



Treasure Valley Women's InterClub Matches

Policies and Procedures

DESCRIPTION OF PROGRAM

The Treasure Valley Women's Interclub Matches (TV WIM) mission is to promote the game of golf by offering women a program that will promote the growth and sustainability of women's golf and all its benefits. The TV WIM program will be a women's only interclub four-ball match play competition that will span a designated season within the Treasure Valley.

DEFINITION OF A TEAM

Each team will consist of four (4) players (2 sides of 2 players). Players must be registered by the Team Captain on the team's roster prior to each play date. There is no permanent roster required for each team and no limit as to the number of players who may be used during the regular season. Players may be added at any time during the InterClub Match regular season, provided they meet the requirements articulated in the "player eligibility" section below.

Teams short of players may play with fewer than four (4) players by playing a one-player side against the opponent's two-player side. The one-player side must be in the proper handicap sequence. The side playing short of players will be determined at the discretion of the Team Captain with the stipulation that two (2) matches must be played and players are in handicap order. If a team is unable to field at least one (1) player in each match (2 total players), the matches not played will be considered a forfeit.

FORFEITURES

If a team cannot field at least two players for a play day, they will forfeit at least one of the matches. A forfeiture will be scored as zero (0) points for each match of the team that fails to send a player. Opponents of the forfeiting side must be present on the play day and will play the COURSE. Inability to field a full team of 4 players is not an acceptable reason for forfeiture. Any circumstances causing forfeiture will be subject to review by the TV WIM Steering Committee. The review may result in the team's ineligibility for the following TV WIM season.

BYES

BYES must be present on the play day and will play the COURSE.

EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES

If 2 members of a team are forced to withdraw due to an extraordinary event (injury, illness, etc.) as approved by TV WIM Steering Committee on the day of play, the opponents will continue to play the COURSE for the remaining holes for points plus earned points for holes already played...and the withdrawn team will receive the "Courses" points for the holes not played plus the earned points for holes already played.

FORMAT

- Each golfer on the two-player side will play her own ball. The four-ball match will consist of two players playing their better ball against the better ball of two other players.
- Each team will include two sides of two players each, for a total of four (4) players per team.
- Players will be paired in handicap order from lowest to highest. The two **lowest** handicap golfers on a team will play against the two lowest handicap golfers on their opponent's team. The two highest handicap golfers on a team will play the opponent's two highest handicap golfers.

The format will be a Four-Ball Match Play for Nassau points. Gross and net matches played concurrently, each match will be worth six (6) points: two (2) points for the front-nine (1-gross match point, 1-net match point), two (2) points for the back-nine (1-gross match point, 1-net match point), and two (2) points for the 18-hole match (1-gross match point, 1-net match point). There will be three (3) points for each gross match, three (3) points for each net match. Each team will be playing for 12 points each play day. If any of the matches complete play of the respective holes, "All Square," the sides will split the point (½ point each).

DIVISIONS

Each Division will include six (6) teams/clubs that compete against each other during the InterClub Match regular season. Each team will play every other team in their Division once (a total of 5 regular season matches/play dates). New teams will be assigned to a Division by the TV WIM Steering Committee. Teams will be assigned to a Division by the TV WIM Steering Committee after reviewing the previous year's team total points, team attrition, and new team interest so that teams are competitive within each Division.

ELIGIBILITY

Club/Course:

- Clubs/Courses must be an IGA member in good standing.
- Clubs/courses may enter more than one team. Acceptance of more than one team from a club will be at the discretion of the TV WIM Steering Committee and each team must pay the team entry fee. Multiple teams from one club will be assigned to play in different Divisions.

Players:

- TV WIM team membership is open to female golfers have an active and established Handicap Index that has been issued only from an IGA district member golf club (as defined in the World Handicap System Rules of Golf Handicapping) which is licensed to use the World Handicap System.
- A max Handicap Index for players is 36.
- Players must be in good standing with the club she wishes to represent of her date of declaration and throughout the InterClub Match season.
- Age: A player must be 18 years of age or older on the date of a match in which they

Player declaration is determined by the date the Team Captain lists the player on the club's team roster for a match. Team member names will be submitted prior to each competition. *Course Handicaps* will be determined by using the player's most current *Handicap Index*.

Players must declare and compete for only one club/course during a TV WIM season provided they meet all the requirements stated in this paragraph. The penalty when a player competes for two different clubs/courses during one season is as follows: the Match in which the offending player participated will be forfeited, and the player may be disqualified from playing in any WIM competition the remainder of the season. Multiple infractions of this section by a single team may result in disqualification (default) of all matches for the season and subject to review by the TV WIM Steering Committee for future eligibility.

Exception for Approved Substitutes (SUBS). Players who are not already declared members of a TV WIM team may make a request to the TV WIM Commissioner (Peggy Hicks treasurevalleywim@gmail.com) to be included in an approved SUB list (ordered by division) to be made available to TV WIM teams who are unable to field enough players from their member club. SUBS may play for more than one team during the season and may not later declare to play for their club if their club is a member of TV WIM. Players who play twice for one club / team will be considered a member of that team and no longer eligible to be a substitute for any other team.

The TV WIM steering committee may reject an entry application, revoke an accepted application, expel from the InterClub Matches and/or suspend a player from future competitions if the player engages in conduct detrimental to the integrity and image of the game of golf and/or public confidence in the IGA. Such conduct may include, but is not limited to, damage to the golf course or the player's equipment, verbal or physical abuse of spectators, officials, volunteers, or staff, blatant or excessive profanity, disorderly behavior, failure to abide by club rules or any other unbecoming conduct.

TEAM ENTRY DEADLINE

All team commitment forms and team entry fees must be received by the Treasure Valley WIM no later than May 1, 2020. Team entries may be submitted by paper entry. Captains must submit team player names one week prior to the Match to the TV WIM Commissioner (Peggy Hicks at treasurevalleywim@gmail.com).

TEAM ENTRY FEE AND MATCH FEES

The team entry fee must accompany the team entry form by the deadline date listed above.

Team Captains are responsible for ensuring green fees and cart fees are paid for all players no later than day of Match. Team member's payment must be paid to Team Captain (Shotgun Start) or Pro Shop (Tee Times) on day of Match.