

# **Charleston Area Men's Interclub Rules and Regulations 2018**

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## **Starting Times.**

See schedule at <http://chsinterclub.org/schedule.html> .

**General Rules.** USGA'S "The Rules of Golf and the Rules of Amateur Status" govern Interclub play except as noted within this document.

## **Interclub Local Rules.**

**Tardiness.** A player (s) arriving late to the tee box (or course) will be penalized in the following manner. If they are prepared to hit from the tee box **before** the last player of their group hits their second shot, they can play that hole with no penalty. For all prior holes missed they will be assessed a penalty. The penalty is zero score for each hole missed or deemed missed.

**Lift, Clean and Place.** An exception to USGA Rules of Golf, the standard Interclub rule is lift, clean, and place in your own fairway (extends to the fringe – 1<sup>st</sup> cut – of the green) within one club length in same condition. If poor course conditions exist, a decision may be announced to extend lift, clean, and place rules “through the green” (everywhere except hazards). **However, if in the rough, you must remain in the rough.**

## **Pace of play.**

**Ready Golf.** When teeing off, the player who is ready should hit his shot and not wait for the winner of the previous hole to hit first. When you get to your ball even if not away, check and see if another player is about to hit, if he is not, then go ahead and hit your ball regardless of position. If one player has hit his ball in the woods or a hazard or otherwise possibly lost his ball, hit your ball before you assist in finding his. Continue this way until on the green.

**Parking the cart.** Leave your golf cart at a point where you will exit the green. Wait until you reach the next tee before filling out the scorecard to allow the following players to hit shots to the green. The Host Club Golf Professional or Interclub Officer will indicate any other local rules prior to the beginning of play.

**Eligible players.** Interclub participants are required to be amateurs as defined by the USGA. A player must maintain a handicap at the club they represent. If a player maintains his handicap at multiple clubs, they must declare a club to represent annually to the Handicap Director. Playing for another club in an Interclub tournament is prohibited.

**First time Player.** A first time player must have a valid USGA handicap. The Handicap Director will determine the Modified Stableford point quota for a first time player based on his index. In the first tournament for prizes, individual and team scores, the player is limited to five (5) points above his point quota regardless of his total score. If the player scores over his point quota, that score will be his point quota for the next tournament up to a +5 limit adjustment. If he is under his point quota his score is adjusted the same as an established player. A player who has not posted an Interclub tournament score within twelve (12) consecutive months is again a first time player.

**Interclub Modified Stableford System.** Gross score per hole translates to Stableford points as follows:

**Fig. 1 - Modified Stableford Point Distribution**

| <b>Score To Par</b>                      | <b>Name</b>                     | <b>Points</b> |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------|
| 3 Over or More                           | <b>* Triple Bogey or Higher</b> | <b>0</b>      |
| 2 Over                                   | Double Bogey                    | <b>1</b>      |
| 1 Over                                   | Bogey                           | <b>2</b>      |
| Even                                     | Par                             | <b>3</b>      |
| 1 Under                                  | Birdie                          | <b>5</b>      |
| 2 Under                                  | Eagle                           | <b>7</b>      |
| Hole-in-One (Ace) <u>OR</u> Double Eagle |                                 | <b>8</b>      |

**\* To speed play, players will “pick up” after they have reached 2 strokes over par and not holed out.**

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**Established Players.** The Handicap Director will adjust posted scores after each tournament using the following formula/rule (Fig. 2) and Examples (Fig. 3):

**Fig. 2 - Point Adjust Rule**

| Points Above (+) or Below (-) Quota Points | Point Adjust for Next Round Quota |
|--|-----------------------------------|
| -9 and over                                | 3 down (-3)                       |
| - 6 thru -8                                | 2 down (-2)                       |
| -3 thru -5                                 | 1 down (-1)                       |
| -2 thru +2                                 | No Change (0)                     |
| +3 thru +4                                 | 1 up (+1)                         |
| +5 thru +6                                 | 2 up (+2)                         |
| +7 thru +8                                 | 3 up (+3)                         |
| +9 thru +10                                | 4 up (+4)                         |
| ... and +1 for every +2 above quota        |                                   |

**Fig 3 - Player Examples of Point Quota Adjustment**

|   | Player Example # | Points Quota | Actual Points | +/- Points | Adjust Points | New Quota |
|---|------------------|--------------|---------------|------------|---------------|-----------|
| Above Quota   | 1                | 28           | 29            | +1         | 0             | 28        |
|   | 2                | 36           | 39            | +3         | +1            | 37        |
|   | 3                | 30           | 37            | +7         | +3            | 33        |
|   | 4                | 40           | 54            | +14        | +6            | 46        |
| Below Quota   | 5                | 28           | 26            | -2         | 0             | 28        |
|   | 6                | 36           | 33            | -3         | -1            | 35        |
|   | 7                | 30           | 23            | -7         | -2            | 28        |
|   | 8                | 40           | 28            | -12        | -3            | 37        |
| <b>NOTE: Lowest Target Points Quota allowed is 18</b> |                  |              |               |            |               |           |

**Team Scores.** Teams consist of ten (10) players. A team score consists of the best eight (8) individual scores. Teams failing to record eight (8) scores will receive Zero (0) team points. The individual player's maximum points for team score are seven (7) points. First time player's maximum for team score is five (+5) points.

We will always encourage each team to have 10 players. If a team only has 7 players they can still compete but must count 8 scores. Their 8th score will be the lowest score counted by any team in the match. This will also apply if a team ends up with less than 8 players in the event of someone dropping out (Withdraw/WD) during the match due to ill health. Note: A WD is not usable for individual or team score.

**Fig. 4 - Team Match Point Table**

| Place | Points | Place | Points |
|-------|--------|-------|--------|
| 1st   | 15     | 8th   | 6      |
| 2nd   | 12     | 9th   | 5      |
| 3rd   | 11     | 10th  | 4      |
| 4th   | 10     | 11th  | 3      |
| 5th   | 9      | 12th  | 2      |
| 6th   | 8      | DQ    | 0      |
| 7th   | 7      |       |        |

**Fig. 5 – Individual Gift Certificate Breakdown**

| Place | Prize | Place | Prize | Place       | Prize |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|-------|
| 1st   | \$ 56 | 6th   | \$ 46 | 11th - 25th | \$ 35 |
| 2nd   | \$ 54 | 7th   | \$ 44 |             |       |
| 3rd   | \$ 52 | 8th   | \$ 42 |             |       |
| 4th   | \$ 50 | 9th   | \$ 40 |             |       |
| 5th   | \$ 48 | 10th  | \$ 38 |             |       |

**Individual Gift Certificate Winners.**

The player's total point score determines gift certificate winners. Ties are broken comparing the scores beginning on the number one handicap hole of the host club (Exception: Places 11-25 tiebreaker will be a random draw of tied scorecards). Gift certificate amounts for the best twenty-five (25) scores are awarded in accordance with Fig. 5 above.

Closest to the Pin gift certificates are \$25 each. Exception: Summerville CC has five (5) Par 3s - \$ 20 each.

**Score card Submission.** The player must submit his score card signed by a scorer (another player in their group) and attested by the player. Failure to do so may result in disqualification of the player for team score, individual score, individual gift certificates and closest to the pin certificates.