

THE PRESIDENTS CUP 2017

Two-Person team net event comprised of two separate tournaments
Regional Championships will be net stroke play, 9 holes better ball, 9 holes alternate shot
Presidents Cup rounds will be net match play 18 holes better ball

2017 CHAIRWOMAN: Donna Courchaine

Each Region will hold a stroke play tournament to determine that region's champion. The Regional Champions will advance to Round One of the Presidents Cup, which will pit Region I against Region III, and Region II against Region IV, in match play. The winners advance to the final round, which will also be match play. The Presidents Cup rounds will take place on weekends in September at a time and place determined by the tournament chairwoman.

Regional Championships

- Tournaments will be held in August at a time and place determined by the tournament chairwoman.
- The tournaments will be stroke play.
 - First nine will be played as better ball.
 - Second nine will be played as modified alternate shot. A minimum of three tee shots will be required from each team member in the modified alternate shot format.
- Ties for first place will be broken by a sudden death playoff, better ball format. Strokes are given as they fall on the card. If a playoff is not feasible, matching cards will be used.
- Prizes will be awarded to the four Regional Championship Clubs.
- The winning team from each region advances to the Presidents Cup tournament.

Presidents Cup

Round one (semi-finals)

- The tournament will be held on a September or October weekend.
- Region I will play Region III; Region II will play Region IV.
- The tournament will be 18 holes of match play, better ball net.
- If a match is tied at the end of the stipulated round, the players will extend the match using better ball format until the tie is broken. Strokes are given as they fall on the card.
- The two winning teams advance to the Championship round of the Presidents Cup.

Championship Round

- The championship is normally held on a September or October weekend.
- The tournament will be 18 holes of match play, better ball net.
- If the match is tied at the end of the stipulated round, the players will extend the match using better ball format until the tie is broken. Strokes are given as they fall on the card.
- The winning club will be awarded the Presidents Cup.

General Rules

- All tournaments will be played **in accordance with the USGA Rules** of Golf, unless modified by local rules.
- Participants must be **members of SNEWGA 30 days prior** to their Regional Championship, and hold a valid USGA handicap.
- Team members must hold their **SNEWGA memberships at the same club**.
- Clubs may submit as many two-person teams as they can field.
- Club Representatives shall provide a list of teams, ranked in order of preference.
- Should it be necessary to restrict the number of participants, the Chairwoman will select teams according to their rank, as established by the club Representative.
- **Substitutions are allowed.** Once a player or her team has been eliminated from the tournament, she is not eligible to play as a substitute. All handicap and eligibility requirements apply to substitute team members.
- **Pairings** will be made according to the **combined handicap indices** of the team. **Teams from the same club may not play in the same foursome.** No team may play alone.
- Course **handicaps** for all players will be **adjusted to 90%**, and partners will be limited to a **maximum handicap spread of 8 strokes after adjustment.** **If there is a greater spread between partners, the higher handicap will be reduced to meet the 8 stroke maximum.** Further adjustment may be made for Alternate Shot.
- A team may play better ball with one player. A **player arriving late** may join her partner between holes. Alternate shot format requires both team members.
- **If both members of a team arrive late, but within 5 minutes of their scheduled tee time, the team will incur a two stroke penalty in stroke play, or loss of hole in match play.**
- Once play has commenced, if weather conditions (i.e., heavy rain or thunderstorms) cause a suspension of play, the tournament chairwoman or her designee will determine if the round must be rescheduled.
- Updated instructions distributed by the tournament chairwoman or her designee will take precedence over these instructions.
- Scorecards must be signed and attested.