



January 2017

To: KGA Member Clubs
From: Kim Richey, KGA Executive Director
Re: 2017 Kansas Cup

I am pleased to provide you as a representative of a KGA member club the enclosed information and entry form for the 2017 Kansas Cup competition. This will be the 24th year for this very popular club team competition.

Each year 24 to 28 KGA member clubs participate in the Kansas Cup. However, there is room for as many as 32 clubs to enjoy the competition and establish a rivalry. You may be receiving this memo and information even though your club has not recently or ever entered the Kansas Cup.

There will be no divisions with less or more than four teams. In other words, the final roster of entered teams will be a number divisible by four. There is a possibility that some teams that wait to complete an entry will not be accepted and placed in a division. Teams (and captains) are strongly encouraged to submit the club's entry as soon as possible in order to secure a divisional assignment.

The Kansas Cup is an excellent opportunity for KGA clubs to build camaraderie amongst its membership while competing against other KGA clubs in a large Ryder Cup style competition.

Please take a moment to review the team composition and Kansas Cup procedures memo that is included. This is a great opportunity to provide the members of your club an interesting, fun and competitive experience. Any questions regarding this KGA competitive program should be sent via email to kga@kansasgolf.org.

The entry deadline is Tuesday, March 28, 2017 and the entry fee is \$525.00 (which may be paid by the club or by the individual participants).

The 2017 Kansas Cup divisional assignments will be published on or before Friday, April 7, 2017.

After all entries have been received, the KGA will place the teams into divisions of four teams for a series of home-and-home matches. If your club has any requests regarding divisional assignments, please send them to casey@kansasgolf.org and we will do our best to accommodate them. Divisional play will start in April and conclude by mid-August. At the conclusion of divisional play, the teams advancing to the playoffs will be determined. This play-off portion of the Kansas Cup typically starts with quarterfinal round matches, but is determined based upon the total number of entered teams and the number of divisions created.

The KGA looks forward to another year of Kansas Cup competition.



THE KANSAS CUP
Official Entry Form
2017

The 24th annual Kansas Cup will be contested from April through September, 2017 by Kansas Golf Association member clubs that submit their timely entry form to the KGA office. Entry deadline is **4:00 pm on Tuesday, March 28, 2017**. The divisional assignments will be published on or before Friday, April 7, 2017.

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The entry fee is \$525.00 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 - \$525.00 • Entry Deadline – March 28, 2017 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 2017

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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 2016 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 (amateurs only) 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 (this rule does not apply to golf professionals).
- *Maximum Handicap Index.* The maximum course handicap any player may use during a Net Match is 18 strokes (24 total team handicap strokes in a Net Match). Players with a course handicap index higher than 18 are eligible to compete, but will have their handicap allocation reduced to 18 strokes. The maximum team course handicap a team may use during a Net Match is 24 strokes.
- *Number of Scores Posted (modified in 2013).* Team members must also have posted at least one (1) 18-hole score at the club they are representing in the Kansas Cup between September 1, 2016 and the date of their first 2017 Kansas Cup match. Note: The score posting rules were modified and relaxed per input from the participating clubs following the 2012 Kansas Cup season. Please keep in mind that the goal of this eligibility modification is to make it easier for players that are members of a club to represent that club in the Kansas Cup with less restriction.

Professionals Eligibility:

- Professionals may only participate in the Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match.
- Golf professionals must be either a member of the club 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 with nine points available :

- Open Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match (played at scratch and any age players)
- Senior Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match (played at scratch and both players age 50 & older)
- Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match (played at scratch and with any combination of professionals and amateurs representing the side... i.e. Professional/Professional, Pro/Amateur, Amateur/Amateur)
- Open Handicap Four-Ball Match (24 handicap strokes team max, 18 handicap strokes player max - any age players)
- Senior Handicap Four-Ball Match (24 handicap strokes team max, 18 handicap strokes player max - both players age 50 & older)
- Open Four-Ball Match (played at scratch and any age players)
- Open/Senior Mixed Four-Ball Match (played at scratch and one player on team must be age 50 & older)
- Open Singles Match (played at scratch and any age player)
- Senior Singles Match (played at scratch and player age 50 & older)

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 (with no more or less than four teams in each division – *new in 2016*) 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 4.5-point to 4.5-point tie at the conclusion of the nine matches, playoffs will no longer be contested to determine the overall match winner. If a match ends tied at 4.5-points to 4.5-points, it will be posted as an overall halved match. *New in 2016-* regular season divisional matches that end in a 4.5 to 4.5 tie will count as a half point win when calculating total wins when breaking ties for playoff qualification and seeding.

PLAYING MATCHES WITH SHORT ROSTERS:

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 allowed only if both captains agree to a halved match point prior to the day of the match and such agreement is communicated via email to the KGA prior to the match. No more than two match points may be halved by advanced agreement. Short roster matches may not be contested during the play-off phase of the Kansas Cup.

NUMBER OF SCORES POSTED:

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

Players must have posted at least one (1) 18-hole score at the club they are representing in the Kansas Cup between September 1, 2016 and the date of their first 2017 Kansas Cup match. Note: The score posting rules were modified and relaxed per input from the participating clubs following the 2012 Kansas Cup season. Please keep in mind that the goal of this eligibility modification is to make it easier for players that are members of a club to represent that club in the Kansas Cup with less restriction.

Scores posted for a Kansas Cup Match may 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 to your opponent for each round.
- Reporting the results of each round to the KGA office.
- Representing the club team in matters of disputes or claims.
- Verifying that each team member has an active GHIN Handicap Index number at the club they are representing (this rule does not apply to golf professionals).
- 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 5 points or more wins the match. In the event of a 4.5-point to 4.5-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 4.5-points to 4.5-points, it will be posted as an overall halved match.

The following matches are played in each round:

- Open Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match (played at scratch and any age players)
- Senior Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match (played at scratch and both players age 50 & older)
- Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match (played at scratch and with any combination of professionals and amateurs representing the side... i.e. Professional/Professional, Pro/Amateur, Amateur/Amateur)
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- Open/Senior Mixed Four-Ball Match (played at scratch and one player on team must be age 50 & older)
- Open Singles Match (played at scratch and any age player)
- Senior Singles Match (played at scratch and player age 50 & older)

In the two 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. Reductions may be made in the manner determined by the team captain.

STARTING TIMES & ORDER OF PLAY:

The home team shall set aside approximately 90 minutes for starting times. The order of the Matches shall be as follows unless mutually agreed upon by both team captains involved the match:

- Open Scratch Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match
- Senior Scratch Modified Chapman Alternate Shot Match
- Scratch Singles Matches (Open and Senior)
- Scratch Professional/Amateur Four-Ball Match
- Open Handicap Four-Ball Match
- Senior Handicap Four-Ball Match
- Open/Senior Mixed Scratch Four-Ball Match
- Open Scratch Four-Ball Match

TEES & FORMAT:

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

The following matches shall be played from the middle tees: Modified Chapman Match, Senior Modified Chapman Match, Open Handicap Four-Ball Match, Senior Handicap Four-Ball Match, Open/Senior Mixed Four-Ball Match and the Senior Single Match.

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.

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. 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.

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) match points including the two (2) singles match points. The team that forfeits the round will not receive any match points for that round. Forfeited points will be counted when determining the playoff teams.

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 INFORMATION

QUALIFICATION:

Each division champion shall qualify for the playoffs. In addition, following the Kansas Cup entry deadline and announcement of the divisional assignments, the KGA will announce the number of wild card teams that will qualify for the playoffs.

PLAYER ELIGIBILITY IN PLAYOFFS:

When a club qualifies for the 2017 Kansas Cup playoffs, it **MUST** use only club members that had previously played in at least one 2017 Kansas Cup match (during the home-and-home divisional play).

Regular season divisional matches that end in a 4.5 to 4.5 tie will count as a half point win when calculating total wins when breaking ties for playoff qualification and seeding.

BREAKING TIES FOR DIVISION WINNERS:

If two teams in a division end up the regular season with the same number of division wins, the tie shall be broken based on the following criteria, in order of their application:

1. Head-to-head division wins between the tied teams. If teams split divisional matches;
2. The team with the largest number of points earned in its divisional matches. If still tied,
3. The team with the largest number of singles points earned in its division matches. If still tied,
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BREAKING TIES FOR PLAYOFF SEEDING POSITIONS:

When determining the seeding for teams that advance to the playoffs (and determining home teams in quarterfinal playoff matches), the ties shall be broken based on the following criteria, in order of their application:

1. The team with the most overall wins. If still tied;
2. The team with the largest number of points earned in its divisional matches. If still tied,
3. The team with the largest number of singles points earned in its division matches. If still tied,

SEEDING:

All teams that advance to the playoffs shall be seeded, but in no event shall a wild card team be seeded higher than a division winner. Seeding procedures will be announced following the Kansas Cup entry deadline and divisional assignments. Wild card and/or quarterfinal playoff rounds will be hosted by the team with the better seed.

SEMIFINAL ROUND:

The four quarterfinal winners will advance to the "final four weekend" championship matches at TBA club in mid-September 2017. Starting times for the semifinals matches are TBA.

CHAMPIONSHIP ROUND:

The two clubs advancing to the championship round of the Kansas Cup shall compete for the title at TBA club in mid-September 2017. Starting times for the final match are TBA.

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

In the event of a 4.5-point to 4.5-point tie at the conclusion of the nine matches, a playoff shall be conducted according to the following procedures and matches involved:

The Open (non-Senior) Singles Match players, the Senior Modified Chapman Match teams, and the Open Four-Ball Match teams. 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: all three sudden death matches must be contested against the same opponent. In the interest of time and as a convenience to the players involved, the sudden-death points for the Senior Modified Chapman Match and Open Singles Match may be contested prior to the conclusion of other matches.

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

