

## 2026 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 #11, 13 and #18 on the Ridge Course. ie "A ball going into the Ground Under Repair area on #11 can be moved no closer to the hole without penalty or in the water on #13 & 18 of the Ridge Course may be played from the drop zone for that hole under penalty of one stroke. On the Valley Course there is a drop zone on holes # 5, 8 & 17 where the ball can be hit from under penalty of one stroke.
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.

***You get 1 point for your team for winning the match, ½ point for a tie and 0 points for a loss.***

The Briar Cup is played using gross scores from the White Tees on all courses.

The Captains Cup is played using net scores from the White Tees on all 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 Attester at the end of the match. Completed signed scorecards are to be returned to the Scorecard Dropbox which will be at the Starter Hut as you come off either Course.

***Both Briar Cup and Captain's Cup final singles matches will be played on The Ridge Course.***

We will have the complete 3 day scoring summary sheets at the BHCC after the final singles matches to track the results coming in to determine the overall winners.

### **Handicap Calculations for The Captain's Cup:**

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: Week 1**

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 for the team score for that hole.

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

For the Captain's Cup, the net score will be determined by strokes given per hole which 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 toward their total team score.

## **2 Man Scramble: Week 2**

2 Man team against 2 Man team in a Match Play format.

All 4 players tee off and each team chooses their best drive to play from. Both Team Members play from that spot so each team gets 2 shots from the same spot.

This continues until each team has holed out or hole was conceded.

Players can place their ball within 12 inches of the landing spot but cannot enhance their lie i.e. if the ball is in the short rough but is within 12 inches of the fairway you cannot drop your ball in the Fairway.

Once on the Green, teams mark their best ball to putt from. Both players putt from that spot. If both players miss the putt you continue to use the best spot to putt from until the ball is in the hole.

There is no Minimum Drive requirement per player.

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 toward their total team score.

## **Singles: Final Wrap up Week 3**

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 match will receive 1 point toward their team score, half a point for a tie, and zero points for a loss toward their total team score.

Points from each event will be totalled 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 the Tournament.

**Modified Alternate Shot: ( Not playing this format in the 2026 Cup Event**

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

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

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 is 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 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 halved, 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.