

Ladies Seacoast Invitational Guidelines

ENTRIES

1. The host club will determine the number of participants each club will send and will advise each club in its invitation package.
2. Each club's chairperson will distribute her invitation package at the Spring Board Meeting (or via email distribution). The package will contain an informational letter, including: date of event, maximum GHIN Index permitted, sign-up sheet with the number of positions offered, an alternate sign-up sheet, and the total cost to ride or walk, if allowed. The letter will provide additional information such as when the player rosters are due and to whom they should be sent.
3. The guest club's chairperson is responsible for returning the player roster and alternate list with a check for the total cost of the players to the host club. The alternate list also will be sent and must include the player(s) home phone number.
4. Both lists will include each player's GHIN Index as of the date the list is submitted to the host club.
5. Checks should be made payable to the person (or Club) named in letter. The host club will retain those checks until two or three days before the tournament when they can then deposit them.

HANDICAPS

1. Use the current GHIN Index in effect the day the entry list is mailed.
2. Regardless of any subsequent changes, the GHIN Index listed will be the one used on the day of the tournament.
3. Each player participating must have a GHIN Index and have posted a minimum of five (5) eighteen (18) hole scores in the preceding year.
4. For reference purposes, a Maximum Course Handicap of 36 is maximum allowed and all individual handicaps will be adjusted to this.

CART RESERVATIONS

Cart reservations are pre-ordered and pre-paid at sign up time.

TEE TIME

Shotgun starts at 8:30AM, unless otherwise indicated on sign-up sheet.

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DIVISIONS

1. Pairings will be done by the host club and, to the extent possible, will have players from different clubs in each foursome. Ideally, each foursome should have a player from the host club or someone familiar with the course.
2. There will be four handicap divisions (A/B/C/D) with an equal number (without splitting a numeric handicap grouping) of players in each division.
3. Ordinarily the host club will format the groups so that A/B/C/D players will play together in each foursome.
4. The contests will be:
 - a) Top five (5) Gross and top five (5) Net (100% of handicap), including ties, will be awarded in each division (A/B/C/D).
 - b) Closest to the Line – one prize will be awarded for each division (A/B/C/D).
 - c) Closest to the Pin – two Par 3's, one on front nine & one on back nine.
 - one prize for A/B division players (in one shot)
 - one prize for C/D division players (in two shots).

ALTERNATES

When there are vacancies at the host club's invitational event, the host club will generally select an alternate from their sign-up sequence. If a last minute vacancy occurs, a selection by division (A/B/C/D) might be required.

BALL DISTRIBUTION

1. At the fall 2014 Board meeting the formula for awarding golf balls was changed. A prize will be awarded to each winner and tie regardless of finishing position.
2. ALL TIES WILL BE HONORED.
3. The first five (5) positions, including ties, in each division will be awarded a prize. The first gross winner is selected first. Her net score is marked through and not counted when next selecting the first net winner. After the first net winner is determined, her gross score is marked through. Next the second gross score is determined, continuing the procedure just outlined above until the fifth net winner is determined or there are no more names in the division.
4. Golf balls awarded will be a common quality brand (Pinnacle, Titleist, etc.) and may be the Club's logo ball.

REFRESHMENTS

The availability of snacks (juice, crackers, etc.) will be at the discretion of the host club.

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RAIN POLICY

1. Each club chairperson should keep a duplicate list of entrants should the tournament be postponed or canceled.
2. Any player(s) who chooses to quit playing due to inclement weather, will be disqualified, unless Host Club has made decision to halt play.

CANCELLATION

1. Any player who must cancel after their club's list has been sent to host club should notify their own chairperson immediately. That person will then call the host club. The host chairperson will decide on an alternate player and will call that person directly.
2. Cancellation(s) occurring 72 hours prior to the tournament must be made by:
 - a. Calling home club chairperson directly, and by;
 - b. Notifying the host chairperson and the host club's pro shop. Failure to follow both steps of the cancellation procedure will result in the player being cited as a "No Show" and no refund will be paid out.
3. Any cancellation(s) occurring in the 72 hours prior to the tournament must be approved by the host club.
4. Any refunds will be at the discretion of the host club.
5. The decision on whether or not the tournament may be cancelled due to inclement weather will be the responsibility of the host representatives. It is up to the host club to reschedule if possible.

"NO SHOW"

A player who is scheduled to participate in an Invitational event who fails to appear and does not provide notification to the host club, will not receive any refund.

FINANCIAL

1. In 1993, \$20.00 was retained from each club's entry fees to establish a Contingency Fund. The primary purpose of this fund is to reimburse any club that had to rent (lease) extra carts for an Invitational that was rained out. No additional money will be collected until the fund is significantly depleted.
2. Final payments are due to the host chairperson by check and received one week prior to the tournament date, unless other arrangements are agreed upon.

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SEACOAST INVITATIONAL PLAQUE

1. Recognition is awarded to the club that accumulates the greatest point total during each season playing of our invitational tournaments.
2. At the final invitational event of the season, the plaque is awarded to the winning club. In the case of a tie, the club with the most first place finishes (gross and net) will be declared the winner. If a tie still exists, the club with the highest total of second place finishes will be declared the winner. The winning club will then retain/display the plaque until the next season's winner is determined. The name of the club will be engraved on the plaque. Cost of engraving is paid for from the 50/50 Fund.
3. Women with dual club memberships will have their winning points awarded to the club from which they signed up.

RULES

USGA Rules govern all play unless posted otherwise.

MISCELLANEOUS

1. No guests are allowed to play.
2. Host club may require that carts and the luncheon are mandatory.
3. Participants are encouraged to support the Pro Shop of the host club.
4. Each club is offered two positions on the Ladies Seacoast Invitational Board. A third person may be designated as advisor for that club. The advisor may attend and participate in the meetings, but will not have a vote.
5. No mulligans shall be sold or given out at these tournaments.
6. By a majority vote of the Invitational Board in May, 2007, Shelia Sullivan was selected as a permanent secretary with full golf privileges.