

# *High Sierra Team Play*

## *Standing Rules*

### I. PLAY DATES

A. Last Friday of each month, May through October, or other date agreed upon by the HSTP Captains.

### II. HANDICAPS

A. Player must have an established USGA handicap based on a minimum of twenty (20) scores. Maximum handicap is 36. Players with over 36 handicap can qualify, but must play to a 36 handicap. Each player's most current handicap will be used. Exception - if a revision date falls on a play day, the handicap is obtained from the prior revision date.

### III. ELIGIBILITY

A. Player must belong to a club involved in Team Play. Should players be a multi-member, player must decide at the beginning of the year which club she will play for. When a player "tees up" for the qualifying round of golf with their chosen club, that club is the only club she may play for during that season.

B. Non-amateurs may play with full handicap only in Team Play.

### IV. QUALIFYING

A. The date of qualifying for each month's players shall be decided by each individual club. The Team Captain shall determine the method for qualifying that their club uses to select their team, i.e., point system such as that used in Team Play, an 18 hole stroke play event, etc.

B. A second qualifying day may be held to fill the remaining spots on the team if necessary.

C. A list of 3 lowest gross scores, 4 lowest net scores and 4 alternates ( next 2 lowest gross and next 2 lowest net scores) and their GHIN numbers must be emailed to the HSTP chairperson, secretary, and the Hostess Captain by the Friday before the week of play day (seven (7) days). If the list is received after that Friday but before 10:00AM Monday, a 10-point penalty will be deducted from the team standing of the offending team. If the list is received after 10:00AM on the Monday before team play, a 20-point penalty will be deducted from the team standing of the offending team. This is very important because the foursomes cannot be set up until all cards for all teams are received by the Host Captain.

D. In the event that the team is not filled on qualifying days, the Team Captain will fill the vacancies or cancellations from qualifying alternate players first; then at large.

E. For a fee of \$50.00 Sharon Schultze, or a representative from her office, will produce scorecards, post scores and email the results to the Team Captains and Reno Gazette Journal.

F. It is the Host Captain's responsibility to get all team lists to Sharon no later than the Monday prior to play day.

G. The Team Captain may, at her discretion, represent her club without having to qualify. If the Captain represents her team, the Co-Captain cannot automatically play; she must qualify just as the rest of the players do.

V. WEATHER

A. On the day of competition prior to play, the Team Captains present shall decide whether to cancel or delay play.

B. During play, the HSTP Chairperson, the Host Course Golf Professional and/or the Greens Superintendent shall decide cancellation or suspension of play. If play is cancelled no scores will count. There will be no make-up.

VI. TYPE OF PLAY

A. Points are earned as follows for the Gross score on each hole:

double bogey	1	bogey	2	par	3
birdie	5	eagle	8	double eagle	

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B. A Player MUST pick up on a hole if her score will be a zero point count, record an X and enter the score she most likely would have had on that hole. For speed of play it is advisable to do so. There will be seven (7) players per club from which the five (5) best point scores will be used for the team score. Each player shall be assigned a point quota based on player's handicap using the schedule adopted by HSTP. The team score will be computed by totaling the number of points the player earns above or below the player's quota, plus points if above, minus points if below her quota.

C. A penalty of minus ten (-10) will be assessed to each player who starts, but does not complete a round or does not turn in a scorecard. The Captains on site will decide injury or emergency situations.

D. Five (5) team scores will count for each play day. Below is an example of what to count:

1. All seven (7) players complete the round - two (2) lowest scores are thrown out.

2. Only six (6) players complete the round - only one (1) score is thrown out. The other five (5) scores count.

3. Only five (5) players complete the round - all five (5) scores will count. Nothing can be thrown out.

4. Four (4) or less players complete the round - all scores are counted and a five (5) point penalty is assessed for each spot not equaling the five (5) player minimum. A team with less than five (5) players may still participate, but this penalty will apply to each vacancy.

E. Each foursome must keep individual scorecards and one master scorecard.

F. Scorecards must be exchanged between carts. The penalty for not doing so will be to disallow points. Each individual scorecard needs to be signed by the player and also the scorer.

VII. TROPHIES

A. The revolving trophy is presented to the 1st place team, which they display at their Club for the year. It is returned to HSTP at the final luncheon each October and presented to the new 1st place team.

B. Five trophies are awarded: for 1st place through 5th place.

VIII. TIES

A. If there is a tie for first place after the final day of play, the tie will be broken as follows: Using the 6 scores of the 6th player, the team with the highest score will be declared the winner.

B. All other ties (for 2nd - 5th place) will be honored as such and identical trophies issued.

IX. MEETINGS

A. There shall be an annual fall meeting each year at which time dates of play, costs, and hosting teams for the next year will be determined, if possible and election of officers for the coming year.

B. There shall be an annual January meeting to confirm dates, costs and host teams for the coming year.

X. RULES

A. USGA and Local Rules apply.

B. All Team Play competitions will be played under USGA (Summer) Rules unless extreme conditions exist.

C. The Hostess Captain and the Team Play Chairperson will make the decision to use "preferred lie" or "winter rules". USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I, Local Rules.

XI. DUES

A. Each club shall pay an annual membership.

B. The fee will be set at the fall meeting of the Team Captains and will be due by April 15th of the following year.

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