be in effect and uniform for all matches, regardless of the venue:
  - a. Par 3 12 minutes
  - **b.** Par 4 **15** minutes
  - **c.** Par 5 **18** minutes
- > Groups/flights who exceed the allowed time par shall be notified to speed up and play the next 2 holes within the allowed time pars.
- > Should notified flights fail to catch up with the pace and have made no apparent attempt to speed up, they will be placed on the clock Each player will have forty (40) seconds to play his shot from the time it is his turn to play.
- > An official warning shall be given to first violation. The second and third violations shall result in loss holes, and the fourth in forfeiture of the individual team match.
- Notified flights who are able to catch up with the pace shall be taken off the clock. The monitoring shall be started over, and notification erased. However, failure to meet any subsequent time pars shall result in them immediately being placed back on the clock.
- As long as a group has not been placed on the clock, they will always be subject to an official notification first. When they respond favorably by playing the next 2 holes within the allowed time pars, the notification is essentially erased and the process will start over.
- In the round, the Marshals, Golf Operations Manager or Golf Director will be in charge of monitoring the pace and administering the notifications/warnings/penalties, etc.

## X. MATCH SCHEDULE, COURSE & TEE TIME

- Match games Thursdays
- ➤ Player Course 8:00AM start and Palmer Course at 9:30AM start
- > Gary Player course for the first-round robin and Palmer Course for the second-round robin
- Finals will be Thursday and Friday at Player and Palmer course respectively.

#### XI. SPECIAL LEAGUE RULES

- **Gimme Putt** Any ball lying within or above the line of the 24-inch gimme circle shall be considered holed on the player's next stroke. The player must pick up her ball and add one stroke to her last stroke's score.
- > Tee Markers all participants are required to tee off from the Red Tee

# Delays or Postponements

- **a.** Matches shall be delayed when, in the event of inclement weather, the Club management declares the closure of the course.
- **b.** If playing conditions improve, then the matches may resume.
- c. If foul weather continues and the Club management declares that the course is unplayable or closed until 6 PM and the matches cannot be completely finished, then: If all five (5) matches were able to complete nine holes of play, all matches are deemed completed and whoever was ahead in each match when they were halted shall be declared the winners of those matches.
- **d.** If one match fails to complete nine (9) holes, all matches are declared void and the game must be replayed within two (2) weeks, except for inclement weather conditions, postponement of games will not be allowed once the schedule is finalized.
- ➤ **Team Captain/s** Each team may designate a maximum of two (2) captains during their match. Designated captain or captains must be member/s of the team. Team Captain or Advice Giver of the match is considered part of the team and has the same status as a member of the *side* in relation to each member of their team.
- > Golf Cart for Captain Each team shall be issued one (1) free golf cart for the match whether the team has a playing or non-playing captain for the day.



## XII. GROUPINGS

Only one group if less than 7 teams registered.

#### XIII. TEAM RANKING

- > After the elimination rounds, teams shall be ranked according to the number of Match Points earned, then the number of ups.
- The top four (4) teams shall advance to the quarter-finals playoffs
- > If two teams are tied, the team who won their match shall prevail as the winner or shall take the upper position. If still tied, the team with a higher number of ups in their match shall prevail.
- If more than two teams are tied, then, the team with the highest match points in their game (between the tied teams) shall prevail. If still tied, then, the most number of ups.

## XIV. PLAYOFFS

If only one group formed, the following guideline shall be observed:

- > The top 4 teams after the elimination rounds shall advance to the playoff.
- > Rank 1 shall play vs Rank 2 for the Championship Finals via two-game series playoff, Player and Palmer course
- > Rank 3 shall play vs Rank 4 for the second runner-up award via one game playoff at Palmer course
- > On the Championship Finals, a team must field at least 9 players for the two-game series. Meaning, a maximum of 3 players only from the first game who can be fielded again on their second game. Otherwise, the team will lose the game via 3 match points.
- > In case of a tie in any playoff series, the following tie-break system shall be followed:
  - **a.** Each captain will select a Two-man team to compete in a sudden-death match.
  - **b.** The names shall be put in a sealed envelope. The two-man team must still have a combined index of at least **25.0** and must be chosen from the six (6) players that played that day.
  - **c.** The format of the sudden death match shall then be determined by blind draw (Pinehurst Foursomes, Hi-Low, and Aggregate).

## > MATCH SCHEDULE

## Elimination Rounds: Playoff Rounds:

# First Round-Robin – Player Course

August 14, Thursday – Team 1 vs Team 2, and Team 3 vs Team 4

August 21, Thursday – Team 2 vs Team 5 and Team 1 vs Team 3

August 28, Thursday – Team 1 vs Team 4 and Team 3 vs Team 5

September 04, Thursday – Team 2 vs Team 3 and Team 4 vs Team 5

September 11, Thursday – Team 1 vs Team 5 and Team 2 vs Team 4

September 18, Thursday – Make-up week

## Second Round-Robin – Palmer Course

September 25, Thursday–Team 3 vs Team 4 and Team 1 vs Team 2

October 02, Thursday - Team 1 vs Team 3 and Team 2 vs Team 5

October 09, Thursday - Team 3 vs Team 5 and Team 1 vs Team 4

October 16, Thursday – Team 4 vs Team 5 and Team 2 vs Team 3

October 23, Thursday-Team 2 vs Team 4 and Team 1 vs Team 5

October 30, Thursday- Make-up week

## **Playoff Rounds:**

November 6, Thursday, Player Course – First game playoff of the championship finals, Rank 1 vs Rank 2 November 7, Friday, Palmer Course – Second game of the championship finals, Rank 1 vs Rank 2

November 7, Friday, Player Course – One game playoff for 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Award, Rank 3 vs Rank 4



## XV. AWARDS

- > 2025 Orchard Ladies Intraclub Champion
- > 2025 Orchard Ladies Intraclub 1<sup>st</sup> Runner Up
- > 2025 Orchard Ladies Intraclub 2<sup>nd</sup> Runner Up
- Most valuable player (player from the championship match with the most number of wins)

## XVI. REFEREE

Any ruling made by the referee on the Rules of Golf is FINAL.

## XVII APPEALS:

> A Team Captain may appeal any ruling to the Committee, by submitting a formal protest within three (3) days from the time the grounds for appeal are discovered or a ruling is made.

## XVIII. COMMITTEE:

- Questions and/or disputes shall be settled by the Tournament Committee, whose decision shall be Final.
- > The Committee will be composed of the President, two (2) members of the Sports and Games Committee, the General Manager, and Golf Director.