

## *2026 Member-Guest Invitational*

### Format & Scoring

#### **Format**

Four-Ball match play, 9-hole matches. USGA rules apply. Conceding putts IS allowed. The teams will be placed into ten (10) flights of six (6) teams each. The flights are assigned according to combined handicap indexes of the two team members. Each team will play five 9-hole matches and each team will play all other teams in their flight one time.

Matches will be played off of everyone's Playing Handicap. The tournament handicaps were calculated by taking the player's handicap index, multiplying it by the (Slope Rating / 113) and then adding the (Course Rating – Par). From there, the resulting Course Handicap is then applied and stroked 'off the lowest' handicap in the Four-some.

The handicap allowance of 90% is then applied. Before rounding, the Course Handicap is taken to three decimal points. After rounding, the Playing Handicap for each player in the group is determined (USGA Recommended). Handicap Indexes for participants were pulled from Tuesday, March 10th, 2026. The Cape Club of Palm City reserves the right to change a competitor's handicap at any time during the tournament as per USGA Rules.

#### **Scoring**

Scoring is based on the (1) Best Ball Net of the 2-person team. (This is a Net only tournament). Shots will be awarded off the low handicap player in the Four-some. **Shots AND half (1/2) shots will be marked on your official scorecard.**

For each 9-hole match:

- Each hole is worth a possible (1) point.
- Each team will be awarded one (1) point for each hole won.
- Each team will be awarded a half (1/2) point for each hole that is tied.
- If a team loses a hole, they would receive (0) points that hole.
- We will hand-out two official scorecards per match. (One for each 2-person team / They will be identical scorecards).

Scorecards do NOT need to be signed post-match. However, both teams MUST agree on the final result.

There will be Calligraphy scoreboards set up in the Restaurant. Of the (10) Flights, the highest point total for a Team who does NOT win their Flight, will be awarded a **Wild-Card** spot in the Overall Champions Shoot-Out Saturday afternoon. The team that accumulates the most points after (5) matches wins their Flight! Since we are playing Match-Play, the status of the Match can NEVER be in question. The ruling / dispute must be cleared up before either team hits their tee shot on the next hole.

\*\*\*Under the 'points' column on the official scorecard, please only write down either 1, .5 or 0.\*\*\*

A maximum of seven (7) points can be won in any single match for matches 1, 2, 3 & 4. The one exception to this: In Match #5, (the final 9-hole match of the event) there *may* be a 9-0 result. To keep the flights 'tighter' throughout the event, there is NO extra point awarded to a team that wins their match. In the event of a blowout result; each match does NOT need to add up to 9 points in total. (Example: Team 'A' beats Team 'B' / 7 points to 1.5 points).

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### Tie-Breaker

Tie-Breaker for First place within a Flight will be broken by:

- A. Head-to-head match
- B. Number of matches won
- C. Points earned in the last match (5th match)
- D. Points earned in the 4th match, 3rd match, 2nd match, 1st match
- E. Chip off on the 18th green. All players involved would hit one chip shot from a predetermined spot. The closest shot would be the Flight winner

### Missed Matches

If both Members of a 2-person team are late for the beginning of their match; they forfeit each hole they miss. They may only join a match at the beginning of a hole. If one Member of the 2-person team is late OR while in a match a person leaves early due to emergency, then the match will be 2 vs. 1 when that occurs.

If a 2-person team drops out at the last minute due to unforeseen circumstances just before Match 1 begins, each team in that Flight will play a match against par / the golf course. When a team plays against par, the format will be (1) Best Ball Net of the 2-person team, using 90% of everyone's Playing Handicap.

### Rain-date

We are hoping for great weather. However, you never know in Florida! We will do everything we can to get in (45) holes of golf on Friday and Saturday. *Therefore, if* (and only *if* the Sunday rain-date is necessary): If a 2-person team is scheduled to play an opposing team where both players could not play on the rain-date and have abandoned the event; the present team will play a match against par / the golf course.

Although there is no perfect remedy for this situation, after consulting with many Golf Professionals over the years, the scenario will play out as follows:

When a team plays against par / the golf course, the format will be (1) Best Ball Net of the 2-person team, using 90% of everyone's Playing Handicap. No matter how poorly the present team performs, they will receive a minimum of (3) points for that match.

If both players of the 2-Person team play well on a 9-hole Match, then: They may receive up to (9) points on Match #5. BUT for all other Matches; the maximum points they may receive in any Match vs. par / the golf course is (6) points. If there are uneven 4-somes to make it work, we will have a marker follow the 2-Person team to protect the field.