

2023 Briar Cup and Captain's Cup Tournament Rules

The matches for the Briar Cup and Captain's Cup will be governed by the Golf Canada Rules of Golf augmented by the NMGA Local Rules, found on the NMGA Website, with the following additions:

1. There are drop zones on holes #13 and #18 on the Ridge Course, and holes #5, #8, and #17 on the Valley Course. ie "A ball going into the water on these holes may be played from the drop zone for that hole, under penalty of one stroke." On Valley #17, if your ball goes over the fence on the right, you may take your next shot, under penalty of one stroke, from the drop zone.
2. All putts must be holed out unless the competitor concedes the putt.

The format is match play for all three events in the tournament for both the Briar Cup and Captain's Cup governed by the Match Play Rules found on the NMGA Website.

For Match play, each hole is contested separately and the low score on each hole wins that hole. When one team/player is up more holes than the number of holes left to play, the Match is over.

The Briar Cup is played using gross scores from the White tees on both courses.

The Captain's Cup is played using net scores from the white tees on both courses.

Scores are to be kept by your competitor on scoresheets provided for each match. Completed scoresheets must be signed by yourself as player and competitor as attestor at the end of the match. Completed scorecards are to be returned to the drop box at the Starter Hut for play on both courses, immediately at the end of the round.

Modified Alternate Shot:

Where applicable, scorecards will be marked with handicapped holes identified.

For every hole, all players will hit a tee shots.

Each team pair will determine which tee shot will be used to play the rest of that hole.

Players will alternate shots for that hole from that point until the ball is holed out or the hole conceded. e.g.If player A's tee shot is used, player B takes the next shot, etc.

There is no requirement to use a certain number of tee shots for each player during the round.

The team pair is free to determine the best use of shots for them to achieve their best score.

If a ball needs to be dropped during play it is not counted as a stroke in determining who shoots next. Shots are alternated with "played" balls only.

The winning team on the hole using gross scores for the Briar Cup, and net scores for the Captain's Cup will be given 1 point towards the match, ties will be given ½ a point, and a loss will get zero as in standard match play format.

Both players hitting off the tee only applies to the first shot. If for example both shots are lost, only one player replays from the tee. i.e. Additional shots will be played in alternate format. For this reason, when teeing off you may want to consider who shoots first.

For the Captain's Cup the handicap shots given will have been calculated as follows.

Team	Player	Handicap	Total
One	A	23	
	B	28	51
Two	C	24	
	D	30	54

The difference of the handicaps divided by two gives the number of shots given to the higher handicap team, ie $(54 - 51)/2 = 1.5$

Handicap differences will be rounded up to the next whole number. In the example, team One will give two shots to team Two.

The handicap difference will be applied to the total score for each Team in the Captain's Cup to determine the match winner.

Better Ball:

All players will play their own ball from the tee to green individually.

For the Briar Cup the lower gross score of the two team members will be recorded as the team score.

For the Captain's Cup, the lower net score of the two team members will be recorded as the team score.

For the Captain's Cup, the net score will be determined by strokes given per hole which will be calculated as follows. Assume the players A, B, C and D are playing having the handicaps as shown in the example above. Player A is the lowest handicap and gets no strokes. Player B has a handicap difference of 5 strokes which will be allocated as 3 on the front nine and two on the back nine for the hardest rated holes. Subsequently player C gets 1 stroke and player D gets 7 strokes in the same manner.

The lowest total score between the two teams will score 1 point for the win, half a point for a tie, and zero points for a loss.

Singles:

Each player will play their own ball against the selected competitor.

The Briar Cup players will use and record their gross score.

The Captain's Cup players will use and record their net score. The difference in the players' handicaps in any match will determine the number of strokes given for that match.

The individual who won the most holes will receive 1 point, ½ a point for a tie, and zero for a loss.

Points from each event will be totaled for each Team. The team with the highest number of points in each of the Briar Cup and Captain's Cup will be declared the winner of that Tournament.