

SANDIA WOMEN'S GOLF ASSOCIATION
Par 3 League Rules for 2015 Season

1. Membership shall be open to all current Sandia Women's Golf Association (SWGA) members. The League Director shall govern league play. All play will be from the front tees.
2. Schedules for league matches will be prepared by the League Director and distributed to the league membership.
3. Each team member must play a minimum of three (3) matches in order to be eligible to win any awards.
4. Matches may be played at the following:
 - Los Altos Short Course
 - Ladera Executive Course

on any day and at any time mutually agreeable to the two team captains and team members.

5. League competition will be four-ball stroke play. A hole is won by the team with the best score after strokes have been allotted. The team winning the most holes in a match wins the match. Each team winning an equal number of holes in a match results in a tie.
6. Each team in a scheduled Par-3 league stroke play shall compete for two points per match. A team is awarded two points for winning a match and one point for splitting a match (a tie).
7. Only two players from a team shall compete in each scheduled team match. Handicap strokes shall be allotted by reducing the handicaps of the three players by the handicap of the low-handicap player, who shall play from scratch. Handicap strokes are to be taken starting with the longest hole.
8. If one of the teammates is not present within 15 minutes of the agreed time, the match may be played without her/him (see rule 10). A late teammate may join her/his partner between holes, but not during the play of a hole, per course rules. Care should be taken not to disrupt play of other players at the course, and safety should be considered when moving about the course to catch up to the teams.
9. Anyone who is an SWGA member may substitute for a team member in a match; however, the substitute cannot be a participant in the Par 3 League. The lower of an established Par 3 handicap, not older than 1 year, or a regulation 9-hole handicap minus 5 will be used for the substitute.
10. All league matches should be played within the scheduled deadline dates and before the next dates. If only one team member is available for a league match, the single player will match his/her ball against the better ball of the opposing team. In case of a forfeit, the team not forfeiting is not required to play the scheduled round, and shall be awarded the standard two points. **If a match is not scheduled/played by the end of the season and no forfeit was declared, it will count as a loss for both teams.**

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11. The results of each match shall be reported by forwarding two scorecards from the match to the League Director. At least one competitor from each team must sign each scorecard (one can score and the other can attest). Failure of a team to sign the card could result in a forfeiture of the match. **Cards should be forwarded to the League Director within two weeks of the date of the match.** Scanning and emailing cards to the League Director is the preferable method of sending cards. If mailed, it is suggested that a copy of the scorecards be made in case they get lost in the mail.
12. The League Director will compute Par 3 handicaps. Scorecards for any non-match games played should be forwarded directly to the Par 3 Director for computing handicaps.
13. A member must play three (3) games to establish a Par 3 handicap prior to starting stroke play, or have a regulation (9-hole) handicap minus five (5). Par 3 handicaps established last season will be used to start the season.
14. Count all strokes during the competition. There is no “maximum” you can score on a hole. However, in the interest of speeding up play, if the other team has already won the hole, then pick up your ball. The other team will be awarded the hole.
15. Most golf courses mark out-of-bounds with white posts. Please check at the clubhouse before playing to determine if there are any out-of-bounds on the Par 3 course. **(There is no out-of-bounds at Los Altos.)** Out-of-bounds is designated by a series of white posts. If there is any possibility that your ball has gone out of bounds, hit a provisional ball. If you do not hit a provisional ball, because you were NOT able to determine whether or not it was out of bounds when you hit your shot, and you do find yourself “out of bounds,” you may bring your ball back into play. Take a two stroke penalty and drop your ball where it crossed out of bounds, no closer to the pin (like a lateral hazard). (This is different from USGA and Regulation 9 League rules.)
16. Each team member is responsible for knowing how to keep score. Remember to mark on your scorecards:
 - Team numbers
 - Team members playing (include both first and last names)
 - Match number being played
 - Date match played
 - Winning team
 - Pars, birdies, chip-ins circled and noted.
17. Each member is responsible for knowing her/his handicap for the match. It is, however, a good idea for each player to check the handicaps for all four players playing the match before playing the match. Handicaps can be found on the SWGA WEB site - <http://www.sandia.gov>
18. If you have to stop playing the match because of inclement weather or darkness:
 - a) **If you have played enough holes to determine the winner**, the match goes to the team with the most holes won. For scoring purposes, apply any tick marks (strokes) for the

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remaining holes along with the Par number for that hole. These are tick marks you would determine based on the difference in your Par 3 handicap -- NOT the ticks applied after comparing your handicap with the lowest player handicap of the foursome. *Score example would be: Player One on Team A has a Par 3 handicap of 10. Player One would have a tick on every hole plus a second tick on the longest hole (ticks are applied in order from longest to shortest hole). After hole #7, Player one has a score of 35 plus one tick mark for hole #8 and one tick mark for hole #9. At Los Altos, #8 is a Par 3 and #9 is a Par 3. Add the 35 +2 ticks +3 (for hole #8) + 3 (for hole #9) to equal 43.*

b) **If you have played a number of holes and cannot determine the winner**, head for a safe, dry place and select an option below:

- **Option 1.**
 - Agree on when you can return again to finish the match.
 - **Keep** the score cards and complete them when you return to finish playing the match the next time. **If the same team members return to complete the match**, you do **not** start the scoring over again at #1 with a new card. You play the first holes that were already played without a score the second time around and then you continue your scores from the holes that weren't completed to determine the winner. **If any of the team members who complete the match are different** from those who originally started the match, you **do** start the scoring over again at the #1 hole. Let the League Director know what happened. You have the option to complete that match at any time during the season. It is better to finish the match as soon as it can be rescheduled.

- **Option 2.**
 - Match points will be awarded based on holes played. When this option is selected, there is not always a clear winner and there is no intention of completing the match. Therefore, both teams must agree. (For handicap calculations, each player's score for the non-completed holes will be recorded as par plus any applicable handicap strokes, as is described in a) above. ***Ideally, option 2 would only be chosen after at least 7 holes have been played.*** If option 2 is selected, a representative from each team **must** sign the scorecards and make a note of the agreement to use this option.

If you need further explanation on these, please contact the Par 3 League Director, Kathryn Fortune, 508-7198 (home/cell).

GOOD LUCK AND HAVE FUN!!