

HIGH SIERRA TEAM PLAY STANDING RULES

I. **PLAY DATES**

A. May through October, on dates determined by the Future Sites Coordinator and host club Captains.

II. **HANDICAPS**

A. Player must have an established USGA handicap based on a minimum of twenty (20) scores. Maximum handicap is 36. Players over a 36 handicap can qualify, but must play to a 36 handicap. The most current handicap will be used.

B. Exception – if a revision date falls within three (3) days of a play day, the handicap is obtained from the prior revision date.

III. **ELIGIBILITY**

A. Player must be an amateur and belong to a club involved in Team Play. Should player be a multi-club 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.

IV. **QUALIFYING**

A. The date of qualifying for each month’s play shall be decided by each individual club. The play day must be scheduled at least seven (7) days in advance of the scheduled month’s HTSP play day. Each club will determine the method for qualifying that their club uses to select the team, i.e. point system such as that used in Team Play, an 18 hole stroke play event, etc. The method of qualifying should be posted on or near the monthly sign-up sheet at the specific club. A second qualifying day, keeping the seven day rule in mind, may be held to fill the remaining spots on the team if necessary. This date must be properly posted and approved by the club as an alternate date.

B. If stroke play is used to determine your team a list of the 3 lowest gross scores, 3 lowest net scores and alternates with their GHIN numbers must be emailed to the HTSP Chairperson, Secretary, a designated person doing the cards, etc. and the Hostess Captain by 7 days prior to the date of play. If your club decides to qualify using the points system, the list must be emailed to the same people within the same time frame. If the list is received after the seven days prior to play, a 10 point penalty will be deducted from the team standing of the offending team.

C. 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. It is highly encouraged that teams are set with no changes later than 24 hours prior to play unless an actual medical or significant situation occurs, preventing play by a posted player.

D. 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. If the Captain does not play, the Co-Captain can represent her team without qualifying depending upon the specific club’s rules.

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V. WEATHER

- A. On the day prior to competition or day of play, the Team Captains, or their designated representative present shall decide whether to cancel or delay play. However, if the Host Club says the course is playable we must pay and play.
- B. Team Captains and Co-Captains are responsible for advising their players regarding the Inclement Weather policy. Captains are to meet in the Club House. Once the Captains arrive and after a delay of at least 30 minutes, the Captains will vote on whether to wait and see if play can resume or play is discontinued. If play is scorecards must be turned in but all scores will be thrown out, no matter how many holes have been completed.

VI. TYPE OF PLAY

- A. The format for Team Play is stroke play, using a quota system determined by your handicap. The Point Quota for HSTP is 46 points minus your handicap.)
- B. Points are earned as follows for the Gross score on each hole.
Double Bogey = 1 Bogey = 2 Par = 4
Birdie = 6 Eagle = 8 Double Eagle = 10
- C. The team score will be computed by totaling the number of points the player earns above or below the player's quota. i.e. (Points earned more than the quota is a positive (+) number written on the scorecard. Points earned less than the quota is a negative (-) number written on the scorecard.
- D. A player MUST pick up on a hole if her score would be a zero point count, record an **X** and enter the score she most likely would have had on that hole if she had finished the hole. For speed of play *Please Respect this Rule!*
- E. There will be six (6) players per club from which the five (5) best scores will be used for the team score. Each player shall be assigned a point quota based on her handicap using the schedule adopted by HSTP. The team score will be computed by totaling the number of points the player earn above or below the players quota, plus points above, minus points if below her quota.
- F. A penalty of minus ten (-10) will be assessed to each team for 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.
- G. Five (5) team scores will count for each play. Below is an example of what to count.
 - 1. All six (6) players complete the round – only one (1) score is thrown out, the other five (5) players scores count.
 - 2. Only five (5) players complete the round – all five (5) scores will count. Nothing can be thrown out.
 - 3. 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.

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- H. Each foursome must keep individual scorecards and one master scorecard.
- I. Scorecards **must be** exchanged **between** carts. The penalty for not doing so will be disqualification of player's points. Each individual scorecard must be signed by the player and the scorer/marker or the player will be disqualified.
- VII. **TROPHIES**
- A. Awards are given to 1st place through 5th place. HSTP will prepay for engraving of trophies. Each club receiving a trophy will be responsible for taking the trophy to the designated engraver. This payment is made from HSTP budget.
- VIII. **SCORING AND TIES**
- A. For a fee of \$50.00 for each play day, a designated representative of HSTP will produce score cards, post scores and email the results to the Team Captains and Reno Gazette Journal. This payment is made from the HSTP budget.
- B. If there is a tie for any place after the final day of play, the tie will be broken as follows:
Final play day scorecards using the total team points from 5 players will be used. Back nine (9) total team points will be used first to break tie, then if needed front (9) nine total points.
- IX. **RULES**
- A. USGA and Local Rules apply. Only those GPS devices that provide "distance only" are allowed. If more information is provided by a player's device (i.e. wind speed, elevations, etc.) that device cannot be used at all.
- B. All Team Play competitions will be played under USGA (Summer) Rules unless extreme conditions exist.
- C. The Host Golf Course Management will make the decisions to use "preferred lie" or "winter rules". USGA Rules of Golf, Appendix I, Local Rules.
- D. Cards not signed by the scorer/marker and attested by the competitor are deemed void and scores will not be counted. No one except the official computer scorer has access to the cards after they are turned in for scoring.
- X. **Amendments**
Any proposed amendments shall be reviewed by the Executive Board and prior written notice to the Captains for a vote at the Fall or Spring meetings.
- XI. **Code of Conduct**

As a member of HSTP a certain standard of behavior is expected that reflects the basic requirements of sportsmanship, integrity, courtesy and respect to be shown to all other members.

The following is an example of unbecoming conduct or behaviour:

- Bad temper, club throwing, foul and abusive language
- Abuse of alcohol or drugs
- Failure to adhere to the rules and etiquette of the game of golf
- Unsportsmanlike conduct and unnecessary gamesmanship
- Physical violence and threatening behavior

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A person engaging in any behavior that may be detrimental to the game of golf is in breach of the code of conduct and should be reported to the HSTP Board.

It is in the best interests of the game that such behavior is reported as soon as possible. All golfers are encouraged and have a duty to report such behavior.

Disciplinary Committee

The HSTP Board will be the Disciplinary Committee. They will oversee complaints and conduct any investigation as may be deemed necessary.

The Disciplinary Committee will be responsible for implementing this policy in a fair and impartial manner.

Complaints Procedure

Complaints may be made by any competitor or HSTP member. Complaints must be made as soon as possible to the HSTP Board. Once received the HSTP Board will determine if the Code of Conduct has been violated and enforce a penalty according to the section below.

Penalties

1st Offense

1. Team Captain will be informed and verbal notice to competitor of offense;
2. If severe Code breach, suspension will be imposed by Disciplinary Committee

2nd Offense

1. Team Captain will be informed and competitor will be suspended for remainder of season;
2. If severe Code breach, Competitor will be permanently suspended from competing in HSTP Team Play Tournaments.