

SCGA Women's Team Play – Quick Reference Guide (2025 Season)

1. Format & Scoring

- **Format:** Four-ball match play (Gross & Net).
 - **Scoring:**
 - Match win = 2 points | Tie = 1 point each.
 - Group standings: Win = 2 group points | Tie = 1 | Loss = 0.
 - **Forfeits:** Teams must play as scheduled. Repeated forfeits may lead to ineligibility for next season.
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2. Schedule

- **Regular Season:** Feb 16 – Apr 19, 2025
 - **Playoffs:**
 - Round of 16 → May 3
 - Round of 8 → May 10
 - Round of 4 → May 17
 - **Championship:** May 26 @ Strawberry Farms, Irvine
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3. Teams & Eligibility

- **Team Size:** Up to 12 players (no permanent roster required).
- **Alternates:** Allowed; follow proper handicap sequence.
- **Club Eligibility:** Must be SCGA-certified for WHS.
- **Player Eligibility:**
 - 21+ years old, amateur, on active GHIN roster.
 - Handicap Index ≤ 30.0 (higher indexes reduced to 30.0).
 - 10 posted rounds required by Dec 31, 2025.
- **Penalty:** Forfeit points if ineligible player used (no time limit on enforcement).

4. Matches & Courses

- **Home Team:** Must arrange host facility and communicate details early.
- **Practice Rounds:** One optional round allowed before matches; no same-day practice.
- **Carts/Caddies:** Subject to host club policy (no caddies at Championship).
- **Course Setup:** Use rated tees with similar length/slope; SCGA recommends appropriate yardage for pace of play.

5. Handicaps & Score Posting

- **Net Matches:** Play to **90% of Course Handicap**.
- **Low Player:** Plays scratch; others receive strokes based on difference of Playing Handicap (May be different than Course Handicap – See Handicap Analysis in portal if needed).
- **Posting Scores:**
 - Captains post all scores in Team Captain Portal as *Competition* rounds.
 - Players should not post individually.
- **Incorrect Handicap Penalty:** Disqualification if affects strokes given/received.

6. Pairings & Substitutions

- **Order:** Players listed by current Handicap Index (low to high).
- **Updates:** Handicaps refresh every Saturday at 2 a.m.
- **Substitutions:**
 - Allowed before matches begin.
 - After play starts, substitute must have equal or higher index (plays down if higher).
- **Penalty for Improper Order:** Forfeit points for matches affected.

7. Weather & Postponements

- **Suspensions:**
 - ≥9 holes completed → Results stand.
 - <9 holes → Replay full match.
 - **Postponements:** Must be mutually agreed upon and completed by **Apr 13, 2025**. Course can postpone a match at its discretion if it deems conditions to be unplayable.
 - **Unplayed Match:** Counts as “no match.”
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8. Rules of Play

- Governed by the **Rules of Golf (2023)** and **SCGA Hard Card**.
 - Key Rules: 3.2 (Match Play), 23 (Four-Ball), 24 (Team Competitions).
 - **No waiving of Rules** — violation = disqualification.
 - **Local Rules:** Must conform to USGA/SCGA standards.
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9. Advice

- **Advice Giver:** 1 per team (2 allowed in postseason, excluding Championship).
 - Can be Captain, player, or non-player.
 - Playing Advice Giver may only advise her partner until her match ends.
 - Four-ball partners may advise each other at any time.
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10. Postseason Playoffs

- **Qualification:** Group winners in Gross and Net advance (wild card possible). If one team wins both Gross and Net, they will advance in Gross playoffs and 2nd Net team will advance.

- **Locations:**
 - Sides 1,3,5 @ Club A
 - Sides 2,4,6 @ Club B
 - **Eligibility:** Must have played ≥ 1 regular season match.
 - **Tie-breaker Procedure:** Compare total points (Teams 1–2, then 3–4, etc.) until resolved.
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11. Team Captain Responsibilities

- **Pre-Match:** Coordinate with opponents on:
 - Practice rounds, tee times, carts, dress code, payment, and club policies.
- **Scorecards:** Ensure correct Course Handicaps listed.
- **Conduct:** Players expected to uphold “Spirit of the Game.” Misconduct (e.g., language, abuse, manipulation of scores) may result in suspension.
- **Disputes:**
 - Captains serve as the Committee for on-course rulings.
 - Unresolved issues → escalate to SCGA (champs@scga.org).
- **Portal Duties:**
 - Submit lineup prior to match.
 - Enter results same day and “Post to GHIN.”
 - **Penalties:** 1st late entry = warning; 2nd = 0 points for match.