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Tournament Format
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General Procedures
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2023 Tournament





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GOODWILL HEAD OFFICE

The Goodwill Office will be mobile should you need to reach any of the Committee members please call the cell phone number listed above.

REGISTRATION

The Goodwill Committee will be available for registration at the Welcome Reception on Sunday, December 3, 2023 from 6:30-8pm at the CHUBB Building, 17 Woodbourne Avenue, Hamilton. We ask that Professionals have ready all verified and up to date handicap cards for their players. We will also confirm attendance to the Final Banquet and email addresses. Registration is important and we ask the Professionals to make every effort to register their team.

PROFESSIONALS MEETING

There will be a meeting for the Professionals **ONLY** starting at 7:30pm at CHUBB.

Tournament Week

Practice rounds on Sunday December 3, 2023

Tournament rounds on Monday – Wednesday December 4-6, 2023

STARTING TIMES

The following courses will be used for the Goodwill Golf Tournament:

Monday, December 4, 2023

MID OCEAN CLUB – 8:48am Tee Times

BELMONT HILLS GOLF COURSE – 8:30am Shotgun start

PORT ROYAL GOLF COURSE – 8:30am Shotgun start

Tuesday, December 5, 2023

MID OCEAN CLUB – 8:48am Tee Times

BELMONT HILLS GOLF COURSE – 8:30am Shotgun start

PORT ROYAL GOLF COURSE – 8:30am Shotgun start

Wednesday, December 6th

BELMONT HILLS GOLF COURSE – 8:30am Shotgun start

PORT ROYAL GOLF COURSE – 8:30am Shotgun Start

MID OCEAN CLUB – 8:30am Shotgun start

Please Note: Hole assignments and course rotations will be provided at registration to the Golf Professional from each team.

Immediately following Rounds One and Two, Daily prize presentations will take place at lunch, except for MOC rounds and WEDNESDAY's round when they will be awarded at the Prize Presentation/Banquet.

ALL competitors will be responsible for their own equipment following each round.

TOURNAMENT FORMAT

The tournament will be a 54 hole Best Ball Stroke Play NET Competition between teams of four, consisting of a Club professional and three of his/her Club amateurs. Play rotate between Port Royal Golf Course, Mid Ocean Club and Belmont Hills Golf Club. The amateurs will play to three-quarters (75%) of their handicap of the course they are playing. Amateurs will compete for Longest Drive and Closest to the Pin Competitions at their respective courses.

Professionals will play individual Stableford points during their rounds of play. The professional score may also count towards the team score.

Major Prizes will be awarded for Low Net. In the event of a tie for first place in the Low Net, first place will be decided by USGA Tie breaking format of Last 9, Last 6, Last 3 etc. from their round at the Mid Ocean Club. A playoff will not be used in the Team competition. In the event of a tie in the Professional Division, a play-off will take place on Wednesday, immediately following play at Belmont Hills. This will be announced accordingly. All other ties will be decided by retrogression against the course par.

TOURNAMENT GIFT – AT WELCOME RECEPTION

The Welcome Gift will be provided at the WELCOME RECEPTION on Sunday Night. We ask the Golf Professionals from each team to come and collect the tournament gift bags at Registration to hand to your players.

GOLF COURSES REGISTRATION

To ensure that we start on time, we ask that ALL Professionals check in their team at the Golf course. Official scorecards will be provided upon registration.

SCOREBOARDS & DAILY SCORES

Scores will be posted at each golf course for viewing, on the official Goodwill website www.bermudagoodwillgolf.com.

Live Scoring will be available on the GOLF GENIUS APP. GGID is BGW2023. Scores will be sent to all hotel concierge as well as printed in the local paper "The Royal Gazette" and on Island Stats, www.islandsstats.com. Please supply your personal email if you wish to receive the results to your personal account.

OFFICIAL SCORECARDS

The Goodwill Committee will produce the "Official Scorecards" which will show the Club name and the names of all players with their full and adjusted handicap. The scorecards will already be dotted on the appropriate holes. We ask that the Professional please double check the handicaps on the scorecard BEFORE starting their round. You may notice that the handicap has adjusted depending on the course that you are playing according to the slope of the golf course being played.

EARLY BREAKFAST AT HOTELS

Please check with your hotel to ensure that early breakfast has been arranged for your team. Golf Courses may supply complimentary coffee and pastries.

OFFICIAL WEBSITE www.bermudagoodwillgolf.com also visit the Bermuda Goodwill Facebook Page For updated information please use our website provided.

Tees

The following tee assignments have been allocated for our Professionals and Amateurs through the duration of the event.

Professionals:

Males – BLUE TEES

Senior Men 60+ – White Tees

Ladies under 60 – White Tees

Ladies 60+ - Red Tees

Senior Men 80+ - Red Tees

Amateurs:

Male under 60 – BLUE TEES

Seniors 60+ - WHITE TEES

Super Senior 80+ - RED TEES

Ladies = RED TEES

The Bermuda Goodwill Golf Committee will be using the USGA 3-5 Rule (see USGA Handicap System 2002-2005 book pg.12-14 & 101 or www.usga.org) to adjust player handicaps playing from tees other than the **BLUE**.

Yardage Devices

PERMITTED: Devices that are used to measure yardage only

NOT PERMITTED: Devices that determine slope or wind speed/direction

Cellular Phones

Please minimize use of cell phones on the course during competitions to emergencies only.

Yellow Flags/Medical

As the majority of the golf courses being played do not permit carts onto the fairways, we ask any individual that has a medical problem requiring the use of the yellow flag to produce a medical certificate at the golf course before play.

Cocktail Parties & Final Banquet

We kindly ask that all teams participate in the functions that are being hosted by the Bermuda Goodwill Tournament. In many instances, these events are possible only through the generosity of Sponsors, therefore; we would like to show our appreciation by attending.

Uncollected Prizes

The Bermuda Goodwill is NOT responsible for any unclaimed prizes left behind by teams. If you know that you will be unable to attend any prize giving ceremony we ask that you make arrangements to have your prize or prizes shipped at your expense.

DRESS CODE

We ask all players to adhere to the Club Dress codes. No jeans or short shorts will be permitted. Players including the Professional may wear Bermuda shorts during the competition.

Welcome Reception at The CHUBB Building dress Code : Country Club Casual, (No Jean)

Final Cocktail Reception and Prize Presentation Dinner: Jacket and Tie required

CLUB BLAZERS ARE ACCEPTED.

SOFT SPIKES ARE TO BE WORN AT ALL GOLF COURSES!

OUR SINCERE THANKS TO THE PARTICIPATING GOLF COURSES

Special Thank You to all our Sponsors

SECTION 3

Players Competing From a Different Course Rating™ or Tees

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When players are competing from a different USGA Course Rating or tees, why do you make a Course Handicap™ adjustment? What if players are competing from more than two sets of tees? Can a Committee ignore this adjustment?

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A Course Handicap represents the number of strokes needed from a specific set of tees to play to the level of a scratch golfer; i.e., to the USGA Course Rating. The calculation of a Course Handicap only includes a player's Handicap Index® and the Slope Rating® of the tees being played. When a USGA Course Rating difference exists among competitors, they are playing to different benchmarks, and an adjustment equal to the full difference in USGA Course Rating must be made in order for the competition to be equitable.

Players competing from two different tees:

Player A is competing from the Blue tees (71.0) and Player B is competing from the White tees (69.0). Since the USGA Course Rating difference is two strokes, Player A must add two to the Course Handicap calculated from the Blue tees. As an alternative, Player B may deduct two from the Course Handicap calculated from the White tees, as the overall effect would be the same (see Decision 3-5/1).

Players competing from more than two sets of tees:

Player A is competing from the Blue tees (71.0), Player B is competing from the White tees (69.0), and Player C is competing from the Gold tees (67.0). The recommendation is to add four strokes to Player A's Course Handicap calculated from the Blue tees, add two strokes to Player B's Course Handicap calculated from the White tees, and make no adjustment to Player C's Course Handicap calculated from the Gold tees. Alternatively, Player C's Course Handicap calculated from the Gold tees may be reduced by four strokes, Player B's Course Handicap calculated from the White tees may be reduced by two strokes, and Player A's Course Handicap calculated from the Blue tees would not be adjusted. A third option is to set the baseline at the middle and add two to the higher-rated tee player(s) and subtract two from the lower-rated tee player(s). The key is finding a baseline and adjusting from there.

Please note that a golf club may not ignore Section 3-5/9-3c when players are competing from a different USGA Course Rating as doing so would be waiving a Rule of Golf. The Committee in charge of a competition does not have the authority to waive a Rule of Golf (see Decision 3-5/2).

Section 3-5: Players competing from different tees/ Men & women from same tees

Excerpt from USGA Handicap Manual

a. Different Tees: Men vs. Men; Women vs. Women; Women vs. Men

Different tees usually have different Ratings. Because a USGA Course Rating reflects the probable score of a scratch golfer, the higher-rated course is more difficult, and the player playing from the set of tees with the higher USGA Course Rating receives additional stroke(s) equal to the difference between each USGA Course Rating, with .5 or greater rounded upward. The additional stroke(s) are added to the Course Handicap of the player playing from the higher-rated set of tees. (See Decision 3-5/1.)

Example 1: If men playing from the middle tees where the men's USGA Course Rating is 70.3 compete against men playing from the back tees where the men's USGA Course Rating is 72.6, the men playing from the back tees will add two strokes ($72.6 - 70.3 = 2.3$ rounded to 2) to their Course Handicap.

Example 2: If women playing from the forward tees from which the women's USGA Course Rating is 73.4 compete against men playing from the middle tees from which the men's USGA Course Rating is 70.9, the women will add three strokes ($73.4 - 70.9 = 2.5$ rounded to 3) to their Course Handicap.

For the average golfer, understanding the USGA Handicap System™ might not seem like the easiest of tasks. And while making heads or tails of handicapping formulas and sections has no bearing on how one swings a club, it does help in creating a level playing field for golfers of all skill levels.

According to our staff, it seems that no handicapping situation leads to more head-scratching moments than calculating how to compete equitably with someone playing from a different set of tees.

Ask anyone who has mastered the science of handicapping to explain the calculations of properly allocating strokes, and you will most likely be left standing there with your head spinning. There has to be an easier way, right?

Luckily for you, there is. Let's break this down into a real-world example to make it easier to understand how Section 3-5 works. For the purpose of this article, we will use two friends, Tom and Joe. Tom has a Handicap Index® of 2.2 while Joe has an a Handicap Index of 25.0.

Tom and Joe are playing a new course, and as they look over the scorecard before their round, Tom decides to play from the tees measuring 6,500 yards. Joe decides to Tee It Forward and play from the tees measuring 5,800 yards. With a much shorter course and a higher handicap, it appears that Joe has an unfair advantage.

This is where Section 3-5 comes into play. But first, it's worth noting that a Handicap Index is not established from a particular set of tees, it is simply a standardized benchmark of a golfer's potential that helps establish a player's handicap for the particular course he or she is playing.

Starting with a certainty is always a good thing, and in this case, that certainty is the USGA Course Rating™ from each individual's set of tees. Tom's USGA Course Rating from 6,500 yards is 72, while at 5,800 yards, Joe is looking at a USGA Course Rating of 67. With those known numbers, the next step is finding the difference between the two, which is 5. Keep that number handy.* (Note: The Course Rating is not always a whole number, so the difference between the two tees' ratings would be rounded to the nearest whole number in the calculation.)

The rest of the process is simple math. In most cases, the Slope Rating® for a set of tees is printed on the course scorecard. Tom finds his Slope Rating is 130. Tom also knows that the standard Slope Rating is 113, which is the second part of the equation and always a constant. By knowing his Handicap Index of 2.2, Tom uses the following steps to find his course-specific handicap:

1. Multiply Handicap Index times Slope Rating of tees played: $2.2 \times 130 = 286$
2. Divide by the standard Slope Rating: $286 / 113 = 2.5$
3. The result, rounded to the nearest whole number, is the Course Handicap = 3

For those of you who are a little more into math, that's $2.2 \times 130 / 113 = 2.5$, which is rounded up to the nearest whole number, 3.

After a few pointers from Tom, Joe quickly figures out that his 25.0 Handicap Index and the Slope Rating of 115 from the forward tees translates to a Course Handicap of 25: $25.0 \times 115 / 113 = 25.4$, which is rounded to 25.

Or, to skip the math portion entirely, simply enter the Handicap Index and the Slope Rating into the USGA's Course Handicap calculator.

Now that both players have their Course Handicap, does anyone else think it's unfair for Tom to be playing with a Course Handicap of 3, while Joe is playing with a Course Handicap of 25 from a shorter set of tees? Isn't this supposed to be equal? But wait – remember earlier when we noted the difference between the two USGA Course Ratings ($72 - 67 = 5$)? Well, to put both players on the same level, you simply add the rounded difference between the two USGA Course Ratings to the Course Handicap of the competitor playing from the higher-rated set of tees. Tom is now playing to a Course Handicap of 8 – bringing this match to a much more equitable range for both players.

It's important to keep in mind that certain constants exist, like the standard Slope Rating of 113 as the divisor. And even though a lot of fingers and toes may be required to do the math needed, the end result helps create an equal playing field and hopefully saves the head scratching for what kind of sandwich you're picking up at the turn.