



THE KANSAS CUP
Official Entry Form
2012

The 19th annual Kansas Cup will be contested from April through September, 2012 by Kansas Golf Association member clubs that submit their timely entry form to the KGA office. Entry deadline is **4:00 pm on Friday, April 6, 2012**. The divisional assignments will be published on or before Friday, April 13, 2012.

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The entry fee is \$550.00 per team. *The USGA Rules of Amateur Status allow golf clubs to pay expenses on behalf of team members playing in interclub competitions.* The manner of appointment or qualification of a club's team is left to the discretion of the club.

Entry Fee - \$550 • Entry Deadline – April 6, 2012 at 4 pm

(DETACH AND RETURN TO KGA WITH ENTRY FEE)

I. Club Information

Club Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Club Phone (_____) _____ - _____

II. Captain Information

Captain's Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Other Email _____

Primary Phone (_____) _____ - _____ Cell or Other Phone (_____) _____ - _____

Kansas Cup Correspondence (sent via email): Send to Club Send to Captain Send to both

I certify that the above club is a member in good standing of the Kansas Golf Association. We agree that our entry is subject to rejection at any time, including the championship, by the KGA. The reason for rejection may include unbecoming conduct or failure to play any match in a timely manner or consistent with the Kansas Cup rules and procedures. We agree that play of the Kansas Cup will be governed by the rules of golf as established by the United States Golf Association. Any questions shall be settled by the KGA, whose decision is final.

Signature of Captain/Club Official _____ Date _____

(Void if not signed)

THE KANSAS CUP FORMAT AND PROCEDURES FOR 2012

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SPIRIT OF THE COMPETITION:

The Kansas Cup is a team competition open to any Kansas Golf Association member club (its amateur members and bona fide golf professionals that are members or employees of the club). It is designed to foster healthy competition among golfers of the state of Kansas in a team format. The rules of the Competition are designed to promote a fair playing field for all participating clubs and players.

TEAM ELIGIBILITY:

The Kansas Cup is a team competition open to any Kansas Golf Association member club (*note: member clubs in the greater Kansas City area may enter the Kansas Cup using the same team members as may have entered or played in the 2012 Kansas City Cup competition*).

TEAM COMPOSITION AND INDIVIDUAL PLAYER ELIGIBILITY:

The team from each club is composed of sixteen (16) players, male or female (female team members may play from tees equivalent to 80% of the yardage used for their male opponent).

The team members may change from one round to the next, as not every player may be available to play in each round. The individual player is a member of the KGA member club and on the GHIN handicap system at that club. No individual shall participate as a team member of more than one club in the Kansas Cup. Each club is advised to establish a fair method for team composition, whether by qualification tournament or other objective criteria.

Amateurs Eligibility:

- *Age.* Amateur players can be any age with the following exceptions: Amateur golfers must not be in high school or currently a member of a collegiate golf team (at any level).
- *Limit on Number of Clubs Represented.* No player (amateur or professional) may compete for more than one Kansas Cup team during a particular calendar year.
- *Handicap Index.* All players must have an active USGA/GHIN handicap established at the club they represent.
- *Maximum Handicap Index.* The maximum course handicap any player may use during a Net match is 18 strokes. Players with handicap indexes higher than 18 are eligible to compete, but will have their handicap allocation reduced to 18 strokes.
- *Number of Scores Posted.* Team members must also have posted at least three (3) 18-hole scores at the club they are representing in the Kansas Cup between October 15, 2011 and the date of their first 2012 Kansas Cup match. Additionally, team members must post at least one (1) 18-hole score per calendar month to the GHIN Handicap System at the club they are representing during the 2012 Kansas Cup season (May through September). Scores posted for a Kansas Cup Match may not be counted. The use of an ineligible player will result in the forfeiture of the match point involved.

Professionals Eligibility:

- Professionals may only participate in the Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match.
- Golf professionals must be either a member of the club (not employed there, but a member) or a bona fide employee/contractor of the club. Questions regarding eligibility for professionals should be referred to the KGA office for resolution.

FORMAT OF MATCHES:

Teams shall designate sixteen (16) players for each round, who shall play the following matches:

- three (3) Singles Matches played at scratch
- one (1) Senior Singles Match played at scratch (age 50 & older)
- one (1) open Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match played at scratch
- one (1) Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match played at scratch. This team can be composed of two amateurs, or it can be a professional and an amateur playing together. Only one professional golfer is allowed.
- two (2) Net Four-Ball Matches played with handicaps
- one (1) Net Senior Four-Ball Match played with handicaps (age 50 & older)
- two (2) Net Singles Matches played with handicaps

SCHEDULING OF DIVISIONAL MATCHES:

Matches are conducted on the home course of one of the teams, with home-and-home round robins within designated divisions. The KGA will announce the divisions and the designated “play-by date” for each round of divisional play. Team captains should work together with the other team captains within your division to schedule the divisional matches in a timely manner while following the published play-by date schedules.

MATCH TIED AFTER COMPLETION OF MATCHES IN DIVISIONAL PLAY:

In the event of a 5.5-point to 5.5-point tie at the conclusion of the eleven matches, playoffs will no longer be contested to determine the overall match winner. If a match ends tied at 5.5-points to 5.5 points, it will be posted as an overall halved match.

PLAYING MATCHES WITH SHORT ROSTERS:

New in 2012: Team matches must be played in the team size and match composition described in the Kansas Cup regulations (under Format of Matches). Short matches are not allowed. Any individual match must be forfeited if not played as described.

NUMBER OF SCORES POSTED:

Changed for 2012: Any team member participating in any match format in the Kansas Cup must have an active GHIN number at the KGA member club they are representing in the Kansas Cup.

Players must have posted at least three (3) 18-hole scores at the club they are representing in the Kansas Cup between October 15, 2011 and the date of their first 2012 Kansas Cup match.

Additionally, players must post at least one (1) 18-hole score per calendar month at the club they are representing during the 2012 Kansas Cup season (May through September).

Scores posted for a Kansas Cup Match may not be counted. The use of an ineligible player will result in the forfeiture of the match point involved.

TEAM CAPTAIN:

Each club team shall designate a team captain. The team captain shall be responsible for:

- Communication with the other team captains in your division and KGA office regarding schedule and arrangements.
- Submitting the team line-up for each round.
- Reporting the results of each round to the KGA office.
- Representing the club team in matters of disputes or claims.
- Certifying the eligibility of each individual team member.
- Verifying that each team member has the appropriate number of scores posted in the GHIN Handicap System.
- The team captain may be the club’s golf professional, but it is suggested that an amateur club member may be more appropriate so not to put the golf professional in a difficult position with his members concerning issues of team composition or match assignments.

COMPETITION:

Match Play, 18 holes. Each match is contested for ONE POINT. When matches are tied after 18 holes, each team receives one-half point. The club team with 6 points or more wins the match. In the event of a 5.5-point to 5.5-point tie at the conclusion of the eleven matches, playoffs will no longer be contested to determine the overall match winner. If a match ends tied at 5.5-points to 5.5-points, it will be posted as an overall halved match.

The following matches are played in each round:

- three (3) Singles Matches played at scratch
- one (1) Senior Singles Match played at scratch (age 50 & older)
- one (1) open Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match played at scratch
- one (1) Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match played at scratch. This team can be composed of two amateurs, or it can be a professional and an amateur playing together. Only one professional golfer is allowed.
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- one (1) Net Senior Four-Ball Match played with handicaps (age 50 & older)
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In the three Net Four-Ball Matches, the total team course handicap may not exceed 24 strokes, and no individual player's course handicap may exceed 18 strokes. In the two Net Singles Matches, no individual player's course handicap may exceed 18 strokes. Reductions may be made in the manner determined by the team captain.

TEES & FORMAT:

The following matches shall be played from the back or championship tees: Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match, the three Open Singles Matches.

The following matches shall be played from the middle tees: Senior Singles Match, Modified Chapman Match, all Net Four-Ball Matches, and the two Net Singles Matches.

Modified Chapman match (alternate shot): Each team member plays a stroke from the tee of each hole. The partners then play a stroke at their partner's ball. The team then selects the ball to be played out for the remainder of the hole, alternating the strokes made with the ball selected. Penalty strokes do not affect the order of play.

Prior to the day of the match, the respective team captains will be notified which club will host the match on their home course. The team captains shall confer to select a mutually agreeable date for the match. Disputes concerning the day to play the match shall be resolved by the KGA. The tournament bracket will have target dates within which to complete each round of the tournament.

On the day of the competition, the team captain shall complete a team roster in the form contained herein, and exchange the roster with the opposing team captain. The listing of team members on the roster shall determine the pairings for the round.

FORFEITS:

Any Kansas Cup team that wins a round in divisional play by forfeit (no matches played) shall be deemed to have won six (6) total individual match points and two (2) individual scratch singles points in that round. The team that forfeits the round will not receive any match points for that round.

Any Kansas Cup team that forfeits more than one divisional round is subject to removal and suspension from future Kansas Cup competitions.

CARTS AND GREEN FEES:

During the divisional rounds, players may walk or use carts (or caddies). If carts are requested, it is customary that the host club provides the carts at no cost to the visiting team. No green fee or guest fee is to be charged by the host clubs.

PLAYOFF MATCH TIED AFTER COMPLETION OF INDIVIDUAL MATCHES (IN PLAYOFFS ONLY).

In the event of a 5.5-point to 5.5-point tie at the conclusion of the eleven matches, a playoff shall be conducted according to the following procedure: The team captains shall select one singles player, the Modified Chapman (alternate shot) team, and the Net Senior Four-Ball team.. There will then be three matches played, each at sudden death starting from hole #1. This means there will be three points at stake in sudden death. The team that wins two points shall win the match. *Note: the sudden death singles match could involve players that did not play each other in the regular match, **but the other two sudden death matches would be against the same opponent. In the interest of time and as a convenience to the players involved, the sudden-death points for the foursome and senior four-ball matches may be contested prior to the conclusion of other matches.***

QUARTERFINAL ROUND:

If there are four (4) divisions, the top two clubs with the best record in its division will advance to the quarterfinals, which will be one match, hosted by the four divisional winners. The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the semifinals. If there are more than four (4) divisions, each division winner will advance to the quarterfinals with the remainder of the quarterfinals being assigned to the number of second-place teams with the best records in divisional play.

When a club qualifies for the single-elimination playoff bracket (quarterfinals and beyond), it **MUST** use only club members that had previously played in at least one 2012 Kansas Cup match (during the home-and-home play).

SEMIFINAL ROUND:

The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the "final four weekend" championship matches to be played in September at a club to be announced.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND:

The two clubs advancing to the championship round of the Kansas Cup shall compete for the title be played the day following the semifinal round in September at a club to be announced.

ADMINISTRATION AND RULES:

USGA Rules of Golf apply. The local rules (which are not in conflict with USGA rules) of the host club apply. For all rounds prior to the semifinals and the finals, no KGA rules official will be in attendance unless one is conveniently available. Any dispute or claim which cannot be resolved by the team captains in applying the Rules of Golf shall be referred to the KGA rules committee (typically, call the KGA office first; if not available, then call a KGA rules committee member in your area; as a last resort, call the USGA).

QUESTIONS AS TO PROCEDURE:

Referred to the KGA office at (785) 842-4833 ext. 202 or call (913) 568-6089 after office hours.

