



# Carolinan Golf Association 2019 Interclub

## **2019 CGA Interclub Update:**

It's time to start thinking about the 2019 Interclub team competition. But first we want to again congratulate the 2018 champions (*Wildwood Green Golf Club* **REGULAR LEAGUE** and the *Tanglewood Golf Club* **SENIOR LEAGUE**). Both teams claimed the ultimate prize in their first final four appearances. Well done captains!

Inquiries from new clubs to compete in the CGA Interclub have been tremendous. I expect both leagues to grow. For 2019 there will be a few, but somewhat, significant changes (listed below) that the review panel felt would enhance the competition and grow participation. These changes are:

- 1. Both leagues will compete with 8 players from each team in a match. This is a change to the **REGULAR LEAGUE** only.**

### **Reason for change:**

- a. Consistency in both leagues will assist the back office administration as well as the captains abilities to field a team.*
- b. To allow more clubs the opportunity to enter the competition.*
- c. A majority of captains each year opine that it is increasingly difficult to find 12 players for a match. Specifically during the playoffs when other club events dilute their roster possibilities.*
- d. To assist with pace of play.*

- 2. Each four-ball match will involve 1 point per hole (for a total of 18 points in each of the 4 four-ball matches). Overall, there will be 72 points available in a team match. The team that wins a majority of match points overall will be given 1 point towards their Pod Standings.**

### **Reason for change:**

- a. To provide the opportunity to win as many match points as possible (even in a loss) which are used to break ties and determine playoff seeding.*
- b. To keep players interest in a match over 18 holes.*
- c. Along with #5 below, this change should appease those that want individual match play reinserted.*

- 3. In the event an overall match is tied (each team will earn ½ point in their respective Pod standings. Standing points and accumulated match points are used for “at large” playoff spots and seeding.**

Reason for change:

- a. To give greater value to a tie.*
- b. To improve a team’s chances for a playoff spot.*

- 4. Each league will be allowed 1 (one) professional (either a full-time staffer or as a club member) to compete in a match provided they meet the eligibility requirements (i.e., maintain a GHIN number, have a minimum of 10 posted scores within the past 12 months, are “age” eligible, etc.).**

Reason for change:

- a. Consistency in both leagues.*
- b. Provide senior professionals from our CGA member clubs the opportunity to compete and enjoy the game they have dedicated their lives to.*

- 5. Match rosters (lineup) will revert back to the old rule of listing their match lineups in “Low to High Order” of their allowed handicap strokes based on the course rating and slope. This will include Playoff matches. Like handicaps can still be placed in any order within their range of low to high.**

Reason for change:

- a. To eliminate the re-juggling of lineups based on the opponents lineup.*
- b. To minimize the number of strokes allotted within each match.*
- c. With just 8 players competing in a match, finding 4 players that can travel during the playoffs should not be an issue.*

- 6. The regular season will be shortened in order to start the playoffs as early as August 1.**

Reason for change:

- a. To complete 1 or 2 rounds of the playoffs before the Labor Day holiday week-end.*
- b. To assist clubs with scheduling playoff matches during their heavy Fall schedules involving other events .*

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Both leagues will continue to use the Four-Ball Match play format. Re-inserting Individual Match play (for the **REGULAR LEAGUE**) was discussed at length. But in the end pace of play issues (specifically in the Final Four matches) prevented the panel from approving using both formats simultaneously.

Another change will involve using GOLF GENIUS software in place of TPP. This change was supposed to occur last year and is out of our control. The CGA staff will continue to work with the USGA to make this software work as simply as necessary. Captains will be given written instructions following on-site training at the annual captains meeting(s). **Dates for Captains meetings will be announced next week.**

2019 entry forms will be available on the CGA web site on February 1. **CLUBS SHOULD BEGIN FORMING THEIR OWN PODS CONTAINING 4, 5 or 6 TEAMS. PLEASE CONFIRM YOUR POD MAKEUP BEFORE SUBMITTING THE ENTRY FORM. You will be asked to list Pod opponents. NOTE: Pod makeup confirmation is key!** Pre-formed Pods of less than 4 or with 5 teams may be assigned a local club/team that enters as a single looking for a Pod. Single entries will be placed in a Pod if room is available.

While we send Interclub information to all CGA member clubs, both Chris and I are available to discuss the competition and/or answer any questions from new inquiries. Please share our contact information as necessary. Also, if you know of any new club or club member that wants to receive 2019 Interclub communications going forward, please have them contact us.

Regular season matches can begin April 1 but **MUST BE COMPLETED** no later than July 31 (No Exceptions).